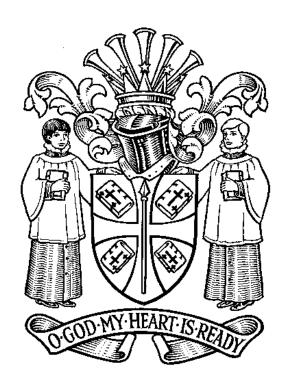
SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE in the CITY OF NEW YORK

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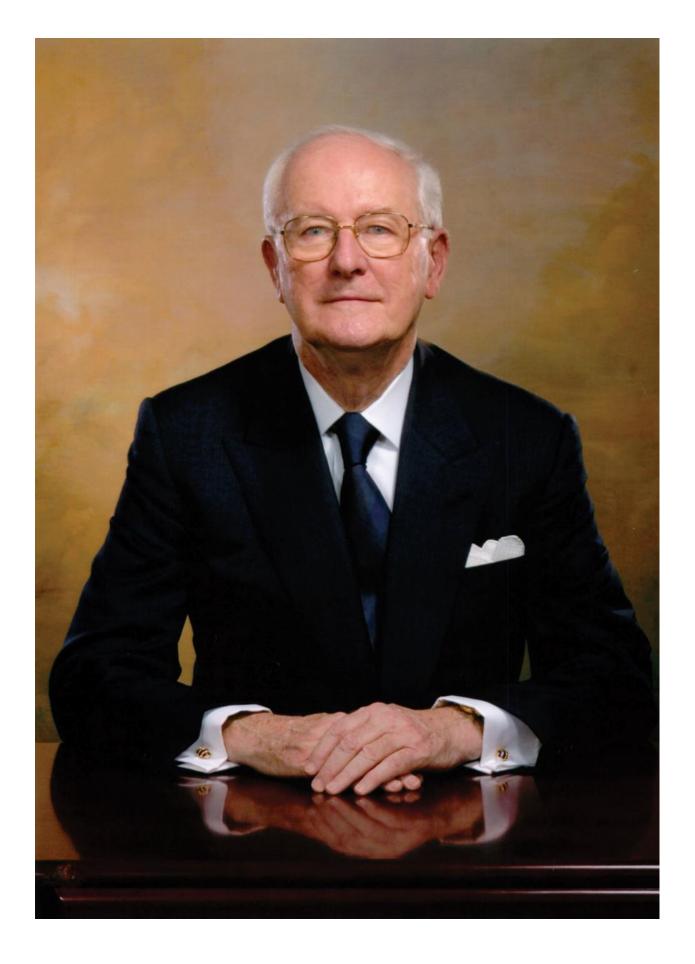
FUNERAL MASS

In thanksgiving for the life of

WILLIAM R. MILLER, CBE, KSTJ

May 10, 1928 – September 27, 2020

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022 AT 11:30 A.M.





GOD'S love and power extend over all creation. Every life, including our own, is precious to God. Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is new life in Christ over death.

EVEN those who share such faith find that there is a real sense of loss at the death of a loved one. We will each have had our own experiences of their life and death, with different memories and different feelings of love, grief and respect. To acknowledge this at the beginning of the service should help us to use this occasion to express our faith and our feelings as we say farewell, acknowledge our loss and our sorrow, and to reflect on our own mortality. Those who mourn need support and consolation. Our presence here today is part of that continuing support.



