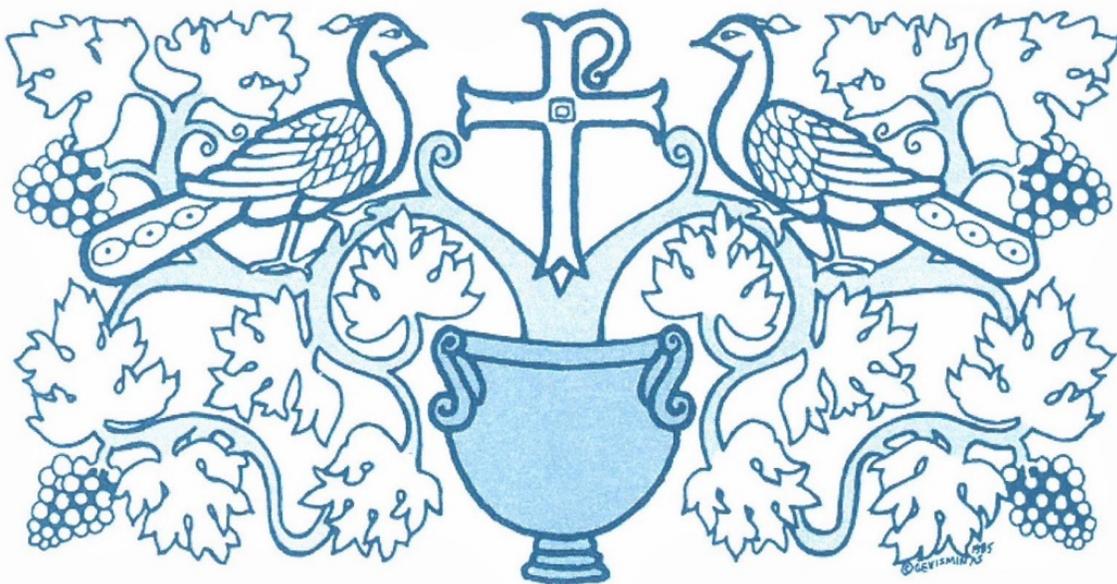


YET EVEN AT THE GRAVE
WE MAKE OUR SONG:



ALLELUIA
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Burial of the Dead

✠ Susan Louise Palo Chervien ✠

Friday, December 31, 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Born: May 4, 1953 + Baptized: June 21, 1953 + Died: December 28, 2021

We gather today to worship Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit, who now welcomes ✠ Susan ✠ into her resurrection life.

The congregation is encouraged to participate in this service of worship by speaking the responses and prayers, and by singing the hymns. Please use this worship folder to follow the service.

The pall which is placed over the casket is a reminder of the white garment ✠ Susan ✠ put on at her baptism, a sign that in baptism we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, our hope in life and in death. The Paschal candle is a symbol of Christ's presence, granted through his saving death and resurrection, for Jesus' resurrection has now become ✠ Susan's ✠ new and eternal life.

PRELUDE

“Mache dich, mein Herze, rein” from *St. Matthew Passion*

J. S. Bach

*Mache dich, mein Herze, rein,
Ich will Jesum selbst begraben.
Denn er soll nunmehr in mir
Für und für
Seine süße Ruhe haben.
Welt, geh aus, lass Jesum ein!*

*Make yourself clean, my heart,
I would have you become Jesus' tomb,
For he shall from now on in me
Forever and ever
Have his sweet rest.
World, get out; let Jesus in!*

“Love Bade Me Welcome” from *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Love bade me welcome. Yet my soul drew back
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lacked any thing.
A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee.*

*Love took my hand, and smiling did reply
Who made the eyes but I?
Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat.
So I did sit and eat.*

– George Herbert

The Liturgy of Entrance

AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH (Please stand and face the entrance to the nave when the bell sounds.)

☞ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

P 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.

P Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life:

C **We glorify you.**

P 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:

C **We praise you.**

P Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope:

C **We worship you.**

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

C **Amen.**

As the anthem begins, the casket is sprinkled with water, recalling Susan's baptism into Christ, and the congregation is also sprinkled.

