

**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF**

Malcolm M. McGawn
July 17, 1941 ~ June 1, 2023

I HAVE FOUGHT THE
good fight,
I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE,
I HAVE KEPT
the faith

2 Timothy 4:7

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GATHERING

INTRODUCTION

The assembly stands.

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother, Malcolm, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

HYMN ELW #422

For All the Saints

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .

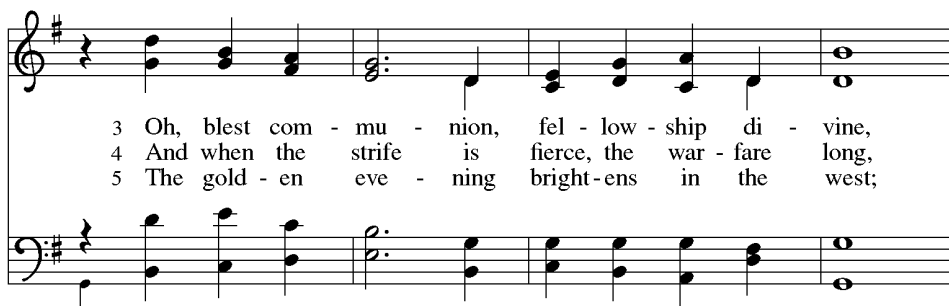


name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

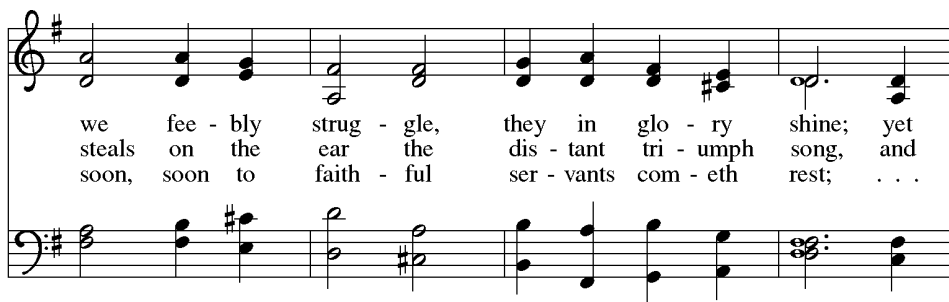


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!


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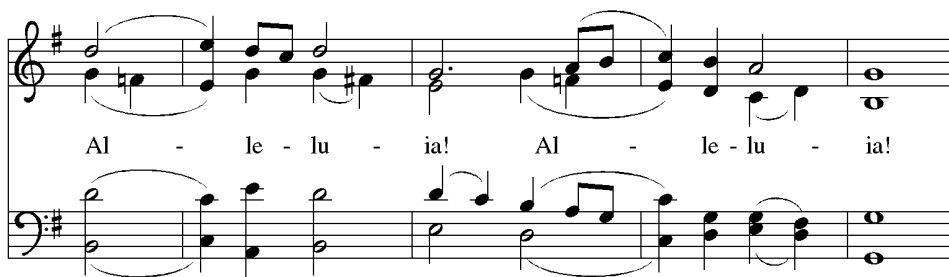
3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
dis - distant ear the tri - umph song, and
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .



all hearts are one in thee, for all are thine.
sweet are the brave a - gain and arms are strong.
is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
Outside USA: Music from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Malcolm. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

ANTHEM

*Herr, ich glaube, hilf mir Schwachen
(from Jesu, der du meine Seele, BWV 78)*

J.S. Bach

Herr, ich glaube, hilf mir Schwachen,
Laß mich ja verzagen nicht;
Du, du kannst mich stärker machen,
Wenn mich Sünd und Tod anficht.
Deiner Güte will ich trauen,
bis ich fröhlich werde schauen
dich, Herr Jesu, nach dem Streit
in der süßen Ewigkeit.

(Translation:

*Lord, I believe, help me in my weakness,
let me not despair;*

*You, you can make me stronger,
when sin and death assail me.*

*I shall trust in your goodness
until with joy I shall behold you,
Lord Jesus, after the battle
in sweet eternity).*

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES

WORD

READING: Romans 8: 38-39

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 103

- ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- ²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**
- ³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
- ⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
- ⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- ⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
- ⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- ⁹you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
- ¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
- ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- ¹²**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
- ¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.
- ¹⁴**For you know well how we are formed;
you remember that we are but dust.**
- ¹⁵As for mortals, their days are like the grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶**when the wind passes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.**

- ¹⁷But your steadfast love, O LORD, is forever with those who fear you,
and your righteousness is for the children's children;
¹⁸**for those who keep your covenant
and remember to do your commandments.**
¹⁹The LORD's throne is established in heaven;
God's dominion rules over all.
²⁰**Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who do God's bidding,
who obey the voice of God's word.**
²¹Bless the LORD, all you hosts of God,
you servants who do God's will.
²²**Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places where God rules;
bless the LORD, O my soul.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

After the reading:
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6: 45-51
The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
The assembly is seated. Time for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #793

