

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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Robert Joe Welden

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

September 5, 2020

1:00pm

Preludes

**Mary Ann DeWitt
Doug Beardsley**

The Burial of the Dead

Rite II

Processional Hymn

(Amazing Grace)

Mary Ann DeWitt

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 forever.

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

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother "Joe". 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:12-13

Mary Welden Stasko

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Organ Interlude

The King of Love My Shepherd is

Psalm 23

Janet Fish

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:16--5:9

Joe Simone

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Sequence Hymn

In the Garden

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

Gospel Lesson

John 10:11-16

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

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Eulogy

David Welden

Homily

Fr. Charles Cesaretti

Musical Interlude Dona Nobis Pacem **sung by men of Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church**

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

Celebrant and People

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.

Litany

Chris Johnson

For our brother "Joe", let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

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

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother "Joe" eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother "Joe" to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Our brother "Joe" was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant *him* a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our Brother "Joe"; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother “Joe”, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that *his* death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father’s love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

The Commendation

Fr. Charles A. Cesaretti

Priest: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Joe with your saints,

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

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 me, 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.

Priest: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Joe with your saints,

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Joe. 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.*

The Committal

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Joe, and we commit *his* body to its resting place;* 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 to *him*, the Lord lift up his countenance upon *him* and give *him* peace. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says:

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to *him*, O Lord;

People ***And let light perpetual shine upon him.***

Celebrant May *his* soul, and the souls of all the departed,

People ***through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

Postlude Ode to Joy Ludwig Van Beethoven

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Joe Welden

Robert "Joe" Welden of Montrose, PA, died May 2, 2020, at the age of 94 years. Joe was born on August 13, 1925, in Montrose to Robert Sayre and Elsie (Taylor) Welden.

Joe graduated from Montrose High School and then served his country in the Navy during World War II.

He retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

Joe played Jazz Piano professionally. Throughout his lifetime, he studied art and music in Montrose and Philadelphia. He enjoyed creating paintings and collages inspired by jazz and those who play it. Joe has been an inspiration to many with his art and music.

He was predeceased by his mother and father and his first wife Jean Maxey, mother of his three children.

Joe married Esther T. Glaser and they enjoyed 50 years together living in Montrose.

He is survived by his children R. Rexford Welden (Marlene), Hershey, PA, David L. Welden (Janice), Lititz, PA, Mary Stasko (James), Port Crane, NY, step-daughter and End of Life Caregiver, Janet Fish, Montrose, PA, 12 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Due to the pandemic, memorial services will be scheduled at a later date at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Instead of flowers, please consider memorial donations to the Joe Welden Scholarship Fund at Pink Arrow Arts. Please go to www.35pine.com to make an online donation or mail to; 35 Pine Street, Montrose, PA 18801.