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**Processional of the Body**

**Officiant:** I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.

Whoever believes in me,  
though he die, yet shall he live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me  
shall never die.

*John 11:25-26*

For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

*Job 19:25-27*

For none of us lives to himself,  
and none of us dies to himself.  
For if we live, we live to the Lord,  
and if we die, we die to the Lord,  
So then, whether we live or whether we die,  
we are the Lord's.

*Romans 14:7-9*

For we brought nothing into the world,  
and it is certain we carry nothing out.  
The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;  
blessed be the name of the Lord.

*1 Timothy 6:7, Job 1:21*

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
Even so, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

*Revelation 14:1-3*

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

**Officiant:** O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Benjamin Ward, being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Officiant:** Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with those who mourn, especially Sandi Ward and his family. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Hymn: How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*  
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —  
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —  
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

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## The Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9 - Holly Ward Todd, Daughter

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 121 - Ben H. Ward

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**Reader and People:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### New Testament: Philippians 4:4-9 - Heidi Ward Hackworth, Daughter

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*The people stand to sing and remain standing for the Gospel.*

## Hymn: Sanctuary

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Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and  
ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks-giv - ing, I'll be a  
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for You.

## The Gospel Reading: John 6:37-40

**Officiant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

<sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

**Officiant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Eulogies:**                 **Herb Hollowell**  
                                   **Walter Handy**  
                                   **Stan Rasberry**

**Hymn: It is Well With My Soul**

Words: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888)  
 Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my  
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;  
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—  
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 4. scend, “E - ven so”— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,  
 It is well with my  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Final Eulogy: Heather Yarashus, Daughter**

**The Homily: The Rev. Mike Moffitt**

## The Apostles' Creed

*The people stand and affirm the creed with the priest.*

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

**Celebrant:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord: Grant, we pray, to your whole Church in heaven and on earth, your light and peace.

**Celebrant:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** 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.

**Celebrant:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

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

**Celebrant:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you in faithful obedience.

**Celebrant:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

**Celebrant:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Help us, we pray, 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.

**Celebrant:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Grant us grace to entrust Ben to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you show to all your people.

**Celebrant:** Lord, in your mercy

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

**Celebrant:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant concludes:*

Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in your eternal and everlasting glory, and with all your saints, to receive the crown of life promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

## **The Peace**

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

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

## The Holy Communion

### 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 him 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 all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:

#### Celebrant and 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.

*The people kneel or sit reverently.*

**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:

**Celebrant and People:** Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



## Post Communion Prayer

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

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 unto 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.

**People:** Amen.

*The people stand.*

## The Commendation

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

*The Celebrant blesses the people, and says,*

**Celebrant:** Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Ben.  
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.

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace (Recorded with bagpipes)

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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**In the Lord's service today:**

**Officiant and Celebrant:** The Rev. Michael Moffitt

**Pianist:** Judy Rasberry

**Ushers:** George Beckett, George Hollows

**Greeter:** Howard York

**Audio:** Randy Smith

**Guest Book:** Jan Beckett

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