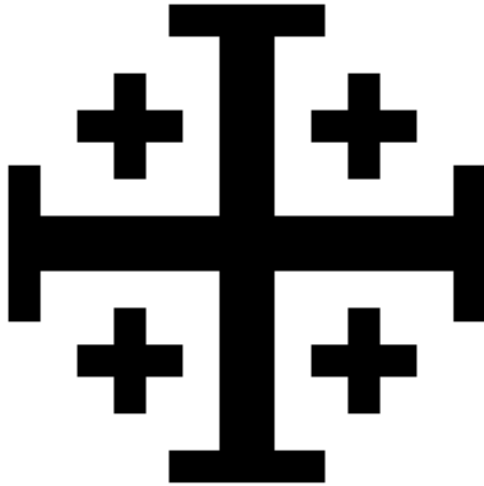


# THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL



WILLIAM CHARLES BECKENHAUER

FEBRUARY 2, 1943 – JANUARY 20, 2025

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CHRIST CHURCH GROSSE POINTE



## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

**VOLUNTARY**

ANDANTE SOSTENUTO, FROM *SYMPHONIE GOTHIQUE*, Op. 70     *Charles-Marie Widor*  
(1844-1937)

*The people are invited to stand.*

### RESURRECTION ANTHEMS

*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.

**WELCOME**

The Reverend Maureen L. Martin

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Rusty, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23

**The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
therefore can I lack nothing.**

**He shall feed me in a green pasture, \*  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.**

**He shall convert my soul: \*  
and bring me forth 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 comfort me.**

**Thou shalt prepare a table before me  
against them that trouble me; \*  
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.**

**But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life; \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

*The people are invited to stand for hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.*

A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me

now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

## THE GOSPEL

John 6:37-40

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the people, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the Celebrant.*

EULOGY

Stefanie Brown

HOMILY

The Reverend Maureen L. Martin

*The people are invited to stand.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*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

*Leader* For our brother Rusty, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,  
“I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

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

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

You raised the dead to life;  
give to our brother eternal life.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented;  
bring our brother to the joys of heaven.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;  
give him fellowship with all your saints.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

He was nourished with your Body and Blood;  
grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother,  
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Rusty, who was reborn by  
water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your  
victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father’s  
love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where  
you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.

*People* **Amen.**



## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*The people remain seated while the altar is prepared.*

## ANTHEM

PIE JESU, FROM *REQUIEM*

*Gabriel Fauré*  
(1845-1924)

*Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem; dona eis sempiternam requiem.*

Jesus, Lord, give them rest: grant them thine eternal rest.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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 Rusty, and to all 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:

*People* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
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.**

*Celebrant* 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:

*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 Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*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

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## THE INVITATION

*The people are seated.*

*To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

## ANTHEM

## AVE MARIA

*Franz Schubert  
(1797-1828)*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum,  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus.*

*Ave María, Mater Dei,  
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.*

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee,  
blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Hail Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All*       **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 all your saints;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

## THE COMMENDATION

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

*People* **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

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.

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Rusty. 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to live with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Go in the comfort and peace of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## RESURRECTION ANTHEMS

*Celebrant* Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to  
those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace,  
having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in  
his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the  
kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may  
the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

VOLUNTARY

FUGUE IN A

*Felix Mendelssohn*  
(1809-1847)

*All are invited to a reception in Miller Hall following the service.*

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