ORGAN PRELUDES Fantasia and Fugue in G minor BWV542 *Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685-1750)

Sheep may safely graze, from Cantata 208 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

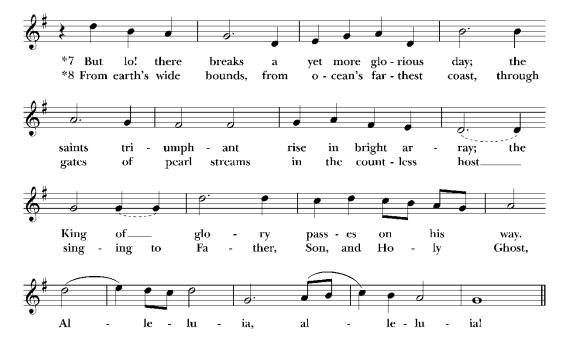
Elegy George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

SETTING Spatzenmesse KV 220 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir, Ministers, Vestry, and former Vestry members

HYMN SINE NOMINE





THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

SEEING that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

The Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir

Kyrie Eleison
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Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe Eleison Christ, have mercy upon us.
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Kyrie Eleison Lord, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie Eleison Lord, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie Eleison Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servant William; and we pray that having opened to him the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive him more and more into thy joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served thee in the past, he may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 read by Mr. Kenneth Koen

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

THE souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, And their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself.

They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him: for grace and mercy is to his saints, and he hath care for his elect.

The Lector concludes The Word of the Lord. The People respond Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 Sung by the Choir Anglican Chant (Davies)

DOMINUS REGIT ME

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.

Surely 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.

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon him.

EPISTLE Rev

Revelation 21:2-7 read by Mr. Samuel Miller

A Reading from the Revelation of St. John the Divine

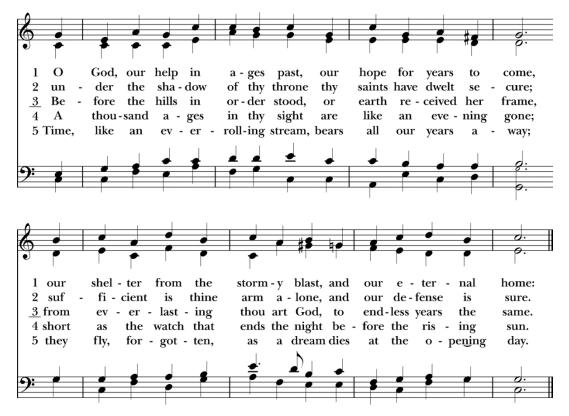
I JOHN saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

The Lector concludes The Word of the Lord. The People respond Thanks be to God.

HYMN ST. ANNE



6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and ourt eternal home.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)



Cantor I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the Living One: I was dead and, behold, I am alive for evermore.



THE HOLY GOSPEL John 11:21-27

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

ARTHA said unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People Sit.

THE SERMON

The Rector

ANTHEM Sung by the Choir Michael McCarthy
(b. 1966)

THE King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me; and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. 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.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Henry W. Baker (1821-1877)

THE EULOGY Mr. Ian Miller

MOTET Sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

William Harris (1883-1973)

LOLY is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict: from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendor, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.

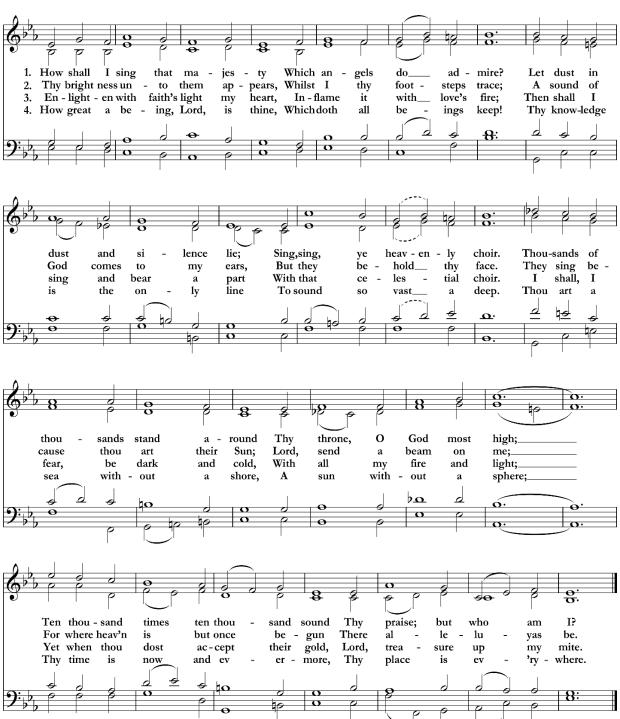
Alleluia.

