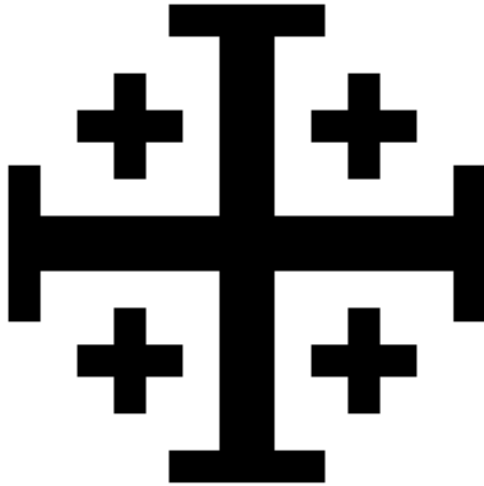


# THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL



HELEN MARIE SUPPLEE KIRK

AUGUST 8, 1924 – JANUARY 9, 2026

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

CHRIST CHURCH GROSSE POINTE

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

VOLUNTARY

SHEEP MAY SAFELY GRAZE, BWV 208

*Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)*

*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.

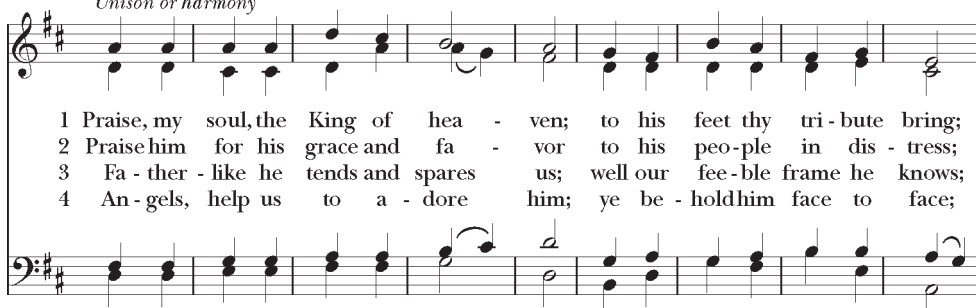
As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

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.

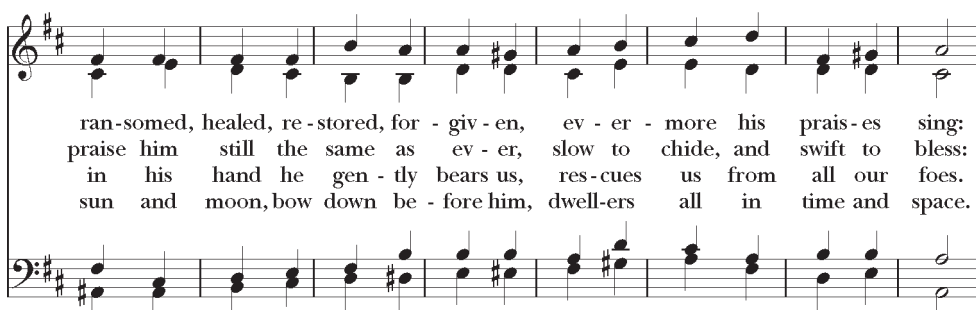
Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

WELCOME

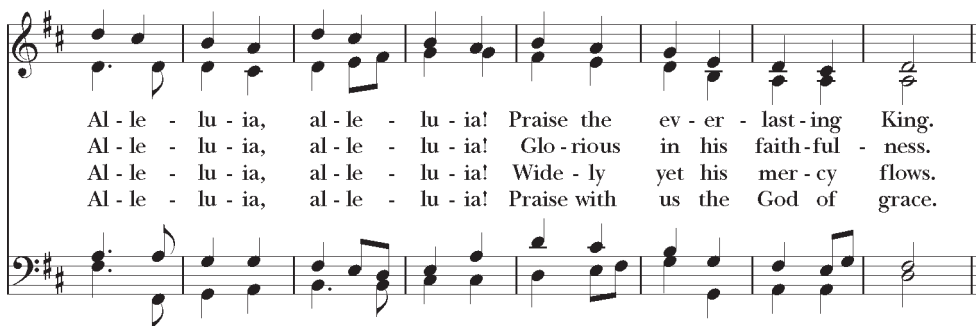
The Reverend Maureen L. Martin

*Unison or harmony*


1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

## 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 Helen, and grant her 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.*

## THE READING

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

read by: Pamela Kirk

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 139:1-11**

**LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

**You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.**

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

**Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?**

**If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

**If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

**Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.**

**If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"**

**Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

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

*Unison*

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - plum, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Unison*

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

## THE GOSPEL

John 10:11-16

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

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

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

## EULOGY

Paula Labadie

## 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.**

*Leader* For our sister Helen, 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 Helen, 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 sister eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

She was nourished with your Body and Blood;  
grant her 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 sister;  
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 sister Helen, who was reborn by  
water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her 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

THE CALL, FROM *FIVE MYSTICAL SONGS*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
(1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

*George Herbert*  
(1593-1633)

## 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 Helen, 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

HE SHALL FEED HIS FLOCK, FROM *MESSIAH*

*G. F. Handel*

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him all ye that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him; for He is meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

*Isaiah 40:11, Matthew 11:28-29*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

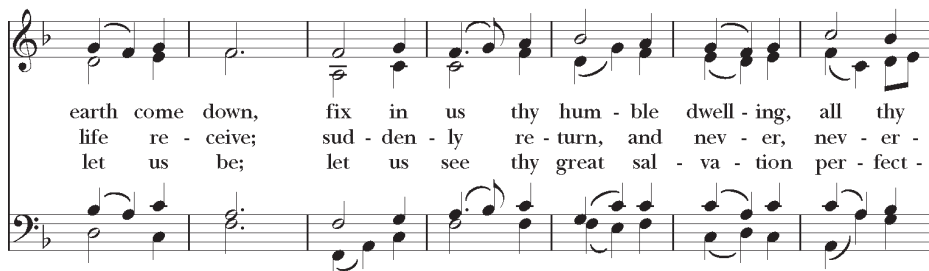
*The people stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

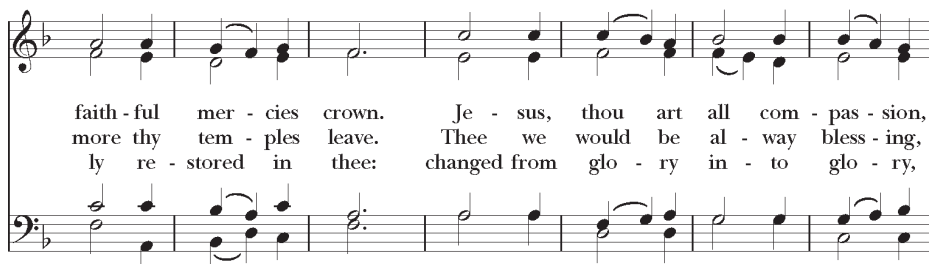
*All* **Almighty God,**  
**we thank you that in your great love**  
**you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink**  
**of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.**  
**Grant that this Sacrament**  
**may be to us a comfort in 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.**



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## 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 Helen. 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.

*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.

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

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