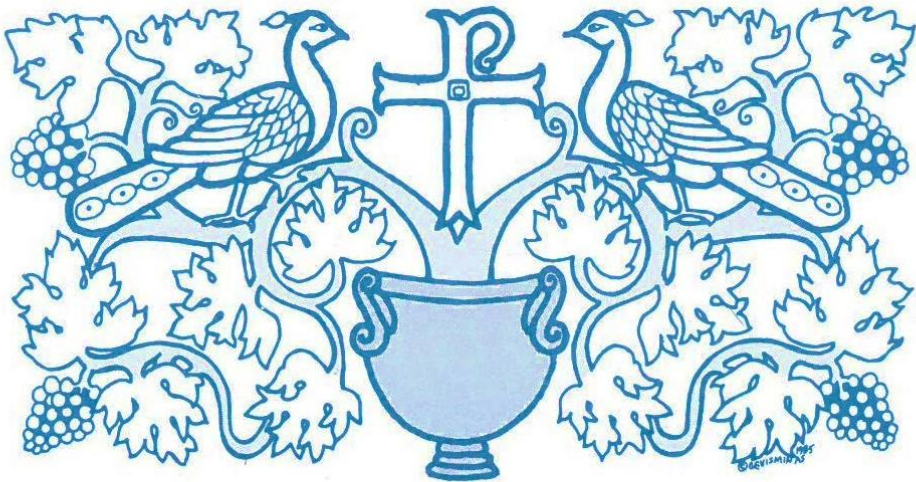


YET EVEN AT THE GRAVE
WE MAKE OUR SONG:



ALLELUIA
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Burial of the Dead

✠ Harry Arnold Eklund, Jr. ✠

Thursday, May 1, 2025 + 11:00 a.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Born: July 17, 1932 + Baptized: November 1, 1932 + Died: April 21, 2025

We gather today to worship Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit, who now welcomes ✠ Harry ✠ into his resurrection life.

The congregation is encouraged to participate in this service of worship by speaking the responses and prayers, and by singing the hymns. Please use this worship folder to follow the service.

The pall which is placed over the urn is a reminder of the white garment ✠ Harry ✠ put on at his baptism, a sign that in baptism we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, our hope in life and in death. The Paschal candle is a symbol of Christ's presence, granted through his saving death and resurrection, for Jesus' resurrection has now become ✠ Harry's ✠ new and eternal life.

The Liturgy of Entrance

PRELUDE

AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH

(Please stand and face the entrance to the church when the bell sounds.)

- P** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

- Ⓟ Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life:
- Ⓞ **We glorify you.**
- Ⓟ Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life:
- Ⓞ **We praise you.**
- Ⓟ Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope:
- Ⓞ **We worship you.**
- Ⓟ To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
- Ⓞ **Amen.**

As the hymn begins, the urn is sprinkled with water, recalling Harry's baptism into Christ, and the congregation is also sprinkled.

AT THE PROCESSION

“For All the Saints”

HYMN 422

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 5 – All, in harmony

Stanza 3 – All, in harmony

Stanzas 6, 7 – All, unison

REETING AND PRAYER

- Ⓟ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Ⓞ **And also with you.**
- Ⓟ Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Harry. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- Ⓞ **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-3a

(seated)

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 67

The verses are sung by all, using the following tone:



SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the assembly)*

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

HYMN 380

Stanzas 1 and 2 are sung before the reading.

Stanzas 3-5 are sung following the reading.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-6

Response after the announcement: **☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

A brief silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

(standing)

HYMN 781

Stanza 3 may be sung in harmony.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

Response: **☩ hear our prayer.**

PEACE

(standing)

You are invited to share God’s peace with those around you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR *(seated, standing as the gifts are brought forward)*

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

HYMN 366

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – Low voices

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 5 – All, unison

Stanza 3 – All, in harmony

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Sanctus

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Eucharistic Prayer

Ⓟ Holy God, holy and mighty, . . . Christ’s death until he comes.

☩ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Ⓟ Therefore, O God, . . . great and promised feast.

☩ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Ⓟ Send now, we pray, . . . with all your saints in light.

☩ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Ⓟ Join our prayers . . . holy Church, now and forever.

☩ **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

Ⓟ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

☩ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

AT THE COMMUNION

(seated)

Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup. The bread is gluten-free.

If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.

“Lamb of God”

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“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”
Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

HYMN 756

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”
Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

HYMN 384

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING

(standing)

Response: **☩ Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to 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 your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ Amen

Commendation and Sending

NUNC DIMITTIS

HYMN 201

“Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace”

COMMENDATION

P Let us commend Harry to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands . . . the glorious company of the saints in light.

☩ Amen

BLESSING

Response: **☩ Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Let us go forth in peace,

☩ in the name of Christ. Amen

HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

HYMN 834

POSTLUDE

The procession leaves during the postlude.

All are cordially invited to the Undercroft for a light luncheon following the liturgy.

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