Be Thou My Vision

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a handshake as a sign of Christ's peace and may say **Peace be with you** or similar words. When all have returned to their places, the assembly is seated as the altar is prepared. The assembly stands when invited by the presiding minister.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

TABLE PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

The Spirit makes us one, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be Name,
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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION

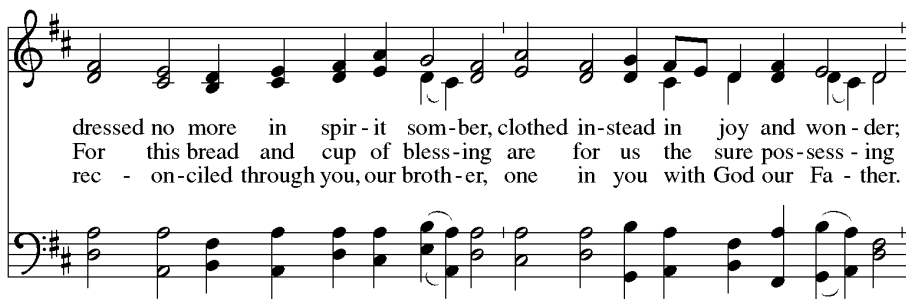
Holy Communion is the family meal of God's people, to which we come at Jesus' invitation. The body and blood of Christ, in the bread and wine, are his real presence with us and offer the gift of forgiveness because of his death and resurrection. Drawn together and strengthened by this meal, we are given a taste of the fullness of God's coming kingdom, and are equipped to be the hands and feet of God's love in the world. All baptized Christians are always welcome at the Lord's table.

DISTRIBUTION: When indicated by the ushers, come up the right-hand ramp to approach the altar rail. When finished you may leave individually without being dismissed. **WINE** is received either by Common Cup or from individual glasses in trays. For those requiring it for health reasons, **GRAPE JUICE** is dark and in the center of each tray. **USED GLASSES** are to be placed in the basket located near the ramp. **GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AVAILABLE**, please indicate to the server that you require this option.

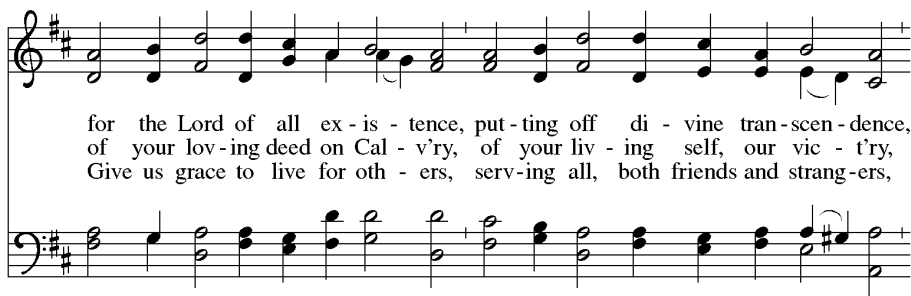
HYMN ELW #462

Now We Join in Celebration


1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands as the minister continues.
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Malcolm to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

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

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Let us go in peace,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked'st upon the foaming deep,
and calm amidst its rage did sleep;
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bad'st its angry tumult cease,
and gavest list and life and peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to Thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

All are invited to a luncheon in the Church Hall.



Malcolm M. McGawn

Malcolm was born on July 17, 1941 in Melrose Park, Illinois to the late Merrill and Frances (Cooper) McGawn. Graduating valedictorian in the class of 1959 from West Chicago Community High School, West Chicago, Illinois, Malcolm went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut class of 1963. He worked as a Park Ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park in 1964. He then entered the U.S Navy Submarine Service from 1964 -1970, serving as an officer on the USS Halibut (SSN 587) which won a Presidential Unit Citation for finding and photographing the sunken Soviet sub K-129 on the floor of the Pacific. Following his service, Malcolm earned his Master's in Mathematics from the University of Wyoming in 1972. He then was employed as instructor and engineer at the Westinghouse Nuclear Training Center, Zion, Illinois and at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, San Clemente, California.

A devout Christian, worshipping and serving in churches around the country, most recently Malcolm was a member at Christ Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, Indiana, since 2010. He was a runner for 66 years, 1956-2022, setting school records in the mile while in high school and college. Since 1980, Malcolm ran over 53,000 miles, more than twice around the world. Also, an avid reader, he especially enjoyed the novels of Tom Clancy, Brad Thor (thrillers), Elmer Kelton and Charles West (westerns), Patrick O'Brian and C.S. Forester (sea stories).

On October 12, 1968 in Delhi, NY, Malcolm married Marilyn Maxwell who survives along with their children, Lani (Greg) Fisher of Valparaiso and Mike (Jessica) McGawn, of Edina, MN. Proud & loving Grandpa to Caroline, Chris and Collin Fisher and Brady and Janie McGawn. Also survived by his sisters, Janet Bozedarevic of Waukesha, WI and Carolyn Morris of Pleasant Hills, TN and several nieces & nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church, ALS Association or VNA Hospice of NWI.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
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BRIAN BARTUSCH, ORGANIST

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023

11:00 A.M.