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# Liturgy of the Word and the Rite of Christian Burial

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## PRELUDE

## GATHERING

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and 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.**

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.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #632** O God, Our Help in Ages Past

### 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

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Walt. 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 Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1–11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 24

*The psalm is sung responsively, beginning with the cantor.*

The earth is the Lord's and all | that is in it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

**For the Lord has founded it up- | on the seas  
and established it up- | on the rivers.**

Who may ascend the mountain | of the Lord,  
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

**Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.**

They shall receive blessing | from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

**Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O Lord,  
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,  
that the King of glory | may come in.

**Who is this | King of glory?**

**The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, might- | y in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,  
that the King of glory | may come in.

**Who is this | King of glory?**

**Truly, the Lord of hosts is the | King of glory.**

**SECOND READING** Romans 8:31–39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL** John 20:1–10

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand

the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #244 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMENDATION

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

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

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.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN #631** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

## SERVING TODAY

**PRESIDER** Pastor John Worzala Dumke  
**PREACHER** Pastor Brad Pohlman  
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**LECTOR** Paul Miner

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