

*Grace Episcopal Church  
Ellensburg, Washington*

*Gerry Stacy*



*Celebration of Life  
August 9, 2024 at 1 PM*

# THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD, RITE TWO

## Prelude

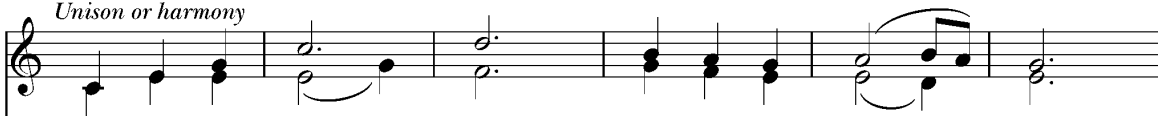
*Celebrant: Welcome*

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

## Processional Hymn: Morning has broken

Hymnal 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! \_\_\_\_\_

*Celebrant:* I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he dies. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us Pray.

## **The Collect**

*All:* **O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother, Gerry Stacy. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## A Reading from the Second Book of Esdras

8:52-54

"For all of you, paradise lies open, the tree of life is planted,  
the age to come is made ready, and rich abundance is in store.

The city is already built, rest from toil is assured,  
goodness and wisdom are brought to perfection.

The root of evil has been sealed off from you.

For you there is no more illness, death is abolished, hell has fled,  
and decay is quite forgotten.

All sorrows are at an end,  
and the treasure of immortality has been finally revealed."

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

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

## Psalm 121

### A song of Ascents

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the mountains —  
where does my help come from?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot slip —  
he who watches over you will not slumber;

<sup>4</sup> **indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup> The Lord watches over you —  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord will keep you from all harm –  
he will watch over your life;  
<sup>8</sup>**the Lord will watch over your coming and going  
both now and forevermore.**

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

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

## Epistle

**Revelation 21:1-4**

### The New Heaven and the New Earth

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; <sup>3</sup> and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is among the people. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,<sup>[a]</sup> and God himself will be with them;<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>4</sup> he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

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

## Gospel

**John 14: 1-3**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## Apostles Creed

*Celebrant:* In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and confess,

***All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.***

## Prayers of the People

*Celebrant:* For our brother, Gerry Stacy, Let us pray to Our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "I Am the Resurrection and I am the Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Gerry, and dry the tears of those who weep.

*People: Hear us, Lord.*

*Celebrant:* You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; Comfort us in our sorrow.

*People: Hear us, Lord.*

*Celebrant:* You raised the dead to life; give to our brother Gerry eternal life.

*People: Hear us, Lord.*

*Celebrant:* You promised paradise to the thief who repented; Bring our brother Gerry to the joys of heaven.

*People: Hear us, Lord.*

*Celebrant:* Lord of all, we pray to you for Gerry, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetually shine upon them. May Gerry's soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*People: Amen*

**Offertory Anthem: Ubi Caritas**

**Katie Parks**

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST Eucharistic Prayer C**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People: **We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant:* All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

*Celebrant:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.***

*Celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People: **By your will they were created and have their being.***

*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People:* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People:* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## **Sanctus**

## **Hymnal S 129**

*Celebrant and People:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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.**

*Please stand or kneel in body or spirit as you are able.*

*Celebrant:* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

*People:* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant:* Lord God our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People:* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant:* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with your and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Communion

*All are welcome to receive communion. Full communion is received through the bread or the cup. Both bread and wine are now available. To receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## Communion Anthem: Adoro devote

**Katie Parks**

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

## Post Communion Prayer

**All: Father of all, we pray to you for Gerry Stacy, and for all those whom we love but see now longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

## The Commendation

*Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Gerry, with your saints,*

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

*Celebrant: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created us, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

***People: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Gerry with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

*Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Gerry. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.*

*People: Amen.*

## Blessing

*Celebrant:* May God bless you and guard you.

May the light of God shine upon you, and may God be gracious to you.

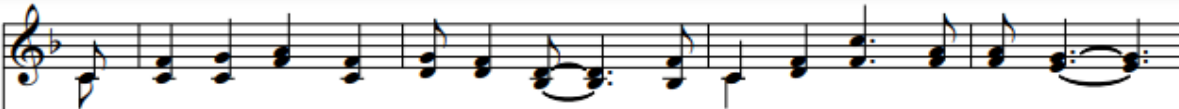
May the presence of God be with you and give you peace.

*People:* *Amen.*


*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## Final Hymn: How can I keep from singing



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a - bove earth's la - men - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sa - vior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain e - ver spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

*Refrain*


No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of hea-ven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

Text: Robert Lowry (1826-1899), alt.  
 Tune: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)



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 ENDLESS SONG  
[www.hymnary.org/text/my\\_life\\_flows\\_on\\_in\\_endless\\_song](http://www.hymnary.org/text/my_life_flows_on_in_endless_song)

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

**Postlude: O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**Carl. G. Glaser**  
**arr. Cindy Barry**



### **Worship Team**

**Today's Celebrant:** The Reverend Ashley Mather

**Lay Reader:** Ed Danis

**Server:** Ed Danis

**Lector:** Rosemary Harrell

**Organist:** Rhoda Barber

**Vocalist:** Katie Parks