“God Be in My Head”

Robert Hobby

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.
– Book of Hours, 1514*

AT THE PROCESSION

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

HYMN 332

Sung by all in harmony, unaccompanied.

GREETING AND PRAYER

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

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF LAMENT: "In Deepest Night"

Low voices: 1. In deep - est night in dark - est days,
 Treble voices: 2. When friend was lost, when love de - ceived,
 All: 3. When through the wa - ters winds our path,

When harps are hung, no songs we raise,
 Dear Je - sus wept, God was be - reaved;
 A - round us pain, a - round us death,

When si - lence must suf - fice as praise,
 So with us in our grief God grieves,
 Deep calls to deep, a sav - ing breath,

Yet sound - ing in us qui - et - ly
 And round a - bout us mourn - ful - ly
 And found be - side us faith - ful - ly

All: There is the song of God.
 All: There are the tears of God.
 All: There is the love of God.

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PRAYER

☞ Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Susan. We thank you for giving her 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.**

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

(seated)

Response: ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the assembly)

Sung seven times. The acclamation is repeated after the reading of the Gospel.

- 1 – Choir 3 – Low voices 5 – Low voices
- 2 – Treble voices 4 – Treble voices 6, 7 – All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le

fine

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:1-17

Response after the announcement: **☑ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **☑ Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Joseph Crippen

A brief silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“O Blessed Spring”

HYMN 447

Stanza 4 is sung by the choir.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

Response: **☑ hear our prayer.**

PEACE

(standing)

You are invited to share God’s peace with those around you. Please consider bowing to each other as a sign of God’s presence and an offering of Christ’s peace, a long-standing practice at Mount Olive and in the greater Church.

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

(Standing as the gifts are brought forward)

“As the Dark Awaits the Dawn”

HYMN 261

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and

might, Heav'n and earth are full of your—great glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Tune: Plainsong, harm. J. S. Bach

Eucharistic Prayer

- Holy God, holy and mighty, . . . the Lord's death until he comes.
- Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- Therefore, O God, . . . great and promised feast.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- Send now, we pray, . . . with all your saints in light.
- Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- Join our prayers . . . in your holy Church, now and forever.
- Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

AT THE COMMUNION

(seated)

*All are welcome to God's Table of grace. Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup. Gluten-free wafers are available. **Please keep your mask on until you are ready to eat or drink, and put it back on right away.***

If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.

“Lamb of God”

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Choir

Stanza 3 – Lower voices begin; All at “suddenly return and never ...”

Stanza 4 – All

“He is the Way”

He is the Way. Fol-low him through the Land of Un-like-ness;
 you will see rare beasts and have u-nique ad - ven - tures.
 He is the Truth. Seek him in the King-dom of Anx-i - e - ty:
 you will come to a great ci-ty that has ex-pect-ed your re-turn for years.
 He is the Life. Love him in the World of the Flesh:
 and at your mar-riage all its oc - ca-sions shall dance for joy.

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“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

After all have communed:

Response: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Commendation and Sending

GRADUAL ANTHEM

“Wind,” no. 4, from *Light to Light*
Thin this silver cord like wisp of smoke
Mere brush of breath against the face
Ah!
I know I do not know ...
and smile grateful into light
(Mid clouds of myrrh the eagle soars
and hymns the heart of God)
and smile grateful
into
light.

J. Aaron McDermid

– Susan Palo Cherwien

COMMENDATION

☐ Let us commend Susan to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.
Into your hands . . . the glorious company of the saints in light.

☑ **Amen**

BLESSING

Response: ☑ **Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

HYMN 201

“Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace”
Sung unaccompanied

DISMISSAL

☐ Let us go forth in peace,
☑ **in the name of Christ. Amen**

AT THE RETIRING PROCESSION:

“Dieu Parmi Nous”

Olivier Messaien

*The liturgy concludes with burial at Prairie Oaks Cemetery,
8225 Argenta Trail, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota 55077.
There will be no formal car procession to the cemetery.
All are welcome.*

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