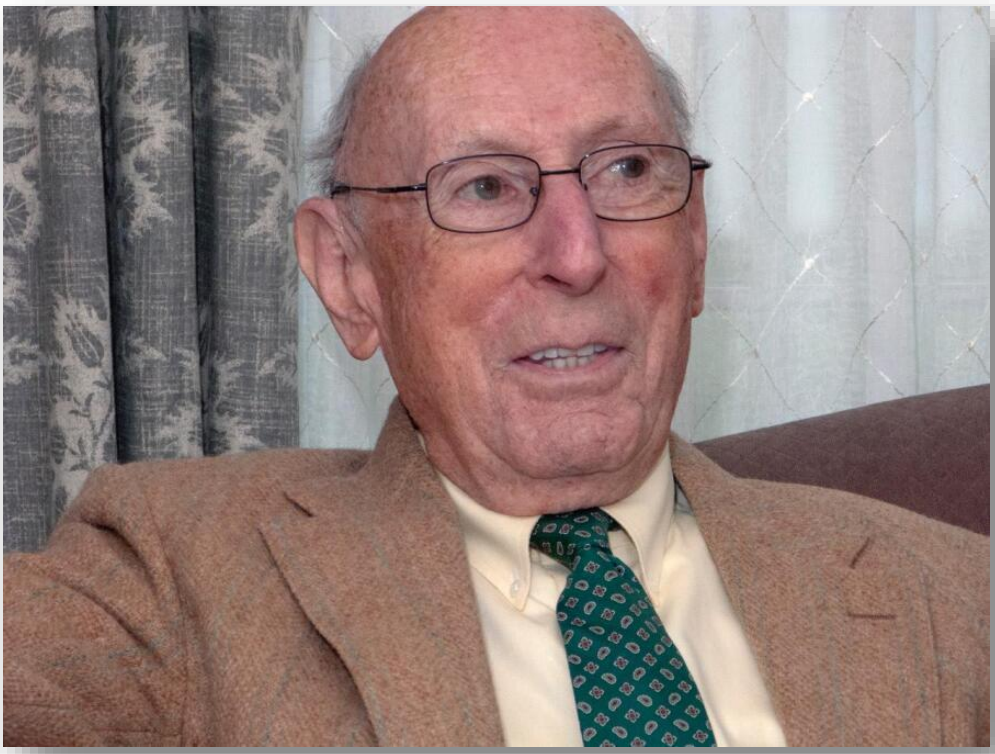
A Service
Celebrating the Life of

Frederick Finlay Meyer

May 1, 1927 ~ December 18, 2025



June 6, 2026

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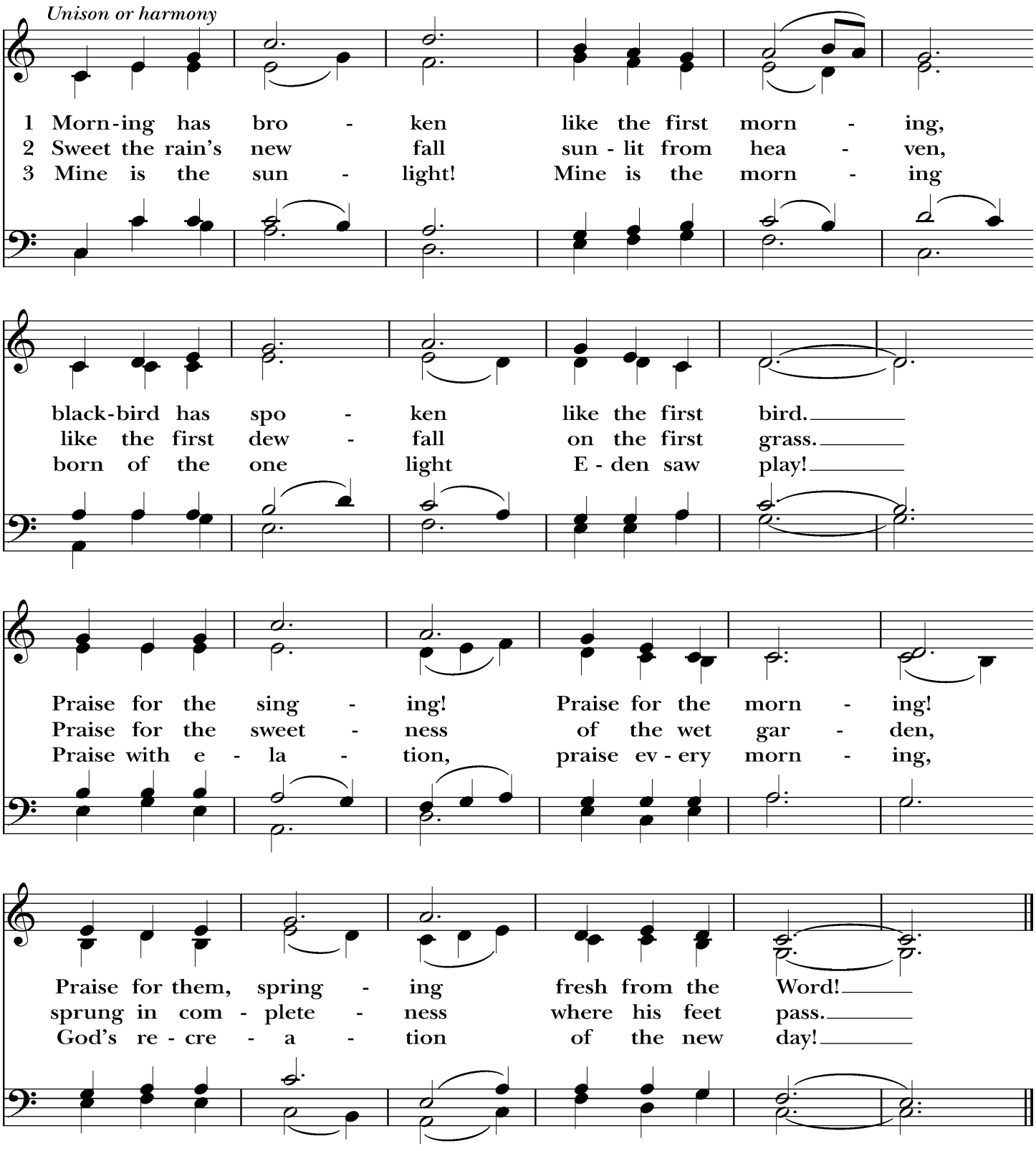
The people stand as they are able.

Processional Hymn — *Morning has broken* — Hymnal 8

The Celebrant says

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.

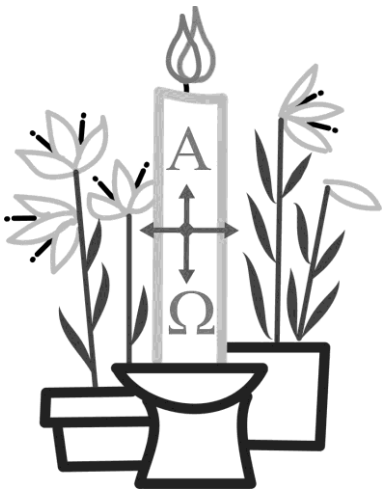
As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.
For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own 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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Together, let us pray.

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 Fred, being raised with him, 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. Amen.

The people sit.



