



A Service
in Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the life of

September 13, 1942 - August 5, 2025

Saturday, August 9, 2025
Twelve o'clock in the afternoon

Officiant

ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Voluntary

Please stand.

The Opening Sentences

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord. and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Hymn

For all the saints

Sine Nomine

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.
Alleluia, alleluia!

3. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

4. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia!

The Collect for the Departed

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Suzanne. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Reader: A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Palm 23 *(said together)*

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading: II Timothy 4:6-8, 18

Reader: A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

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| 1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever. | 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me. |
| 2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth. | 5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth! |
| 3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me. | 6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever. |

The Gospel Reading: John 11:21-27

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of John.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him,

"Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."
and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

The Homily

Please stand.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Officiant: For our sister Suzanne, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Intercessor: Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Suzanne and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: *Hear us, Lord.*

Intercessor: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People: *Hear us, Lord.*

Intercessor: You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

People: *Hear us, Lord.*

Intercessor: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

People: *Hear us, Lord.*

Intercessor: Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

People: *Hear us, Lord.*

Intercessor: She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People: *Hear us, Lord.*

Intercessor: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister, let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Officiant: Father of all, we pray to you for Suzanne, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Hymn

Jerusalem the golden

Ewing

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| 1. Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed:
I know not, oh, I know not,
what joys await us there;
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare! | 3. There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they who with their Leader
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white. |
| 2. They stand, those halls of Zion
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng:
the Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen. | 4. Oh, sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country
that eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
to that dear land of rest,
who art with God the Father,
and Spirit, ever blest. |

The Commendation

Officiant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, with your saints,
All: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Priest: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Officiant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Suzanne, Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The service continues with a procession to the churchyard. Please follow the procession and the family to the churchyard.

Processional Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

THE COMMITTAL

A priest says

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy.

Then, while the casket is placed the Officiant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister, Suzanne, and we commit her body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. *Amen.*

The people remain silent during the covering of the casket.

The Officiant says

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Additional prayers and silence during the covering of the casket.

Officiant: Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

People: And let light perpetual shine upon her.

Officiant: May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Grace

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Service Participants

Celebrant

Music

Crucifer

Usher



*You are warmly invited to a reception in Walton Hall
immediately following the service.*



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