The Salisbury Diurnal George Herbert Palmer (1842-1933)

REMEMBRANCE

The Rev. Andrew C. Mead Rector Emeritus

HYMN COE FEN



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Minister says

POR our brother, William, let us pray to our Savior Jesus Christ who said: "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

The People kneel.

Jesus, who consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; be with us and all who mourn for Bill and dry the tears of those who weep. Hear us, O Christ.

Jesus, who wept at the grave of Lazarus, thy friend. Comfort us in our sorrow. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Jesus, who raised the dead to life. Give to our brother Bill eternal life. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Jesus, who promised paradise to the thief who repented. Bring our brother Bill to the joys of heaven. Hear us, O Christ.

Bill was washed in the waters of Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him a place in the company of all thy saints. Hear us, O Christ.

Bill was nourished with thy Body and Blood in the Eucharist; grant him a place at the table at the banquet thou hast promised to thy people at the close of the age.

Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of Bill; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope. *Hear us, O Christ.*

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

GOD, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven:
Be ever present with thy servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by thy people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of thy beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

The People stand. The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

THE risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20:19, 20

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM

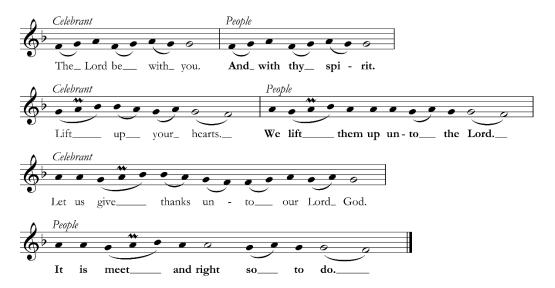
Sung by the Choir

Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

LEST pair of Sirens, pledges of Heaven's joy, Sphere-born harmonious sisters, Voice and Verse, Wed your divine sounds, and mixt power employ, Dead things with inbreathed sense able to pierce; And to our high-raised phantasy present That undisturbed song of pure consent, Aye sung before the sapphire-coloured throne To him that sits thereon, With saintly shout and solemn jubilee; Where the bright Seraphim, in burning row, Their loud, uplifted angel-trumpets blow, And the Cherubic host in thousand quires Touch their immortal harps of golden wires, With those just spirits, that wear victorious palms, Hymns devout and holy psalms Singing everlastingly. That we on Earth with undiscording voice, May rightly answer that melodious noise; As once we did, till disproportioned sin Jarr'd against Nature's chime, and with harsh din Broke the fair music that all creatures made To their great Lord, whose love their motion swayed In perfect diapason, whilst they stood In first obedience, and their state of good. O may we soon again renew that song And keep in tune with Heaven, till God ere long To his celestial consort us unite, To live with him and sing in endless morn of light.

John Milton (1608-1674)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



T is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all thecompany of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The People kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed in one kind only in the Crossing. Gluten free hosts are available – please ask the priest.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those unable to receive Holy Communion)

BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar; I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.

Never permit me to be separated from thee!

O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

AT THE COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

MOTET

Sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth.

John 14:15-17

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

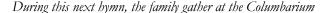
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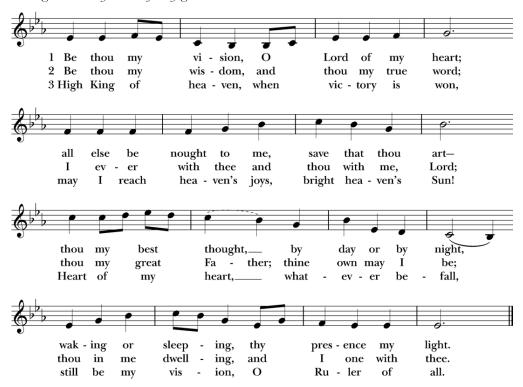
Let us pray.

