# The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Detroit, Michigan

The Very Reverend Timothy True *Interim Dean of the Cathedral* 

The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan

# An Interfaith Memorial Service in cooperation with Wayne State University Mortuary Science Program



Tuesday, April 1, 2025 6:00 p.m.

# Welcome to the Cathedral!

Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship and serve; being loved by God in ways that change and improve their lives and the lives of others.

# **Cathedral Services**

#### Weekdays

Wednesdays, Holy Eucharist in Nativity Chapel, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Morning Prayer in Grace Chapel, 8:00 a.m. Fridays in Lent, Stations of the Cross, 12:10 p.m.

Each Evening at 8:00 p.m. Compline, via Facebook

#### Sundays

Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m. in Nativity Chapel Holy Eucharist, 8:15 a.m. Sung Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m. Evensong, 4:00 p.m. (September – May) Please stand as you are able.

#### Officiant

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.

Words of Welcome

The Very Reverend Timothy True Chelsea Davis

#### A funeral prayer from the Muslim tradition

In The Name of Allah, The Most Merciful, The Eternally Gracious. All praise is due to Allah, Lord of All That is Known. The Most Merciful, The Eternally Gracious. Sovereign of The Day of Recompense. It is You we worship, and You we ask for help. Guide us to the straight path. The path of those upon whom you have granted favor, not of those who have evoked your anger or of those who are astray.

#### From the Jewish tradition, a prayer for Moses, God's envoy

O God, You have been our refuge in every generation. Before the mountains came into being, before You brought forth the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity You are God. You return us to dust; You decree: "Return, you mortals!" For in Your sight a thousand years are as yesterday when it has passed, as a watch in the night. You engulf us in sleep; we are like grass that renews itself: at daybreak it flourishes anew; at dusk it withers and dries up. The span of our life is threescore years and ten, or, given strength, fourscore years; but the best of those years have trouble and sorrow. They pass by speedily, and we are in darkness. Teach us, therefore, so to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Turn to us, O God! Show mercy to Your servants. Satisfy us at daybreak with Your steadfast love that we may sing for joy all our days. Let Your deeds be seen by Your servants, Your glory by their children. May Your favor, O God, be upon us. Establish the work of our hands that it may long endure. – *Psalm 90* 

#### A prayer from the Christian tradition

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servants whom we remember today, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

Please be seated.

#### A Reading from the Qur'an

"How can you disbelieve in Allah when you were lifeless, and He brought you to life; then He will cause you to die, then He will bring you back to life, and then to Him you will be returned" (2:28).

"Who when disaster strikes them say, 'Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return'." (2:156).

Words of Remembrance

Imam Mika'il Stewart-Saadiq

#### A Reading from the Talmud

Our Rabbis taught that there are three crowns: the crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood, and the crown of royalty. But they emphasized that the crown of a good name excels them all. (Pirkei Avot 4:17) The Book of Ecclesiastes says: "A good name is to be treasured above precious oil." Wealth, health, even life passes away, but a good name lives forever. It is this view that the Talmud teaches: "Monuments need not be erected for the righteous; Their deeds are their memorials." (JT Sh'kalim 11a) They will be remembered and revered for the kindness they have shown, and for the love they have given. They are shining examples of what it means to be a mensch. (Ecclesiastes 7:1)

Words of Remembrance Rabbi Matt Zerwekh

All say together Psalm 121

I turn my eyes to the mountains; from where will my help come?

My help comes from Adonai, maker of heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot give way; your guardian will not slumber.

See, the guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps!

Adonai is your guardian, Adonai is your protection at your right hand.

By day the sun will not strike you, nor the moon by night.

Adonai will guard you from all harm; God will guard your life.

Adonai will guard your going and coming now and forever.

## A Reading from the Christian Bible - John 10:11-16

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Words of Remembrance

Monsignor Kasza Bishop Eric Mitchell

Solo Gwenyth Walker (b. 1947)

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with You, nor leaves Your sight. And I am Yours! I rest in You, Great Spirit come, rest in me, too.

