

# ST AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*in the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia*



A Liturgy of Thanksgiving to God for the Life of

**Robert Del Stevens**

July 23, 1937 – May 21, 2026

June 27, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Welcome and thank you for coming to honor and celebrate the life of Bob Stevens. The hymns and lessons from Scripture in today's service were chosen by Bob's family and are reflections of his Christian journey.

Please join the family for a reception in Dietel Hall following the service.

Memorial gifts in honor of Bob Stevens may be placed in the basket at the back of the church before, after, or during the service. Gifts given in memory and honor of Bob will go to St Aidan's Memorial Fund for projects of lasting significance. Checks may be made out to St Aidan's with "Bob Stevens" in the memo line.

#### MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

The Rev. S. Drew Foisie, *Rector*  
Bob Perry & Freda McKeown, *Chalice Bearers*  
JoAnn Moffett & Jackie Humes-Fear, *Lectors*  
Bill White & Jeff Johnson, *Ushers*  
Heather Frakes, *Organist*



#### AN IRISH BLESSING

*May the road rise  
to meet you.  
May the wind be  
always at your back.  
May the sun shine  
warm upon your face,  
the rains fall soft  
upon your fields and,  
until we meet again,  
may God hold you in  
the palm of his hand.*

# A Liturgy of Celebration and Thanksgiving to God for the Life of Bob Stevens

PRELUDE MUSIC

ANTHEMS SPOKEN IN PROCESSION

*The Rev. Drew Foisie*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead,  
yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth  
and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;  
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;  
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,  
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,  
and no man dieth to himself.

For if we live, we live unto the Lord.  
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.

Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

OPENING HYMN

Morning has broken

H 8

*Unison or harmony*

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

*The Celebrant then says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Bob, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS 3:22-26,31-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

***Thanks be to God.***

**THE PSALM 23, in unison**

The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN 21:2-7

I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 They loved their Lord so \_\_\_\_\_ dear, so dear, and \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who \_\_\_\_\_ toiled and \_\_\_\_\_ fought and \_\_\_\_\_  
 his love \_\_\_\_\_ made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for \_\_\_\_\_  
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the \_\_\_\_\_ world is \_\_\_\_\_ bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And \_\_\_\_\_  
 Je - sus' sake, the \_\_\_\_\_ whole of their good lives long. And \_\_\_\_\_  
 joy - ous saints who \_\_\_\_\_ love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -  
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was \_\_\_\_\_ slain  
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the \_\_\_\_\_ green: they were all of them saints of \_\_\_\_\_  
 by a fierce wild \_\_\_\_\_ beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -  
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of \_\_\_\_\_ God are just



God - and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
 folk like \_\_\_\_\_ me, and I mean to be one too.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away~ and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## THE HOMILY

*The Rev. Drew Foisie*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth;  
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead, and buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day he rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
 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** *The people respond to every petition with **Amen**.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. **Amen.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. **Amen.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Bob to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with Bob and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*All greet those nearby, wishing one another God's peace.*

# HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

*The Offering today are the memorial gifts given in honor of Bob Stevens.*

*Thank you for your kindness and generosity.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer 1*

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the Heavens. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*All* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept. Then the Celebrant says:*

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

#### *Prayer of Humble Access*

*All* **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.  
But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### THE COMMUNION

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

**All who desire a deeper walk with Christ** are welcome at the altar for Holy Communion.

- The wine may be received by sipping or intinction (dipping the bread in the wine before eating it).  
\*Please be mindful to not let fingers touch the wine when intincting the bread.\*
- If you wish to receive the bread only and not the wine cross arms over your chest as the chalice is presented to you.
- If you need gluten-free bread, please inform the priest at the altar rail.
- If you do not wish to receive Communion but rather desire a blessing, cross arms over chest at the altar rail.
- If you do not wish to receive Communion at this time you may choose to remain in your seat for prayer.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ric feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

#### THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

*All:* Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### THE COMMENDATION

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints.