The People kneel. The Celebrant says this prayer

A LMIGHTY God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN SLANE





THE INTERMENT OF ASHES

Standing near the ashes, the Celebrant says

EARLY Beloved, before we part let us bid farewell to our brother Bill, and may this greeting expressed here for the last time bear witness to our love, lighten our sorrow, and strengthen our hope. For one day, we will greet him again in a place where Christ wipes away all tears and puts an end even to death itself.

The Rector Emeritus says

INTO thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant William. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

THE COMMITTAL

The Rector Emeritus says

A LL that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

The urn is placed in the Columbarium, then the Celebrant says

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother, William; and we commit his mortal remains to this resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious unto him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. *Amen*.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:

People And let light perpetual shine upon him.

⚠ May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*

The People sit. The Ministers and the Family return to their places as the choir sings this motet

MOTET

Gabriel Fauré
(1845-1924)

In paradisum deducant Angeli, in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem. Chorus Angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere aeternam habeas requiem.

May the Angels lead thee into paradise; and the Martyrs receive thee at thy coming and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem.

May the choir of Angels receive thee, and mayest thou, with Lazarus once poor, have everlasting rest.

from Messe de Requiem, Op. 48

THE BLESSING

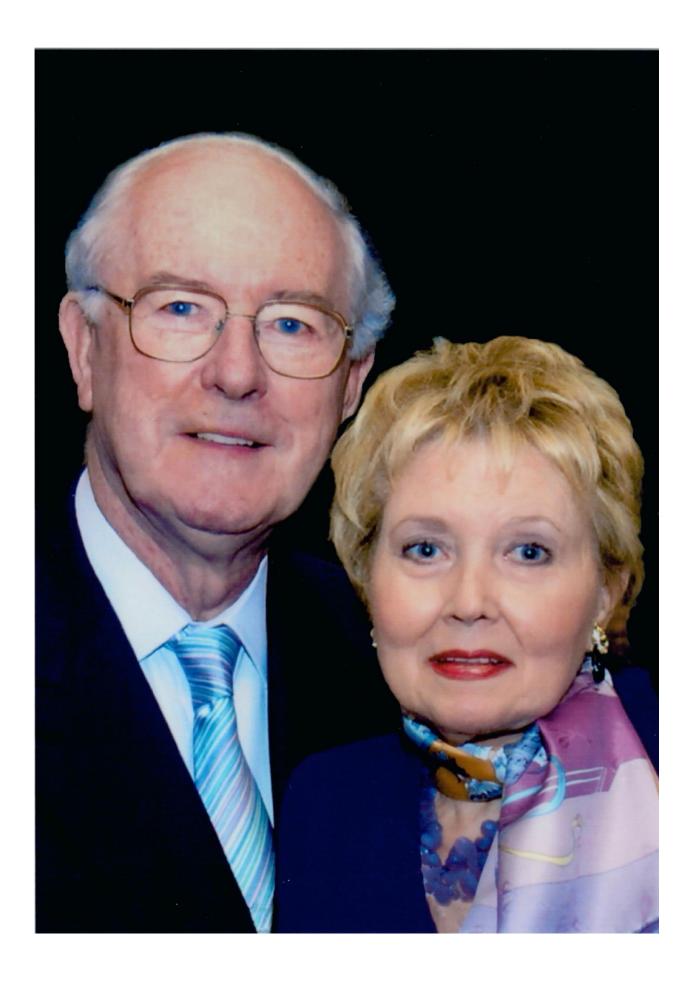
The Celebrant says

THE God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

THE EASTER DISMISSAL







The Rev. Canon Carl Turner Celebrant
The Reverend Matthew Moretz, Deacon
The Reverend Alison Turner, Subdeacon
The Reverend Mark Schultz, Assiting Priest
Kenneth Koen, Lector
Samuel Miller, Lector
Ian Miller, Eulogy
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