

# Christian Funeral Service

*Marian L. Mildebrandt*

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***GREETING AND PRAYER***

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

***PSALM 23 (read responsively)***

The Lord is my shepherd.

**I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters; he restores my soul.

**He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name sake.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil

**for you are with me. Your rod and staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

**You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying— soloist*

*Please stand*

### **RESURRECTION COMFORT**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Jesus gives us this comfort: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

**He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

When Christ, who is our life, appears,  
**Then we also will appear with him in glory.**

We will be before the throne of God  
**And serve him day and night in his temple.**

Never again will we hunger:  
**Never again will we thirst.**

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd: he will lead us to springs of living water.  
**And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

Let us pray: God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*Job 19:22-25*

“Oh, that my words were recorded,  
that they were written on a scroll,  
<sup>24</sup> that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,  
or engraved in rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup> I know that my redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.  
<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been destroyed,  
yet<sup>l</sup> in my flesh I will see God;  
<sup>27</sup> I myself will see him  
with my own eyes—I, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!

*Romans 14:7-9*

<sup>7</sup> For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

*John 14:1-6*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.”  
<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”  
<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

***HYMN: 451– Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

1 Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord;  
lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord;  
lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears  
and the night draws near  
and the day is almost gone,  
at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord;  
lead me home.

***SERMON***

***TOLLING OF THE BELL***

*As the bell is tolled, Pastor will read through the blessed life of our sister in Christ, Marian Mildebrandt. We take*

*this time to remember, in silence, God's gifts of faith,  
family and friends to Marian and through Marian.*

**HYMN: 440—On Eagles' Wings**

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under his wings your refuge,  
his faithfulness your shield.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

3 For to his angels he's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

*Please stand*

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS**

Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Marian Mildebrandt, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving her to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

***HYMN: 256—How Great Thou Art***

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

## **RECESSIONAL**

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*Thank you for attending. Thank you also to:*

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*Pastor:* Nickolas Haasch

*Pallbearers:*

Aaron Mildebrant  
Vincent Mildebrandt  
Victor Mildebrandt  
Paul Mildebrandt  
Max Mildebrandt  
Drew Mildebrandt

*Soloist:* Dr. Melody Kuphal

Your prayers and presence are truly appreciated. A meal will be provided for all in the fellowship hall.