



BURIAL OF THE DEAD AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE
THE REVEREND LOUIS W. PITT, JR.

March 31, 1923 — March 24, 2022

The Parish of the Epiphany
Winchester, Massachusetts
Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 11:00 am

All stand at the invitation of the Celebrant, while the following anthem is said.

OPENING ANTHEM

Celebrant I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

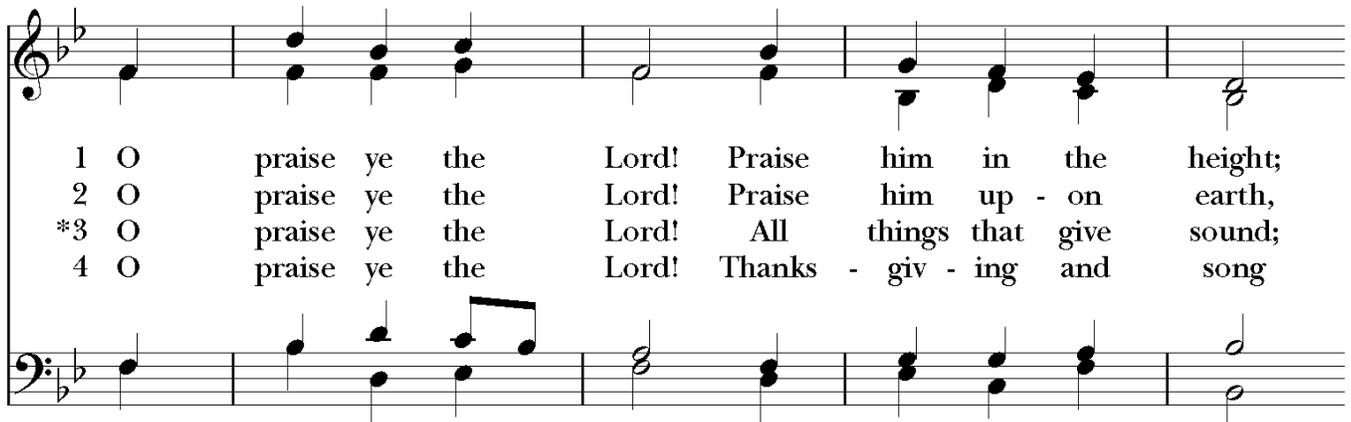
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother, Louis. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

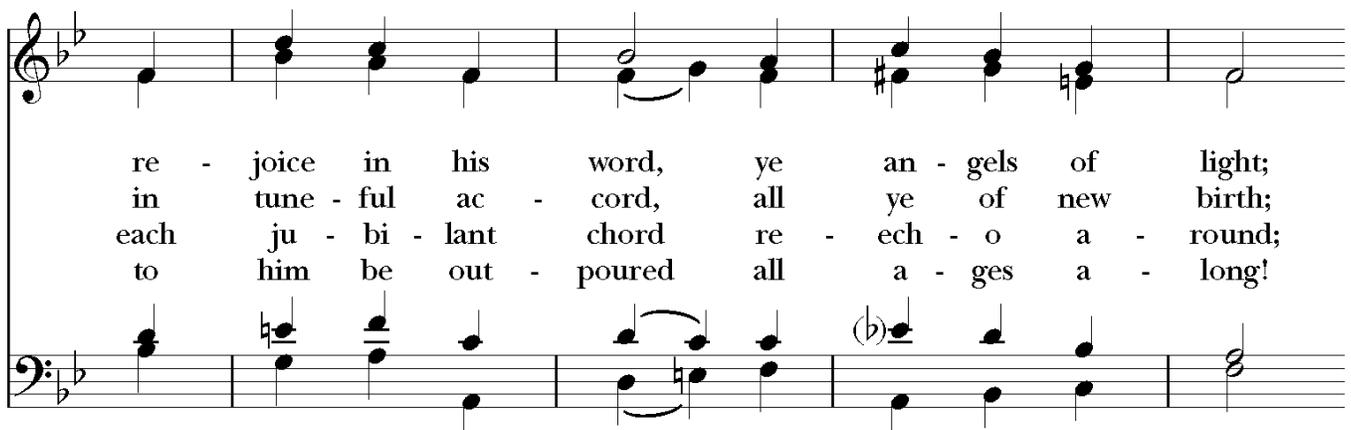
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OPENING HYMN O praise ye the Lord

