

Celebration of Life in Christ

James Witke Beutler

St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Prior Lake, MN

June 12, 2020 - 2 PM

The Invocation

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In Holy Baptism we are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all sin. St. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

People: We were therefore buried with Him by 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. For if we have been united with Him in His death, we shall certainly be united with Him in His resurrection. (Romans 6:3-5)

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to James and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 23

ALL: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.

Solo - "O Come to the Altar"

Madeline Lee and Mark Ballard (guitarist)

(lyrics and music by Mac Brock & Steve Furtick)

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

Pastor: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

John 14:1-3

Pastor: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place I am going."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message

Text: John 11: 25 – Rev. James Jobst

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." *John 11:25-26a*

Prayers & Committal

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, by Your three-day rest in the tomb You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You, promising resurrection to our mortal bodies. Bless this resting place, so that the earthly body of our brother, James, may sleep here in peace until the time of your full glory, when You raise our lowly bodies and clothe us in eternal light with a new body united in the splendor of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen

Pastor: We now commit the body of our brother James to this resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, Dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself. May God the Father who created this body; may God the Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Remember us in your Kingdom Lord and teach us to pray,

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Departing in Peace – Song of Simeon

Pastor: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever: Amen

Concluding Collect

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with James and all those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Benediction & Blessing

Pastor: "The Lord is near. Do not be anxious in anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

All: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Jesus is Risen!

All: He is Risen in Deed, Alleluia!

Family Tribute
Marion Hansen (*sister*)

Special Music
“See You Again”
Madeline Lee and Mark Ballard (guitarist)
(Music and lyrics by Charlie Puth, Wiz Khalifa)

Pallbearers

Ronnie Singewald,
Mike Freese,
Chris Myster,

Jr. Maldonado,
Pat Kadrlik,
Lance Crooks

Officiating Pastor
Reverend James Jobst
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