

**Grace Episcopal Church**

107 S. Prospect Street  
Galena, Illinois 61036

**Memorial Eucharist**

Saturday, August 24, 2024  
2:00pm



**Celebrating the Life of**

**Robert Marsh**

**June 26, 1935 – July 27, 2024**

## Prelude

*Please stand.*

## Opening Anthem

Celebrant: I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

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.

## Welcome

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with the Marsh family 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.

**All: Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

671: Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
\*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

*Please be seated.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

Revelation 14:13

Lector: A reading from the Revelation to St. John.

<sup>13</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

**I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures

**and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

*Please stand.*

## **The Gospel**

John 14:1-6

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Homily**

Greg Serwich

*Please stand.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

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

**All: 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.

### The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: 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.**

### Prayers of the People

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Lector: Dear Friends: It was our Lord Jesus himself who said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Let us pray, then, for our brother Robert, that he may rest from his labors, and enter into the light of God's eternal sabbath rest.

Receive, O Lord, your servant, for he returns to you.  
**All: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our brother Robert.**

Lector: Wash him in the holy font of everlasting life, and clothe him in his heavenly wedding garment.

**All: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our brother Robert.**

Lector: May he hear your words of invitation, "Come, you blessed of my Father."

**All: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our brother Robert.**

Lector: May he gaze upon you, Lord, face to face, and taste the blessedness of perfect rest.

**All: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our brother Robert.**

Lector: May angels surround him, and saints welcome him in peace.

**All: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our brother Robert.**

*Silence*

Celebrant: Almighty God, our Father in heaven, before whom live all who die in the Lord: Receive our brother Robert into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place. Let his heart and soul now ring out in joy to you, O Lord, the living God, and the God of those who live. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated.*

### **The Commendation**

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

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

Celebrant: 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.

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

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Robert. 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.

**All: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Celebrant: God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

**All: Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Closing Anthem**

Celebrant: The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

*Following the recessional hymn, the congregation is invited to a reception in Parish Hall while the family proceeds to the chapel for the Committal.*



# Recessional Hymn

# LEVAS: It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my  
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should  
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
 4. And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be

way, When sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What -  
 come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That  
 thought: My sin, not in part but the whole, Is  
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The

ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
 Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,  
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend,

It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 "E - ven so," it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,  
 It is well with my soul,  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888  
 Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE, 11 8 11 9 with refrain; Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

## The Committal

Celebrant: 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.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord  
 Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Robert, 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.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Committal: Dismissal**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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## **Robert Marsh** **June 26, 1935 – July 27, 2024**

Robert G. Marsh, 89, of Galena, IL passed away on July 27, 2024, at Midwest Medical Senior Community. Bob was born on June 26, 1935, in Detroit, MI, the son of Paul and Mary (Huber) Marsh. He graduated from Tustin High School in California and attended Durham University, CA. He was united in marriage to Diann Travis on October 16, 1953, in Santa Ana, CA and she preceded him in death on February 18, 2024. Bob worked in the sheet metal industry and was also a school bus driver. He was an enthusiastic train and knife collector.

Bob is survived by his children, Elaine (Paul) Rumaker, Randy (Elaine) Marsh, Kevin Paul (Vivian) Marsh, Eric (fiancee' Andrea) Marsh, Ginger Huff, and Rodney Marsh. He also leaves ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Robin in 1997, and an infant son, Kevin Andrew.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Grace Episcopal Church and his close friends and family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grace Episcopal Church in memory of Bob. If you want to share your condolences with the family, visit [www.furlongfuneralchapel.com](http://www.furlongfuneralchapel.com).

## Ministers of the Service

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