

Mass of Christian Burial
Joan S. Atwell

Born to Life October 23, 1932
Entered Eternal Life March 14, 2026



Celebrant: Reverend Robert S. Bourcy

Church of the Transfiguration
Wednesday, March 25, 2026



Introductory Rite

Pall Bearers

Bill Atwell, Ed McCarthy Vincent Betette, and Michael McCarthy

Placement of the Pall

Processional

“Be Not Afraid”

1. 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.

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

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. Be not afraid...
3. 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! Be not afraid...

Words of Remembrance

Katelyn Compton

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Ecc 3:1-8

Jeanne Betette

Responsorial:

“Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants
beyond my fears from death into life.”

Second Reading

Phil 4:4-7

Carolyn Paddock

Gospel Acclamation

“Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ”
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Gospel

Jn 14:1-6

Fr. Robert S. Bourcy

Homily

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Prayers of the Faithful

Kris McCarthy

Presentation of Gifts

Julia McCarthy, Jack McCarthy and Liam Paddock

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

“Come and Rest in the Arms of God”

REFRAIN: Come and rest in the arms of God, leave your worry and fear make your home in the heart of God, God will dry every tear. For the burden you carry will fade within God's care, come and rest in the arms of God.

1. Gentle is God's way and humble is God's heart. God's love will light the way that leads to peace. Surely you shall see God's goodness and God's grace: Rest now in God's embrace. REFRAIN

2. Do not be afraid; God heals the broken heart. Through grief and disbelief God still remains. God and God alone will be your soul's true rest: Fall in the arms of God. REFRAIN

3. You are not alone, for God is always near. Come, place your doubt and fear within God's care. God will give you rest and soothe your weary soul: Dwell in the heart of God. REFRAIN

Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn

“One Bread, One Body”

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

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| 1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more. | One bread... |
| 2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. | One bread... |
| 3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. | One bread... |

Meditation

“Ave Maria”

Song of Farewell

“Go In Peace”

Refrain: Go in peace, God be with you, Go in peace, be at rest.
With the saints and the angels, Now you are free. Go in peace.

1. 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!”

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.

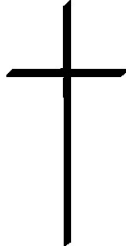
2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. And he will raise...
3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. And he will raise...
4. 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.

And he will raise...

Coda: And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.



*Thank you for your presence here today in celebrating
Joan's earthly life. Please join us in our Gathering Area
following Mass for a light reception.*



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