

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Rite II - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30 PM



The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Presider & Preacher

Anthony J. Rafaniello ~ Director of Music & Organist

Casey Woodruff ~ Senior Warden & Kathleen M. Murray ~ Junior Warden

*The Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of all those we love but see no longer*

Prelude

"Kingsfold" – Anne Krentz Organ

At the end of the prelude, the bells are rung and the People stand for the procession of the Cross.

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Hymn

Kingsfold

Take Up the Song 227

1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
4 We thank you, God, for kind - ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,

a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch - ing of a breath,
our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
to share the short - ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
il - lu - min - ing our pil - grim - age through mists of doubt and fears;

a drop with - in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos - mic space,
You filled your cross - closed years with love; you loved us to the end
for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass - ing days;

a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time tran - scend.
for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer 355

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Preparatory Prayer

BCP 355

Presider Let us pray.

God of grace and glory, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope: help us to live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life, and strengthen this faith and hope in us all the days of our life; through the love of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

David Hurd

Music for Celebration

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Chri-ste e-le-i-son, Chri-ste e-le-i-son, Chri-ste e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

Collect

Great Cloud of Witnesses

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading

Wisdom 3:1-9

Reader A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

De profundis

Plainsong Psalter

All sing the Antiphon and Psalm.



With the LORD there is mer - cy, and with him there is plen - teous re - demp - tion.



TONE III.5

- 1 Out öf the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LÓRD, hear mÿ voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my sup/plicátion.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to nóte what is dóne ämiss, *
O Lord, / who cöuld ständ?
- 3 For there is forgíveness wíth you; *
therefore you / shall bé féared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my söl waits föö him; *
in his word / is mÿ höpe.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than wáchmen for thé mörning, *
more than watchmen for / the mórning.
- 6 O Israel, wáit for thé LORD, *
for with the LORD there / is mércÿ;
- 7 With him there is plénteous redémption, *
and he shall redeem Israel / from áll their síns. [Ant.]

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Proclaiming Hymn

Eventide

Hymnal 662

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Holy Gospel

John 5:24-27

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the people, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life. Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

"For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, and he has given him authority to execute judgment because he is the Son of Man."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

Homily

Andrew Kruger

Litany of Remembrance

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let the book of the names of those to be remembered be brought forth.

The ushers bring the book to the Presider, who continues.

Memories of our loved ones will come to us, unbidden, sometimes unexpected, in all the various moments of our lives. Let us remember before God, on this holy night of remembrance, the faithful departed.

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud; then silence is kept.

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

In the rising of the sun and its going down, **we remember them.**

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of Winter, **we remember them.**

At the opening of buds and in the rebirth of Spring, **we remember them.**

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of Summer, **we remember them.**

At the rustling of leaves and the beauty of Autumn, **we remember them.**

At the beginning of the year and when it ends, **we remember them.**

When we are weary and in need of strength, **we remember them.**

When we are lost and sick at heart, **we remember them.**

When we have joys we yearn to share, **we remember them.**

When we have decisions that are difficult to make, **we remember them.**

The People place flowers in the vase next to the Paschal candle.

Presider Rest eternal grant them, O Lord:
People **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Presider May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace:
People **And rise in glory. Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

1 Chronicles 29:11

The Presider says

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

The People sit. Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the Holy Table.



*The Ushers pass the collection plates among the people.
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Offertory Anthem

“The Beautiful Land” – Scott Perkins

Text: Fanny J. Crosby

We have heard of a land on whose blue, ether skies
Not a cloud for a moment can stay;
And it needs not the sun in his splendor to rise
For the Lord is the light of its day;
We have heard of that land, and its glory we seek,
Where the faithful with Jesus shall dwell,
Where the roses of youth never fade from the cheek,
And the lips never murmur, Farewell.

We have talked of that land, when our journey was long,
 And our hearts overburdened with care;
 We have talked of the blest at the river of song,
 And how oft we have sighed to be there;
 And our faith has gone up, like a bird on the wing,
 To that land on eternity's shore,
 Where the joy bells of Eden forever shall ring,
 And the soul shall be weary no more.

We are nearing that land, we are nearing the gate,
 To the city of jasper and gold,
 Where the Savior to welcome His children doth wait,
 And will gather them into the fold;
 To the fold of His love, in the mansions above,
 Where forever with Him they shall dwell,
 And the eyes that were sad in His smile shall be glad,
 And the lips never murmur, Farewell.

