



MEMORIAL SERVICE

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Given Life

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Given Life in Eternity

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“Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.”

Isaiah 46:4

AS WE GATHER

For many, death is the final act that robs one of beauty. In spite of the best efforts of the morticians, the lifeless body is empty of the soul that animates the person. True beauty is gone – unless our focus is led beyond this earthly life. Even as Good Friday is a beautiful day for Christians of the love of God in Christ, so a memorial service reflects the beautiful message of God’s power over sin and death and His love that makes us His own. The most beautiful message of Christ’s victory creates in us a sure and certain hope that this body will rise to reflect God’s perfect beauty on the last day.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION

Pastor: There is a time for everything,

People: and a season for every activity under heaven:

Pastor: A time to be born and a time to die.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

People: In Holy Baptism Jimmy already died to sin and was born unto eternal life.

Pastor: Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

People: We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Pastor: If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. *Romans 6:3-5*

People: Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. Amen. Alleluia.

OPENING HYMN **“How Great Thou Art”** **(RED BOOK 78)**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;
*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;
*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim “My God how great thou art!”
*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION

Pastor: There is a time for everything,

People: and a season for every activity under heaven:

Pastor: a time to be born and a time to die.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Pastor: All have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.

People: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me will live, even though he dies.

John 11:25

People: I am the Good Shepherd, I know My sheep, and My sheep know Me, and I lay down My life for My sheep."

John 10:14

Pastor: He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart;

People: He gently leads those that have young.

Isaiah 40:11

Pastor: Jesus said, "My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.

John 10:16

People: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand."

John 10:28

Pastor: There is a time for everything,

People: and a season for every activity under heaven:

Pastor: a time to be born and a time to die.

Eccles. 3:1-2a

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Almighty God, with reverence and affection we remember before you Jimmy. Keep us in union with him here through faith and love toward you, that hereafter we may enter into your presence and be numbered with those who serve you and look upon your face in glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

SHARING OF JIMMY'S LIFE

[Video of Jimmy \(music only here\)](#)

PSALM 23 The Shepherd's Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me 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 they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 46:3-10

"Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

"To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike? Those who lavish gold from the purse, and weigh out silver in the scales, hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god; then they fall down and worship! They lift it to their shoulders,

they carry it, they set it in its place, and it stands there; it cannot move from its place. If one cries to it, it does not answer or save him from his trouble. "Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 15:20-24

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN "In the Garden" (Red Book 261)

MESSAGE "Three Promises"

Prayer

CREED

Pastor: God has made us His people through Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: There is a time for everything.

People: and a season for every activity under heaven.

Pastor: A time to be born and a time to die.

People: Through faith in Christ, there is a time to be reborn and live as a resurrected child of God. This is a day when we behold the beauty of life in Him. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you † peace.

People: Amen

[CLOSING HYMN "Marching to Zion"](#)

[POSTLUDE](#)