

The Rite of Christian Burial
Family Member Name
April 4, 2025

Born into life: January 28, 1938 -- Baptized into Christ: February 20, 1938
Confirmed in faith: December 23, 1973 -- Received into eternal life: July 14, 2025

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
Psalm 46:1 – Flo's Confirmation Verse*

Hymn *"How Great Thou Art"* *Carrie Underwood*

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P In Holy Baptism in 1938, Flo was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your lovingkindness shown to Flo and to all Your servants who, having finished their course of faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Scripture

Revelation 21:1-4

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

The Psalm

Psalm 23

¹**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

³**He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

⁴**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 your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Epistle Lesson

John 10:11-16

¹¹ I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-6

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Apostles' Creed

P As a family in Christ, we profess our Christian faith remembering the words of St. Paul in Romans 10, *“if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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 the life T everlasting. Amen.

Hymn *“He Touched Me”*
Band

The Gaither Vocal

Sermon

Pastor Jennings

Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have knit all Your chosen people together in one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your Light and Peace. Lord, in Your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that, through the gate of death and the grave, we may pass to our own joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage and who walk as yet by faith that Your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days and that we may be cleansed from all our sins and that we may serve You with a quiet mind. Lord, in Your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Give courage and faith to all who mourn, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope and a joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. Lord, in Your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Grant us grace to entrust Flo to Your never-failing love. Now that her last hour is come, receive her into the arms of Your mercy, and remember her according to the love You have for all Your people. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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
forever and ever. Amen

Nunc Dimittis

P "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."
John 11:25-26

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.
Luke 2:29-32

P "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

Concluding Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Christ is risen!

C **He has risen indeed.**

Hymn

"In the Garden"

Anne Murray

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