



**Celebration of the life of
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PRELUDE

OPENING ANTHEM

Please stand.

Celebrant I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

OPENING HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"**

***Refrain* "And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."**

**Snares of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
Under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

**For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain***

THE OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray... O God, of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Brian. We thank you for giving him to us, his 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.

People **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-3

Lector A reading from Isaiah, chapter 61...

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your 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

Revelation 7:9-17

Lector A reading from Revelation, chapter 7...

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL HYMN H-335

I Am the Bread of Life

**I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.**

***Refrain* And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the
last day.**

**I am the resurrection, I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die, they shall live for ever. *Refrain***

**Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God who has come into the world. *Refrain***

THE GOSPEL

John 11:21-27

Please stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother, Lazarus, would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 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. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

Please be seated.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand.

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand or kneel, as you choose.

Lector In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace.

People **Amen.**

Lector Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

People **Amen.**

Lector Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People **Amen.**

Lector Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind.

People **Amen.**

Lector Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love.

People **Amen.**

Lector Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People **Amen.**

Lector Grant us grace to entrust Brian to thy never failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people.

People **Amen.**

Lector Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom.

People **Amen.**

Lector Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

I Can Only Imagine

Bart Millard

THE PRESENTATION

Deacon We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, S-129
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Lord Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

People **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the priest know at the rail.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came to me and the dance went on. *Refrain*

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and the stripped and they hung me high;
And they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain*

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *Refrain*

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
 You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
 You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
 You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain Be not afraid. I go before you always.
 Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown,
 If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
 If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
 Know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
 Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
 And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me,
 Blessed, blessed are you! *Refrain*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand or kneel, as you prefer.

Celebrant Let us pray together...

People Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with Brian and all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION

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

Celebrant 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(s) with your saints,
 where sorrow and pain are no more,
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Brian. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him 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 SENDING HYMN H-671

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

A Mighty Fortress

Robert A. Hobby

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer	Mike Gerlach
Server	Carol Beauchamp
Thurifer	David Glackin
Boat Bearer	John Sharpe
Lector	Lauren Graber
Lector	Donald Glackin
Lector	Joyce Glackin
Ushers	Terry Eldridge & Phil Beauchamp