

A Celebration of the Life of
Pastor Donald Duane Parsons

December 2, 1939 - June 14, 2025



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St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Beaverton, Oregon

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GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PRELUDES

Sleepers Awake! J. S. Bach
Rhosymedre, Ralph Vaughn Williams
Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring, J. S. Bach
We Now Implore the Holy Spirit, Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

The assembly may stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Don was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

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.

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.

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.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Borning Cry | ELW 732

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Don. 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 your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

REMEMBRANCES

Pr. Paul Swanson, Ehren Parsons

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pr. Allison Bengfort, violin

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 41:10

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 5:24-29

A reading from John.

²⁴Very 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. ²⁵Very 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. ²⁶For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, ²⁷and he has given him authority to execute judgment because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸Do not be astonished at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹and will come out: those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly may stand.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

Pr. Stan Berntson

The assembly may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me | ELW 755

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

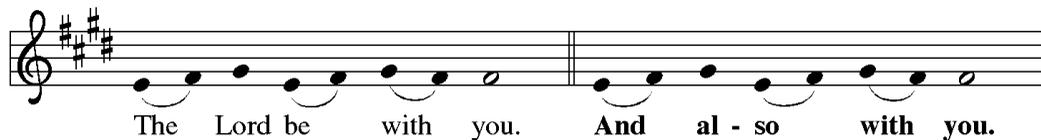
God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

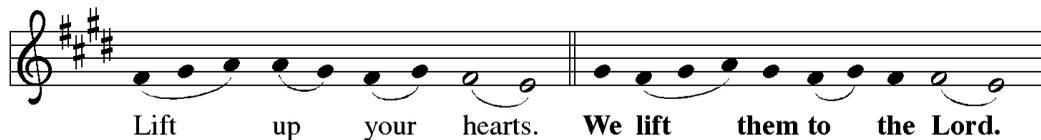
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (handshake, hug, peace sign, etc.). Placing your hands together in a praying position will signal to those around you that you prefer not to physically touch others.

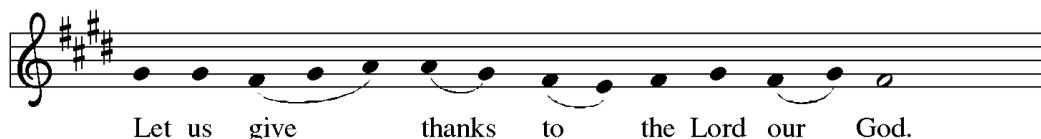
DIALOGUE



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.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to commune without exception! At the direction of an usher, those wishing to commune may proceed down the center aisle. A piece of gluten-free bread will be placed in your hands. You may dip the bread in the wine (red chalice) or the grape juice (light-colored chalice), or you may choose to partake of bread only. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please alert an usher, and the elements will be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

O Jesus, I Have Promised | ELW 810

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song | ELW 808

The assembly may stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMENDATION

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Don. 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.

Amen.

BLESSING

May God enfold us and surround us, in our speaking and in our thinking, in our singing and in our silence.

May God protect us when we sleep, in our waking and our watching, in all our hopes and in all our dreams.

In our hearts and in our living, in our deeds and in our rest, and in our ever-living soul, may we find God's eternal grace.

In the name of the Three of Limitless Love: † Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee | ELW 836

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You, Timothy Albrecht

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to:

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Luther Seminary
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Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pr. Allison Bengfort

Preacher: Pr. Stan Berntson

Lectors: Rayce Keely, Zach Keely, Cooper Keely

Musicians: Dcn. Susan Werner Reiser, Pr. Allison Bengfort

Ushers: Bill & Sandi Beavers and Mike & Linda McDowell

Tech Team: Paul Navarre, Chase Isaacson

Memorial Service Coordinator: Pat Christiansen

Reception Coordinators: Pam & Tom Jelineo

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