The Hymnal 1982 #432



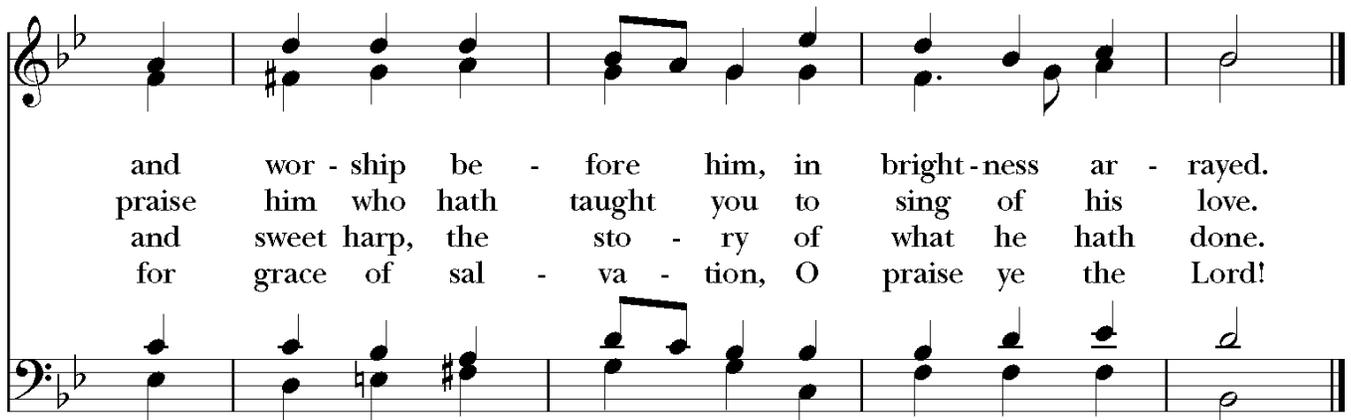
1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song



re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!



ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,



and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Please be seated for the readings.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

Read by the Reverend Don Thompson

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

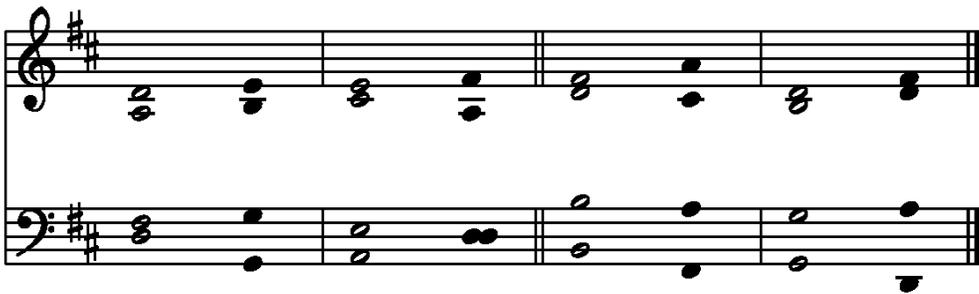
The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27

Sung by all. The sung tone changes on the underlined syllable(s), and at the beginning of each new verse or half-verse. The check mark indicates a slight breath or pause.



- ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; ✓ whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; ✓ of whom then shall I be afraid?
- ⁵ One thing have I asked of the Lord; ✓ one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; [*2nd half of chant*]
- ⁶ To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁷ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- ⁸ Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- ⁹ Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- ¹⁰ Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Read by Philip Pitt

Lector A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

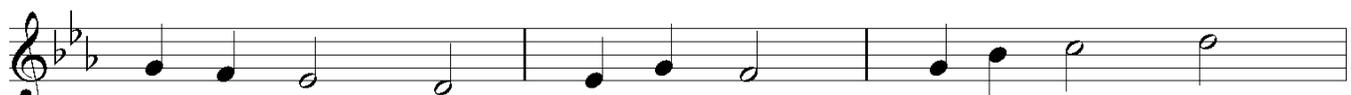
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HYMN King of glory, King of peace

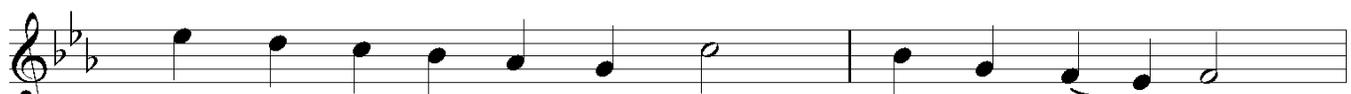
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1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;



and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.



Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;



thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

Please remain standing for the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

John 15:10-17

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

HOMILY

The Reverend Skip Windsor

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

- Leader* For our brother Louis, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life." Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Louis, and dry the tears of those who weep.
- People* **Hear us, Lord.**
- Leader* You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.
- People* **Hear us, Lord.**
- Leader* You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.
- People* **Hear us, Lord.**
- Leader* You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.
- People* **Hear us, Lord.**
- Leader* Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.
- People* **Hear us, Lord.**
- Leader* He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
- People* **Hear us, Lord.**
- Leader* Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.
- Celebrant* God of all, we pray to you for Louis, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

- Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- People* **And also with you.**
- Everyone may greet one another with a sign of affection and peace.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Today's collection in Louis' memory will be given to Episcopal Relief and Development. Please scan the QR code to make a gift.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM Ave verum

Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)

OFFERTORY HYMN In Christ there is no East or West

The Hymnal 1982 #529

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

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 with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People say together:

**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 stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues,

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."

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated and wait for the invitation of an usher to leave your pew. Come forward to receive the sacrament at the high altar rail or at the station near the pulpit. Gluten-free host is available.

COMMUNION HYMN I want to walk as a child of the light

The Hymnal 1982 #490

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains three verses of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are:

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.

3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.

I want to look at Je-sus.

I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, Soloist

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 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. Amen.

All stand at the invitation of the Celebrant.

THE COMMENDATION

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

Celebrant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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.

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Louis. 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.

BLESSING

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Please stand for the recession of the casket during the choral anthem. The congregation remains standing for the singing of the Closing Hymn.

CHORAL OFFERING Thuma mina (Send me, Lord)

South African



1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,
 who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,
 who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;
 with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

This concludes our service. You are cordially invited to a reception in Hadley Hall, where you may greet the family.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Right Reverend Alan M. Gates, Bishop Diocesan, *Celebrant*
The Reverend Skip Windsor, *Preacher*
The Reverend Don Thompson, *Lector*
Mr. Philip Pitt, *Lector*
The Reverend Nick Myers, *Assisting*
The Very Reverend Thomas Kennedy, *Assisting*
Mr. Jeremy Bruns, *Interim Director of Music and Organist*
The Parish Choir of Epiphany
Jay Pavilon, *Crucifer*
Jason Kinchen, *Verger*
Carol Hollingshead, *Greeter*
Bill Saunders and Reid Boswell, *Ushers*
Rich Goldhor, *Audio/Visual*
Gabrielle Stott, *Altar Guild*

HOMECOMING

Written by Louis on Pentecost, 2005

For one who has been immersed in the life and worship of the Christian community over the years, the final trip to God's house after death is a homecoming. It continues and fulfills the pattern of a lifetime. We are brought to the church soon after birth to be "marked as Christ's own forever." We come in childhood to learn how to walk the Christian way. We are grounded and nourished in God's house week after week through adult life. And we are brought in after we die for a final act of committal to God's loving care. The cycle is complete; the journey is over; we are home safely.

What we come home to (at least what I want to come home to) is the Eucharist, the normal, central act of Christian worship, not some specially devised service pointing to one individual. Our true home as Christians is the Lord's Table where we are constantly united and renewed — united with all the saints living and dead, renewed in the loving service of Almighty God. There is no place where the veil between life and death is thinner.

It is good to have the dead body present too. In the Christian understanding of things, matter and spirit are profoundly connected. Human life is sacramental from start to finish. The outward and visible expresses the inward and spiritual.

At one's homecoming let there be no regrets — about life or death. It is all one process, one learning experience, one bumpy adventure from God with God to God. We are back where we began. If there are tears along the way, they are tears of joy as well as pain.

The Psalmist said it all: "One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." *Psalm 27:5-6*

LOUIS PITT'S MINISTRY

Studied at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts from 1944-46

Ordained deacon in the School chapel January 6, 1947

by the Bishop of Western Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. W. Appleton Lawrence

Ordained priest October 18, 1947 in Grace Church, New York City, where his father was rector,
again ordained by Bishop Lawrence

Associate Rector, Grace Church, Manchester, New Hampshire from 1947-49

Rector, St. Mark's Church, Foxboro, Massachusetts from 1949-54

Rector, All Saints Church, Brookline, Massachusetts from 1954-72

Dean, Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Lusaka, Zambia from 1972-77

Canon Pastor, St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, Massachusetts from 1980-83

Sub-Dean, Cathedral of St. Mary and All Saints, Harare, Zimbabwe from 1984-87

Interim ministries at Trinity Church, Bridgewater; Christ Church, Hamilton; and St. John's Church, Gloucester

At Louis' ordination, his father, the Reverend Dr. Louis Pitt, Sr. preached on this text:

“We have this treasure in earthen vessels,
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.”

2 Corinthians 4:7

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