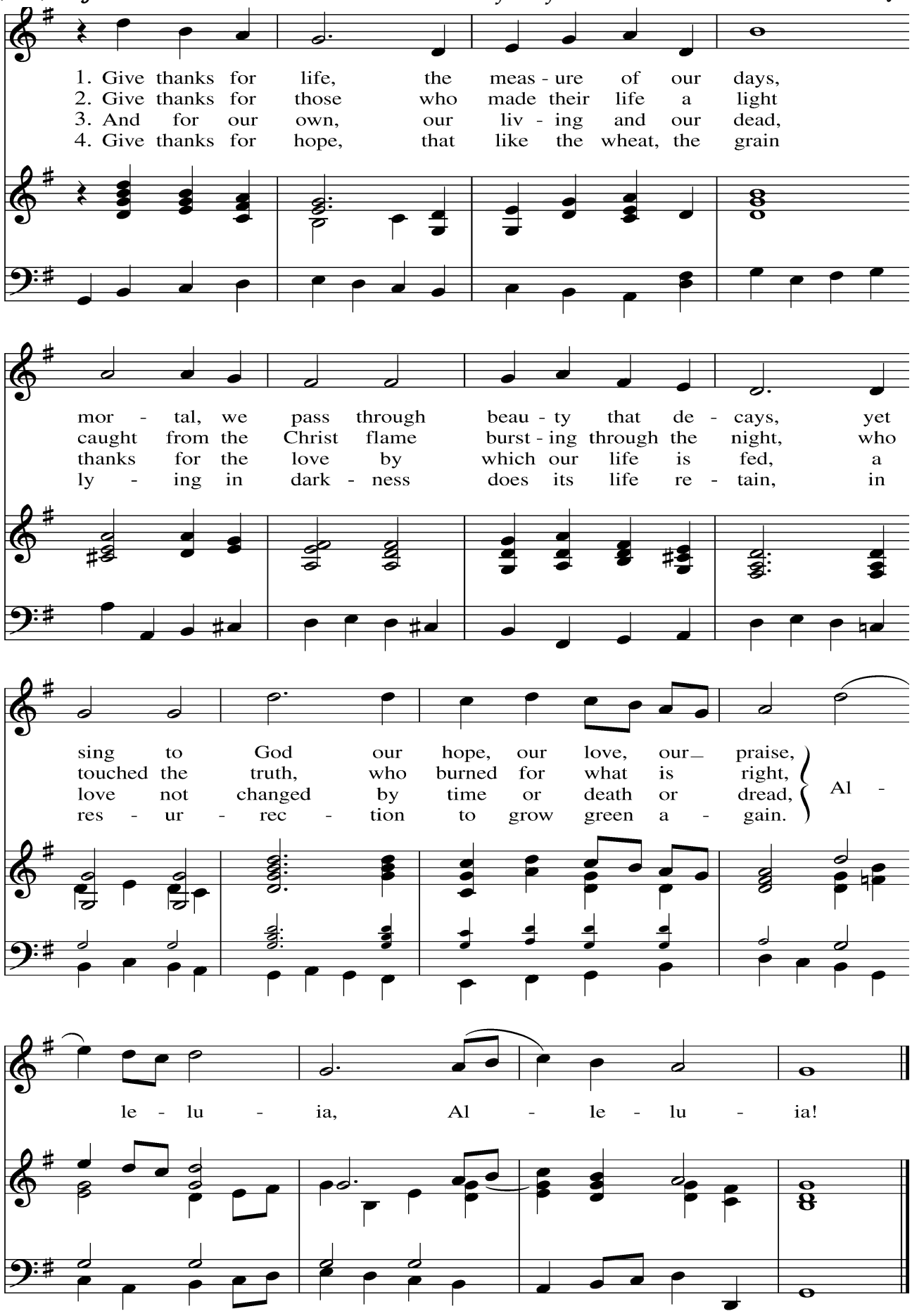
The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson — *Ecclesiastes 3:1-13* *Read by Peggy DeMayo*

Reader A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people stand as they are able.

1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet
caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who
thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a
ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in
sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
love not changed by time or death or dread,
res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain.
Al -
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel — *John 14:1-6*

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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

The people sit.

Reflections

Elizabeth Meyer
Fr. Chris Jubinski

The people stand as they are able.

Apostle's Creed

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism,
let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister

God, your will for us is abundant life; receive Fred now into the fullness of life in your presence. ***Hear our prayer.***

You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith; shed the brightness of your light on Fred, who also sought understanding. ***Hear our prayer.***

You are greater than all our ideas and images of you; draw Fred into the mystery of your being. ***Hear our prayer.***

We know you as perfect Mercy and Love; welcome Fred in the grace of that love and mercy. ***Hear our prayer.***

We praise you as the giver of life; gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life. ***Hear our prayer.***

The Church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit; and so we commend Fred to you, giving thanks for the gift of his life. ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant

May the Holy One, to whom all the desires of our hearts are known before we ask, hear our prayers for Fred, and for all who mourn, and grant us newness of life, and peace. ***Amen.***

