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*Funeral Mass for  
Jane Elizabeth Bruer*

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July 25, 1957 - May 17, 2023

St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Chapel Hill, NC  
Friday June 2, 2023

Prelude “Amazing Grace”, “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” *performed on piano by Brenda Hampden*

Entrance Hymn:

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,  
2. All your works with joy sur - round you, Earth and heav'n re -  
3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,  
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus, Which the morn - ing



Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore you,  
flect your rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round you,  
ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,  
stars be - gan; God's own love is reign - ing o'er us,



O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of  
Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,  
O - cean - depth of hap - py rest! God our Fa - ther,  
Join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Ev - er sing - ing,



sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Christ our broth - er, Let your light up - on us shine;  
march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!  
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Sound their praise e - ter - nal - ly!  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph - song of life.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933, alt.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY, 8 7 8 7 D; arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867

# Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading** – Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9 *read by Steve Dickoff*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: “Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 103**

Refrain

The Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful, the  
Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful.

Verses

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name;  
bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits.
2. God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows,  
redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.
3. Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God;  
slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

Text: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8; para. by Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL  
Music: Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

**Second Reading** – Romans 8:31b-35,37-39 *read by Ray Dooley*

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation "Celtic Alleluia"

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins in 6/8 time and contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The second staff continues the melody, changing to 9/8 time for the first measure and then 6/8 time for the final measure, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!".

Text: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker  
Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker  
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## Gospel – Matthew 11:25- 30 read by Fr. Steven DiMassimo

At that time Jesus answered:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for although you have hidden these things  
from the wise and the learned  
you have revealed them to the childlike.  
Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.  
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.  
No one knows the Son except the Father,  
and no one knows the Father except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for yourselves.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

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

**Homily** Fr. Steven Dimassimo

**Prayer of the Faithful** read by Mary Sander

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Presentation of the Gifts “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Gifts presented by Ray and Rebecca Dooley



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift  
2. O rush - ing wind and breez - es soft, O  
3. O flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make  
4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un -  
5. And ev - 'ry one of ten - der heart, For -



up your voice and with us sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
clouds that ride the winds a - loft, Sing your prais - es!  
mu - sic for your Lord to hear, Sing your prais - es!  
fold rich bless - ings on our way, Sing your prais - es!  
giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, Sing your prais - es!



Al - le - lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en beam  
Al - le - lu - ia! O ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice,  
Al - le - lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and bright,  
Al - le - lu - ia! The flow'rs and fruits that in you grow,  
Al - le - lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row bear,



And sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,  
O lights of eve - ning, find a voice.  
Pro - vid - ing us with warmth and light,  
Let them God's glo - ry al - so show.  
Praise God and cast on him your care.



Sing your prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

6. And you, most kind and gentle death,  
Waiting to hush our final breath,  
Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
You lead to heav'n the child of God,  
Where Christ our Lord the way has trod.  
Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
7. Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness,  
Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

# Prayer Over the Offerings

## Eucharistic Prayer

### “Holy”



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### “Memorial Acclamation”



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -



claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

## “Amen”



## Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Three staves of musical notation in G minor (three flats) and 2/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' Hyphens are used under 'a-way' and 'us'.

Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx, © 1971, 1977, GIA Publications, Inc.

## Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist. Thank you for being here with us today. Central to Catholic belief is that of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We believe that in the Eucharistic celebration, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the action of Christ, within the celebrating community, signifying a oneness of faith, life, and worship. It is our hope and prayer that one day, we may realize Christ's prayer: "that all may be one." Until that day, we are unable to offer the Eucharist to those who join us today from other faith traditions that are not in communion with the Catholic Church. Those Catholics who are prepared to receive Holy Communion today are invited to come forward. Those present not receiving Holy Communion today are invited to join with us in prayer and song at this time.

## Communion

“Panis Angelicus” *Cesar Franck*

## Prayer After Communion

Words of Remembrance *delivered by Ray Dooley*

## Song of Farewell

### “Saints of God”

#### Refrain

The musical score for the Refrain is written on three staves. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first two measures are marked "Cantor or choir:" and the last two measures are marked "All:". The lyrics are: "Re - ceive his/her soul, re - ceive his/her soul,". The second staff is also in G major and 3/4 time, with the first two measures marked "Cantor or choir:". The lyrics are: "and pre - sent him/her to God the Most High,". The third staff is in G major and 3/4 time, with the first measure marked "All:". The lyrics are: "and pre - sent him/her to God the Most High.".

#### Verses

1. Saints of God, come to his/her aid!  
Hasten to meet him/her, angels of the Lord!
2. May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;  
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.
3. Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him/her.



# Concluding Rite

## Final Blessing and Dismissal

### Recessional Hymn

#### “May the Angels Lead You into Paradise”



May the an - gels lead you in - to par - a - dise;



may the mar - tyrs come to wel - come you and



take you to the ho - ly cit - y, the



new and e - ter - nal Je - ru - sa - lem.

Text: *In paradisum; Rite of Funerals*, © 1970, ICEL

Tune: *Music for Rite of Funerals and Rite of Baptism for Children*, Howard Hughes, SM, b.1930, © 1977, ICEL



## *Family*

Patrick Bruer  
Steve Dickoff  
Mike Dickoff

## *Ballbearers*

Steve Dickoff  
Mike Dickoff

## *Celebrant*

Fr. Steven DiMassimo

## *Musicians*

. Laura Makey-Gondek, cantor  
Lynn Blakey, cantor  
Brenda Hampden, piano  
Barbara Reynolds, accompanist

## *Funeral Care*

Adrienne Puech

## *Thank You*

The family of Jane Bruer is grateful for your love and support at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Eyes, Ears, Nose and Paws at [eenp.org/main/contact](http://eenp.org/main/contact), or to Horse and Buddy Therapeutic Riding at P.O. Boc 675 Apex, NC 27502.