Offertory hymn

Tallis' Canon

Take Up the Song 327

1 May an - gels lead, with gen - tle hand, your
 2 From earth - ly toils and sins re - lease your
 3 Lord, grant your per - fect peace and rest to

soul in - to the prom - ised land; where saints and mar - tyrs
 ser - vant, Lord, to go in peace; whose eyes have seen sal -
 our dear friend, your ser - vant blest; de - liv - ered up from

wel - come in, and per - fect rest and peace be - gin.
 va - tion come: the Light of Lights, our heav'n - ly home.
 mor - tal strife, re - born to your a - bun - dant life.

The People stand; the ushers bring the collection plates to the ministers.

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 367

Presider *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

William Mathias

Hymnal S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints, into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Great Amen

Mathias/Kruger



Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

**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.**

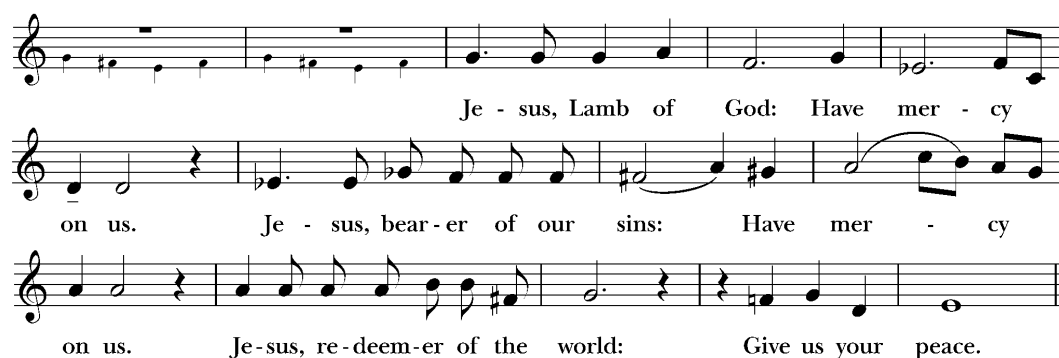
**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

William Mathias

Hymnal S 165



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Invitation

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Presider

The Gifts of God:

People

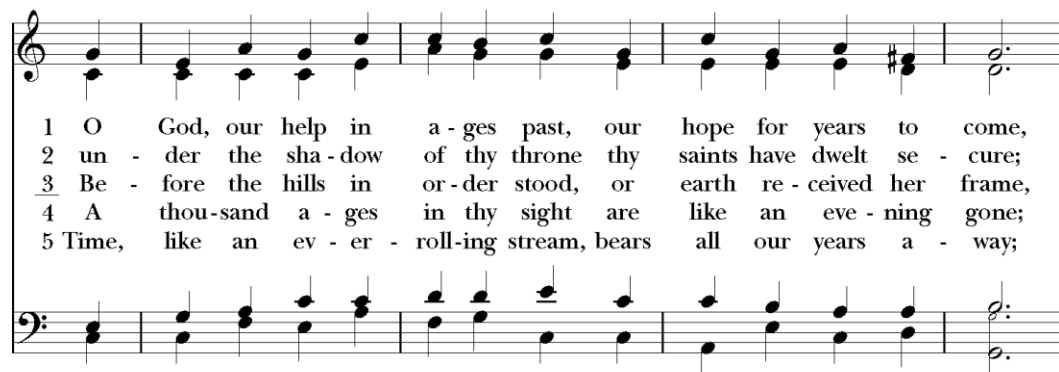
for the People of God.

The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. All who hunger for God, including children, are cordially invited to share the Gifts of God offered at this table. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. All persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the full spiritual benefits of communion. Wine is offered by way of a sip from the common cup. You may choose to receive only the host. Gluten-free wafers are available by request to the priest.