The Peace

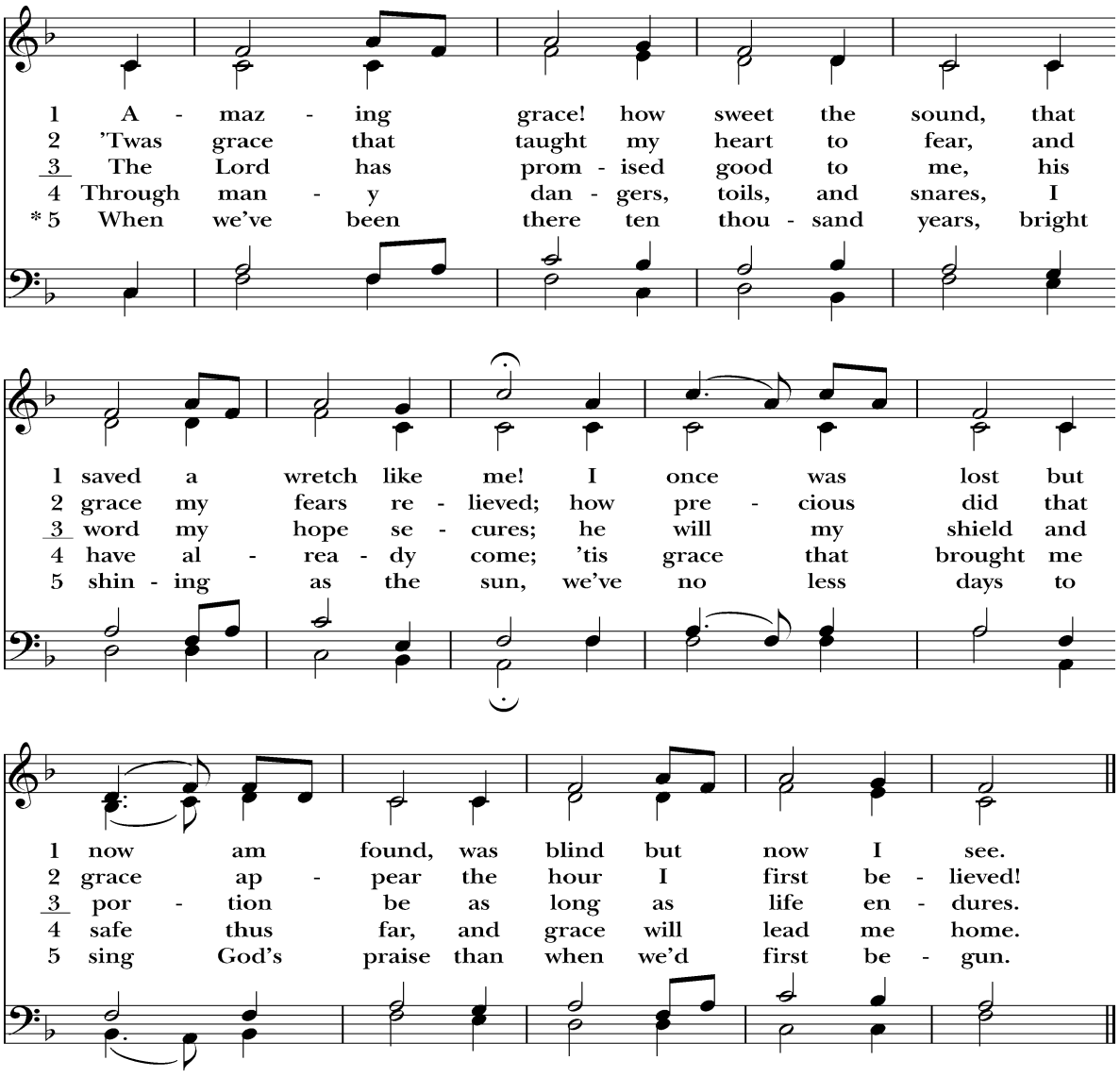
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn — *Amazing Grace* — Hymnal 671

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer A

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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said
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
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.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
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

And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation to Communion

The Priest invites the people to Communion

The Gifts of God for you the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. ***Amen.***

Communion Norms*--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup.* ***We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. Instead, you may keep your wafer visible in your hands and Fr. Chris will intinct for you and place the wafer on your on your tongue.*** *The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying* ***"Amen."*** *If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. Please notify Fr. Chris at the Communion Rail.*

