

Mass of Resurrection

for

William M^cCarthy

Born to Christ July 14, 1941
Rose to Glory September 2, 2026

Rev. Father Nicholas Bulabuza
Rev. Mr. Tom M^cFeely

Church of the Ascension
Virginia Beach, VA
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GATHERING SONG

“Ave Maria” by F. Schubert

BLESSING WITH SYMBOLS OF BAPTISM IN CHRIST

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

WISDOM 3: 1 – 9

Read by Eibhlin Moreno
Response: “Thanks be to God.”

Psalm 23/ The Lord is My Shepherd

Cantor first time: Sarah Hart

The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want. The
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SECOND READING

2 TIMOTHY 4: 6 – 8

Read by Mary Elizabeth Campbell
Response: “Thanks be to God.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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JOHN 14: 1 – 6

“Praise to you, LORD, Jesus Christ.”

HOMILY

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Read by Erick and Eoghan Moreno
Response: “LORD, Hear Our Prayer.”

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

GIFT BEARERS

Judy Rodriguez, Sanny Rodriguez, and Eoghan Moreno

Prayer of Saint Francis

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord. And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.
3. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Text: Based on the prayer traditionally ascr. To St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; Sebastian Temple, b. 1928. Music: Sebastian Temple © 1967 OCP Publications.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 William 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 from the clergy.

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. The LORD has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me and I will give you rest.

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!

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FAMILY REFLECTIONS

FINAL PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION

May the Angels Be Your Guide

Cantor first time: Michele MacAller
Kathy McGrath

May the an - gels be your guide, may they lead you in - to
par - a - dise, and take you home to the new Je - ru - sa - lem.

The musical notation is written on two staves in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below the notes.

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SENDING FORTH

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life; say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust."

Refrain: And He 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 His hand.

For to his angels he'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.

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