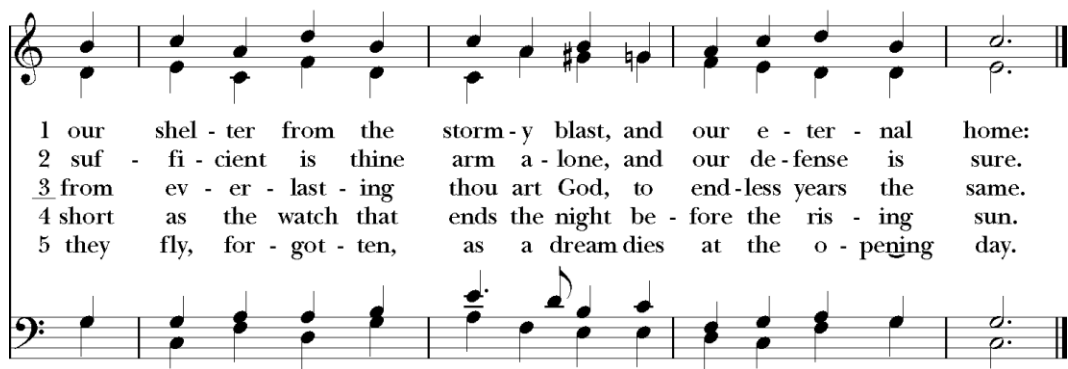
First Communion Hymn

St Anne

Hymnal 680



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Second Communion Hymn

Land of Rest

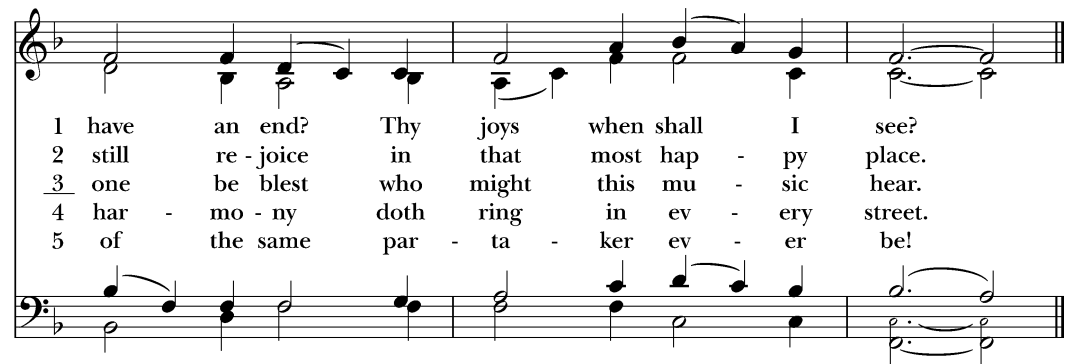
Hymnal 620



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God



1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

With-in ourdark-est night, you kin-dle a firethatnev-er dies a -

way, thatnev-er dies a - way. With-in ourdark-est night, youkin - dle a

firethatnev-er dies a - way, thatnev-er dies a - way. With-in ourdark-est

Post-Communion Prayer

EOW 70

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

**God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ
which we have celebrated in this Eucharist bring us,
with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation,
to whom be glory for time and for eternity. Amen.**

Commendation

BCP 499 alt

Presider Into your most merciful hands, O Savior, we commend all those who have died.
Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners
of your own redeeming. Enfold them in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest
of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

People **Amen.**

Blessing

Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn

Ellacombe

Hymnal 210

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,
our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Dismissal

BCP 366

Presider

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

"Trumpet Tune in A" – Michael Helman

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

From ancient times, Christians have gathered to remember before God those whom we love and see no longer. Earlier observances of 'All Souls' often emphasized prayers for the dead as they awaited the fullness of eternal life with God. In our celebration, the emphasis falls not on bargaining with God on behalf of the departed, but on the Church's Easter hope: that in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, death has been overcome and the promise of eternal life has been revealed.

For this reason, the Paschal Candle burns in our midst. Its light, first kindled at Easter, stands as a sign that sorrow and death do not have the final word. Even as we acknowledge grief, loss, and the deep ache of absence, we remember the faithful departed in the confidence that they are held in the life and love of the risen Christ.

As you enter the church, you are invited to record the names of those you wish to remember in the Book of Names. During the service, those names will be spoken aloud in prayer. Flowers will also be provided, and worshippers may place a flower at the foot of the Paschal Candle in memory of someone they love.

For those whose grief is recent, this service may be especially tender. The first months and years after a death are often marked by an absence that is felt in ordinary moments, family gatherings, anniversaries, and the changing of the seasons. 'All Souls' does not ask us to hurry past that grief or to pretend that faith removes the pain of loss. Rather, it gives us a place to bring our sorrow honestly before God, to speak the names of those we miss, and to be surrounded by the prayers of the Church.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed gives voice to questions that have accompanied human beings from the beginning: What becomes of those who die? What becomes of the bonds of love we have shared? The Church's answer is one of hope. Death does not sever the communion we share in Christ. We remember the dead not simply by looking back, but by looking forward in faith to the life of the world to come. Amen.

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