After Communion the people stand as they are able.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✝ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

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

Recessional Hymn *On eagles' wings* WLP 810

1. ***You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,***
   who abide in this shadow for life,
   say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
   my rock in whom I trust!' Refrain:

Refrain: ***'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,***
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

2. ***Snares of the fowler will never capture you,***
   and famine will bring you no fear;
   under God's wings your refuge
   with faithfulness your shield. Refrain:

3. ***For to the angels God's given a command***
   to guard you in all of your ways;
   upon their hands they will bear you up,
   lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain:

Michael Joncas (b. 1951)

The Family will greet guests at a reception following this service at the Remsenburg Academy
130 S Country Rd, Remsenburg, NY 11960

In memory of Fred, donations can be made to the
Saint Mark's Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund
Post Office Box 887, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

Or to the Remsenburg Academy

The Committal

The following anthem is said

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Then, while earth is cast upon the urn, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Matthew; and we commit him to his resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious unto him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. ***Amen.***

Then the Celebrant says

Gracious God, you alone are the source of all life. May your life-giving Spirit flow through us, so that we may be ministers of your compassion to one another; in our sorrow give us the calm of your peace, and kindle our hope, and in your good time, let our grief give way to joy, through Jesus Christ our Deliverer. ***Amen.***

Rest eternal grant to Matthew, O Lord:
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, + and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ***Amen.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

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 everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Participating in Today's Service

Reader
Peggy DeMayo

Reflections
Elizabeth Meyer

Ushers
Steve Turner and Larry Andria

Organist
Stephen Hunt

Lay Eucharistic Minister
John Kern

Celebrant
Father Chris Jubinski

From the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (P. 507)

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Frederick Finlay Meyer

Frederick Finlay Meyer lived a full life, departing on December 18th at the age of 98. He leaves behind a legacy of stewardship, demonstrated throughout his 25-year career as a Planning Director for the Town of Smithtown, as well as his dedication to the creation and preservation of the building that is now the Remsenburg Academy.

Fred was born in Brooklyn and grew up in Floral Park. After a short stint in the army, he attended Adelphi University for his undergraduate degree and then New York University for graduate school.

During his tenure as Planning Director, Fred was instrumental in facilitating the acquisition of numerous private properties that went on to become jewels of the community, including Hoyt Farm Park and the Smithtown Township Arts Council Center.

After his retirement, he and his wife, Monica, moved to Remsenburg. Never content to stop working entirely, he consulted on many zoning and development projects on Long Island. He also immersed himself in creating many gardens at his home.

For as long as he could remember, Fred loved everything to do with gardening. His Remsenburg gardens became a work of art and gave him much satisfaction. He loved sharing them with the public, and they were included on many garden tours.

Fred Meyer was predeceased by his beloved wife, Monica Meyer. He is survived by his daughters, Elizabeth Meyer (the late S. Kameika and the late T. Parkany) and Jennifer Martinuzzi (Eric Martinuzzi), and grandchildren, Fudia Kameika, the late Effy Kameika, Eva Martinuzzi, and Paul Martinuzzi.

There will be a service and celebration of his life in the spring.

For those wishing to express sympathy, donations to the Remsenburg Academy, Saint Mark's Stained Glass Window Restoration, or East End Hospice would be a meaningful tribute.

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WESTHAMPTON BEACH, NY

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

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Church Services
Saturdays 5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist
Sundays 9:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist in the church (Livestreamed)
The first "Sunday" of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

Thursday Services
11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office
8:00 PM Compline via zoom
Office Hours
Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
All Members of Saint Mark's are Ministers of the Church!
The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano—*Bishop of Long Island*
The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf—*Assisting Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. William Franklin—*Assisting Bishop*

The Very Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski
Rector of Saint Mark's
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Dean of the Peconic Deanery
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Chris Adams—*Facilities Manager*
Rosanna Davis—*Director of St. Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool*
Tom Horan —*Warden*
Steve DeCaro - *Warden*

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***(Class of 2027)* Diane Feil, John Kern, Sandy Wyman**
***(Class of 2029)* Tom Hadlock, Madeline Glover, Norma-Jeanne Okula**
Thomas Simson—*Treasurer*
Carol Fitton – *Clerk of the Vestry*

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