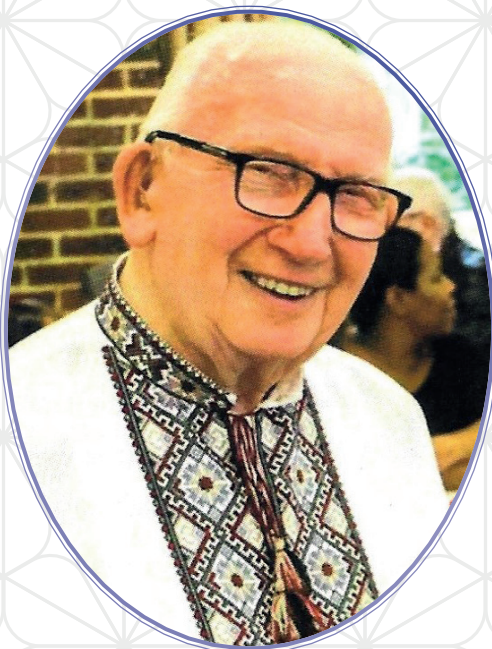


VIGIL MASS AND CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE
OF
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INTRODUCTORY RITES AT THE CHURCH DOOR

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Priest: In the waters of baptism Frank died with Christ and rose with him to new life.
May he now share with him eternal glory.

ENTRANCE HYMN

I rejoiced when I heard them say, let us go to God's house
(Cantor)

THE WELCOME

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Priest: In life Frank cherished the Gospel of Christ.
May Christ now greet him with these words of eternal life: `Come, blessed of my Father`
In Baptism Frank received the cross of Christ, May he now share in Christ's victory over
sin and death.

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

(Isaiah 25: 6-9)

On this mountain, the Lord of Hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud
enwrapping all nations. He will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek: he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: `See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation. The Lord
is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

(arr. David Palmer)

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want,
I have everything that I need,
Near to pastures green, by the cooling stream,
Here He will revive my drooping spirit, my Lord:

Lord, be my shepherd: let me be your sheep.

My footsteps he guides me on the right path,
As he promises to all men.

Even when I trail through the darkest vale,
With his crook and staff, he gives me comfort.

A banquet so fine he prepares for me,
Where my enemies all can see.

Holy oil to spread and anoint my head,
And my cup he fills to overflowing, my Lord.

His goodness and kindness shall follow me,
And be with me, all the days.

To the house divine, at the end of time,
I will honour him for ever more, my Lord, my Lord, my Lord.

SECOND READING

(1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18)

Brothers and sisters we want you to know the truth about those who have died, so that you will not be sad as are those who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again,

And so we believe that God will take back with Jesus those who have died believing in him. What we are teaching you now is the Lord's teaching. We who are alive on the day the Lord comes will not go ahead of those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the Archangel will call out the command, and the Lord himself will come down from heaven.

Those who have died believing in Christ will rise first, and then those of us who are still alive at that time will be gathered up along with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. So encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, you who may Father has blessed, says the Lord, Take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you and with your Spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

Jesus told them: Do not be worried and upset. Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house,

If there were not I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have prepared you a place I will come back and take you to myself, so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.

Thomas said: 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way to get there?'

Jesus answered him: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

Bishop John Hine

OFFERTORY HYMN

(Cantor)

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

COMMUNION HYMN

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast

(Cantor)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN

I watch the sunrise

(Cantor)