Each secret thought is known to You, the path I walk my whole life through; My days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears, my deepest joys, my silent tears.

For the ends of the earth are in Your hand, the sea's dark deep and the distant land. I nothing want but know Your care, Great Spirit some receive our prayer.

Great Spirit love, Great Spirit breathe. Great Spirit come, receive our prayer. And I am Yours! I rest in You, Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too.

Henry Richard McFayden (1877-1964)

The service continues with the following prayers.

#### From the Muslim tradition, Salatul Janaza

The Muslim funeral prayer, Salatul Janaza, a communal obligation to be performed on behalf of every Muslim upon death. The prayer is performed by standing in rows and reciting four takbirat, or saying, "Allahu Akbar." Allahu Akbar is Arabic for "God is The Greatest." In between each takbirat, there are silent praises and prayers to be recited by those taking part in the prayer. It is customary that the deceased be buried immediately after the funeral prayer is completed.

#### From the Jewish tradition, the Mourner's Kaddish

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name in the world which God created, according to plan. May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime and the life of all Israel—speedily, imminently. To which we say: Amen.

Blessed be God's great name to all eternity. Blessed, praised, honored, exalted, extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded be the name of the Holy Blessed One, beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing, praise, and comfort. To which we say: **Amen.** 

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel. To which we say: Amen.

May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace us and to all Israel. To which we say: Amen.

#### From the Christian tradition

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

### Candle Lighting and Remembering the Departed

Officiant Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

*People* And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Officiant May the souls of the departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Closing Remarks Chelsea Davis

The Blessing and Dismissal

Organ Postlude Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552ii J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

#### In Memoriam

William Cullens-Odom Anthony Monroe Willie Jackson George Drayton Tanya Giles **Evadel Beverly** Darnell Cunningham Rosevelt Clark Tracey Coleman Robert Wolford Loren Wapskineh David Oleary Marlon Hicks William Hatten Michael Dukes, Jr Douglas White Randy Ericson Louis Arias Clifford Singleton Kevin Grigsby Charles Christian Linda Laginess Mary Wissinger Charles Brown Bonnie Garza Shannondoah Howard Ellery Cunningham Randolph Pullum Zbigniew Brzeczka Jeffrey Karson Tony Wesley Timothy Williams Wavne Kilgore Christina McOuiston Iodi Pratt Robert Herger Kenneth Harville Robert Micknak Scott Hesser Todd Andrews Danny Adkins Gerelle Rhan Charles Gleton Michael Mcintyre Huu Dang Douglas Straub Moses Armstrong, Jr Kenneth Danzak Anthony Duke Robert Upton Glenn Peters Marjoe Culbertson Wendell Benton Jay Turnmire Zeb Foxworth Stephano Carpenter Alex Samsin Harry Smith Antonio Gray Malvin Webb Arthur Grimes Latasha Johnson Karen Zwolinski-Pike David Stumpf Edward Drinosky, Jr. Gregory Fryer Diane Schulze Brian Kuhn Crawford Johnson Birdie Flowers Angie Hopp Diana Joslin Dennis Gawrecki Xavier Wright Deborah Morrison Benjamin Alestra Marshall Bolden Paulette Dietle Steve Rankin Watson Brown Jessica Schwendemann Michael Malone Ricky Griggs William Usher **Jeffery Beasley** Richard Kaczmarek William Eady Yvonne Anderson Clarence Evans, Jr Marie Smith

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Charlotte Denson

# In this Evening's Service

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Imam Mika'il Stewart-Saadiq
The Muslim Center

Rabbi Matt Zerwekh Temple Emanu-El

Monsignor John Kasza Pastor, St. Therese of Lisieux, Shelby Township

Bishop Eric Mitchell Greater Emmanuel Church

Remembering the Departed and From WSU Mortuary Science Program
Candle Lighters

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