

The Burial of Anselm Jonathan Macías
April 25, 2015

“For I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand. For this also I believe-that unless I believe I shall not understand.” ~St. Anselm of Canterbury, 12th Century

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Most of our service today comes from *The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two*, in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, 1979 Edition. This contains prayers and confessions from throughout the history of the church. As we mourn today, utilizing these sacred words remind us that we are not alone in our suffering, but that we stand shoulder to shoulder with the wider Body of Christ throughout the years and around the world. Many have found comfort in these words, and a renewed sense of awareness of their union with Christ, who also understands and empathizes with us in our suffering. As we experience this rite together today, may these words be a healing balm for all of us, drawing us closer to each other, and closer to the God who made us, and loved us so much, that He willingly gave His own Son, in order that we might experience union with Him and the Peace which surpasses all understanding. Portions printed in light will be said by the leader, and portions **in bold** will be spoken responsively by all present. If you would like to make the sign of the cross, you may do so at portions marked with a (+).

Opening Hymn: Blessed Be Your Name

1. Bless - ed be Your name In the
 2. Bless - ed be Your name When I'm
 3. Bless - ed be Your name When the
 4. Bless - ed be Your name On the

land that is plen - ti - ful Where Your
 found in the de - sert place Though I
 sun's shin - ing down on me When the
 road marked with suf - fer - ing Though there's

streams of a - bun - dance flow Bless - ed be Your name
 walk through the wil - der - ness Bless - ed be Your name
 world's all as it should be Bless - ed be Your name
 pain in the of - fer - ing Bless - ed be Your name

Ev - ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise

When the dark - ness clos - es in Lord still I will say

CHORUS
 Bless - ed be the name of the Lord Bless - ed be Your name Bless - ed be the
 name of the Lord Bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name

1. to 3rd verse!
 name. You give and take a - way You give and take a - way My
 heart will choose to say Lord bless - ed be Your name

In the midst of life we are in death; from whom can we seek help? From you alone, O Lord, who by our sins are justly angered.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts; shut not your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

O worthy and eternal Judge, do not let the pains of death turn us away from you at our last hour.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, whose beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust *Anselm Jonathan Macías* to your never-failing care and love, and bring us all to your heavenly

kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, (+) now and for ever.

Amen.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with *Steve and Sarah* in *their* grief. Surround *them* with your love, that *they* may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

From the Old Testament

First Reading:

Isaiah 61: 1-3

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;
3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading:

Psalm 139: 1-16

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
**2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
3
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
4
**Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**
5
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
6

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.**

7

Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

8

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

9

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10

**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.**

11

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"

12

**even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.**

13

For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

14

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.[a]
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.**

15

My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

16

**Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.**

From the New Testament

Third Reading:

Revelation 7: 9-17

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces

before the throne and worshiped God, **12** saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” **14** I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15

“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

16

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

17

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gradual Hymn:

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

Words by Horatio Spafford
Music by Philip Bliss

C Dm G C C/B

1. When peace like a ri - ver at - ten - deth my way When
 2. Though Sa - tan O should buf - fet, Though tri - als should come Let
 3. My sin the O the bliss of this glo - rious be thought! My
 4. And Lord haste the day, When the faith shall be sight The

6 Am Dsus D G G7

sor - rows like sea - bil - lows con - roll What -
 this as in sur - ance but as the a whole trol
 sin, not in rolled back as a scroll, Is
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The

10 C F D G

ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say "It is
 Christ has re - gard ed my help - less e - state And hath
 nailed shall the re - sound, And I the bear Lord it no - more Praise the
 trump shall re - sound, And I the bear Lord it shall de - scend, Ev - en

14 C F C G C

well, it is well with my soul"
 shed His own blood for O my soul
 Lord, the praise it is well with my soul!
 so, it is well with my soul!

17 C G G

Chorus: It is well (echo) It is well With my soul (echo) With my

21 C F C G C

soul (unison) It is well, it is well, with my soul

Gospel Reading:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (+)
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 6: 37-40

37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.
38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.
39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. **40** For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

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

Homily:

Fr. Joshua Lickter

Creed:

Let us now confess our faith with the saints throughout the ages who have experienced union with Christ:

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.**

Prayers of the People

For our child *Anselm Jonathan Macías*, 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 *Anselm Jonathan Macías*, 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 child eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our child to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Our child's family was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give *him* fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

His family 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 this child; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

(Silence)

Lord, God of all creation, we bless and thank you for your tender care. Receive this life you created in love, and comfort your faithful people in their time of loss with the assurance of your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, (+) now and for ever.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Absolution

Priest here reads The Comfortable Words, then says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all (+) goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Sign Of Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

(Please greet one another during this time, and exchange the Peace of Christ.)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Hymn: Amazing Grace, John Newton (1725-1807). Part 1.

(sung a capella)

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.**

**T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear; The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far, and Grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is just and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the true Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has restored us to everlasting life.

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:

**Holy Holy Holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. (+)**

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Epiclesis¹

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.

AMEN.

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

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

¹ An ancient Greek liturgical term, meaning "calling down from on high".

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

John 1:29, Revelation 19:9

Instructions for the Eucharist:

The eucharist (meaning **thanksgiving**) is open to all who would consider themselves baptized Christians, regardless of tradition or background. As you come forward, you may take a piece of bread, eat it, and then drink from the common cup, or you may dip it in the wine chalice, and then eat it. **Those unable to use the wine are welcome to partake of just the bread.**

You don't have to know all the answers, nor do you need "perfect" faith. God has faithfully met people throughout the ages by way of these words and elements. Whatever struggles or doubts you may have, He will faithfully meet you through these means of grace.

If you find yourself unsure of your standing with God, there are **prayers on the last page of this worship folder** that can help you. Please take advantage of this time to consider all God has done for you through Jesus Christ.

If you or your children would like to come forward to witness the table, but not partake, you are welcome to do so. Just cross your arms, and the pastor will pray a blessing over you.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.** (+)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Commendation

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
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.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant *Anselm Jonathan Macías*. 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.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Amazing Grace, John Newton (1725-1807). Part 2.

(sung a capella)

**Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease;
I shall profess, within the veil, A life of joy and peace.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years; Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise; Than when we first begun.**

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.**

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Proceed to gravesite

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The Consecration of the Grave

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulcher in the garden: Bless, we pray, this grave, and grant that *he* whose body is to be buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to your

heavenly kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit (+).

Amen.

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The Committal

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

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our child, Anselm Jonathan Macías, and we commit *his* body to the ground; 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 Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

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.

Rest eternal grant to *him*, O Lord;

And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May *his* soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.