Mass of Resurrection

for

Steven Francis M^{c}Sweeney

Born to Christ December 31, 1943
Rose to Glory October 23, 2026

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GATHERING SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee, Who was, and is, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see: Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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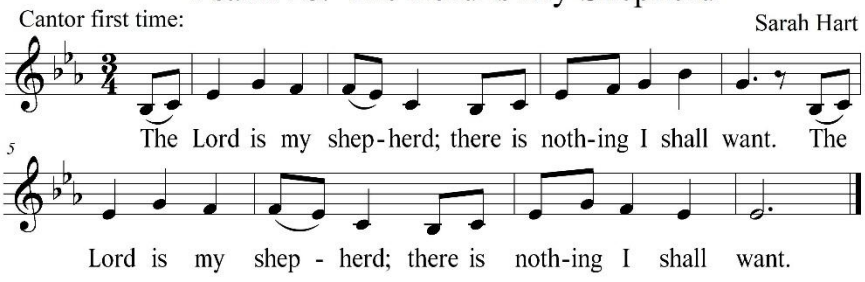
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<u>THE LITURGY OF THE WORD</u>

FIRST READING **ISAIAH 25: 6A, 7 – 9**

Read by Lou Marconyak
Response: "Thanks be to God."

Psalm 23/ The Lord is My Shepherd



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SECOND READING **ROMANS 8: 31B – 35, 37 – 39**

Response: "Thanks be to God."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL **JOHN 14: 1 – 6**

"Praise to you, LORD, Jesus Christ."**HOMILY**

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Response: "LORD, Hear Our Prayer."

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we; let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts. 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. Hosanna in the Highest!

Save Us Savior

Save us Savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free; you have set us free.

Great Amen

COMMUNION RITE

The 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.

(Pause for Presider)

For thine is the Kingdom… Amen.

Exchange of Peace

Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us *(repeat).*
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR NON-CATHOLICS

For guests who have joined this Celebration of Life for Steven and do not share our Catholic Eucharistic Faith tradition, you are invited to the table during the Procession. Please come with your hands folded over your heart, and you will receive a blessing.

The Supper of the Lord

Refrain: Precious body, precious blood, seen as bread and wine; here the Lord prepares the feast divine. Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured: come, share the supper of the Lord.

1. This is the bread of God coming down from heav'n, giving life to us, to all the world.
2. "I am the living spring of eternal life; you that drink from me shall not thirst again."
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giving life to you; you that eat this bread shall never die."

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I Am the Bread of Life

1. I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the father beckons.

   Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
   and I will raise you up on the last day.

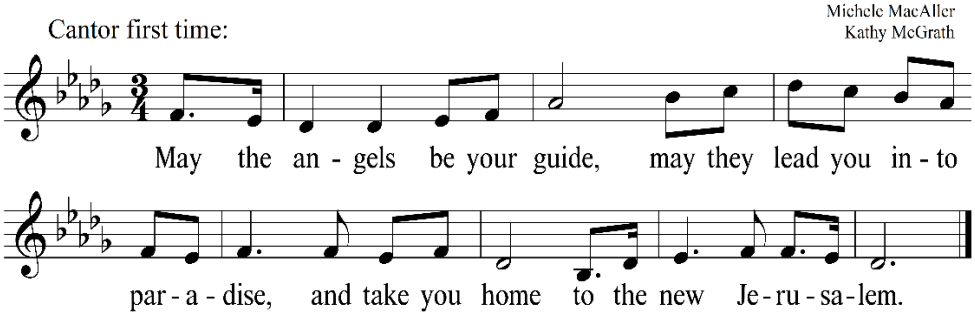
2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and you who eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever.
3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.
4. I am the resurrection. I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever.

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FINAL PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION

May the Angels Be Your Guide

Michele MacAller
Kathy McGrath



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SENDING FORTH

Sing to the Mountains

Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice.

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea. You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song.
2. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice. Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glory of God.

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