*People* **Where sorrow and pain are no more,  
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

*People* **where sorrow and pain are no more,  
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

The Celebrant, facing the remains, says

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Bob.  
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold,  
a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming.  
Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest  
of everlasting peace, and into the glorious  
company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### THE DISMISSAL

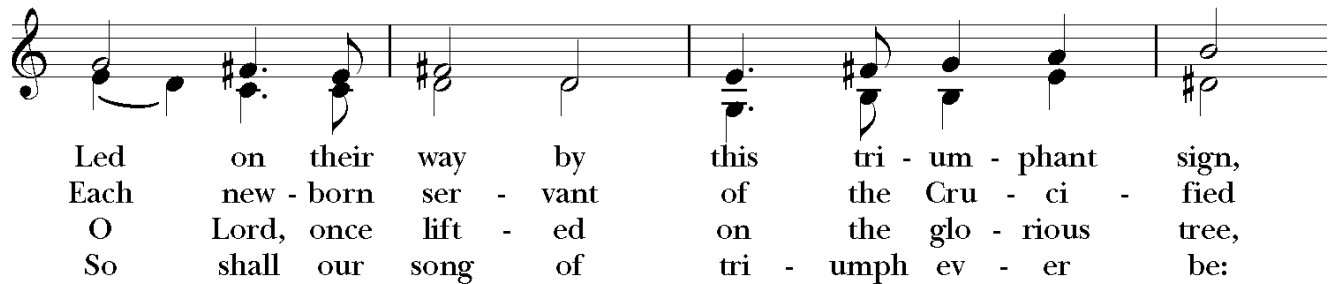
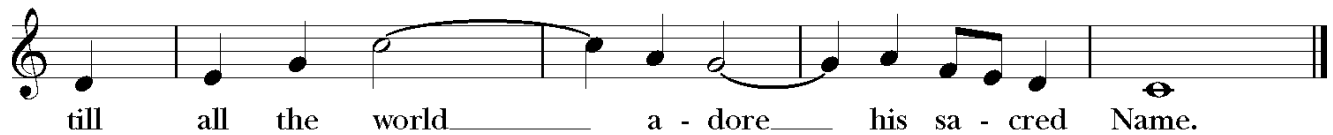
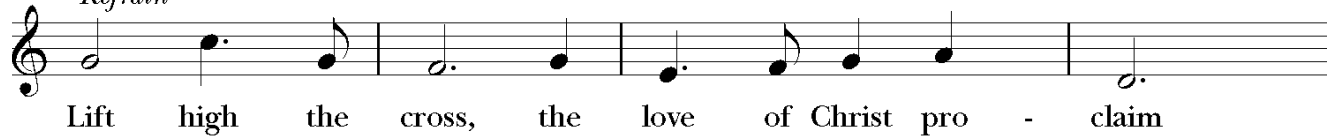
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *People: Thanks be to God.*

### THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

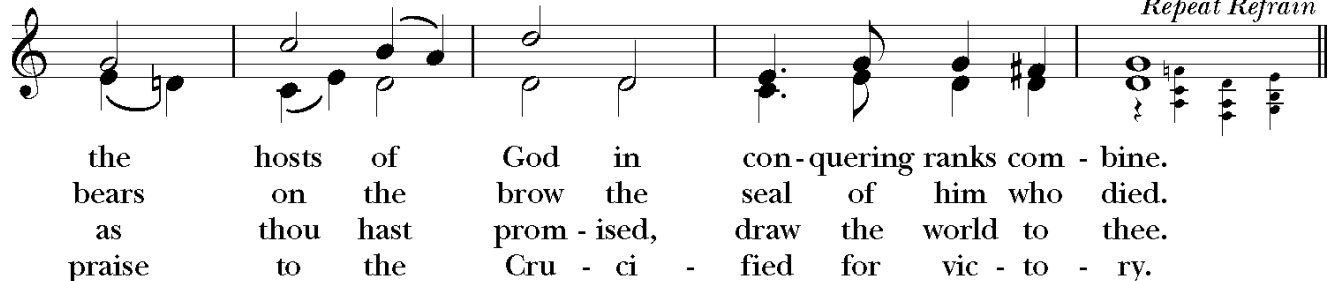
*Lift High the Cross*

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*Refrain*



*Repeat Refrain*



## THE COMMITTAL

*The Officiant begins with the following anthem*

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me;  
and him that cometh to me  
I will in no wise cast out.

He that raised up Jesus from the dead  
will also give life to our mortal bodies,  
by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.

Wherefore my heart is glad,  
and my spirit rejoiceth;  
my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life;  
in thy presence is the fullness of joy,  
and at thy right hand there is pleasure  
for evermore.

*Bob's remains are here placed in the Columbarium  
by his family.*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to  
eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we commend to Almighty God our brother Bob;  
and we commit his body to the ground;  
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.**

*The officiant then says*

The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Father of all, we pray to you for  
those we love, but see no longer:  
Grant them your peace;  
let light perpetual shine upon them;  
and, in your loving wisdom  
and almighty power,  
work in them the good purpose  
of your perfect will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:*

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;  
**And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

May Bob's soul, and the souls of all  
the departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant sends forth the people  
with these words*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

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