



# **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

**FOR**

## **ANTHONY “TONY” CREA**

**AUGUST 5, 1951– SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025**

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH COMMUNITY, NEW HOPE**

Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral.

At the funeral rites, especially at the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the Christian community gathers to affirm and express the union of the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in the one great communion of saints. At the rite of final commendation and farewell, the community acknowledges the reality of separation and commends the deceased to God. In this way it recognizes the spiritual bond that still exists between the living and the dead and proclaims its belief that all the faithful will be raised up and reunited in the new heavens and a new earth, where death will be no more.

The celebration of the Christian funeral brings hope and consolation for the living. While proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to Christian hope in the resurrection, the funeral rites remind us of God's mercy and meet the human need to turn always to God in times of crisis.

## The Order of the Mass

*The funeral liturgy begins with the Celebrant blessing the deceased with holy water, recalling their baptism. The paschal candle, like the candle received at baptism, symbolizes Christ's resurrection. The Pall is a reminder of the baptismal garment of the deceased, a sign of the Christian dignity of the person. The use of the Pall also signifies that all are equal in the eyes of God.*

### Entrance Procession

*We gather as a community and praise God in song, reminding us that we are the people of God on a journey to the Kingdom.*

### Morning Has Broken #3

**Greeting and opening prayer**     *The priest greets the assembly.*

**CELEBRANT:**                     The Lord be with you.

**ALL RESPOND:**                 *And with your spirit.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

*We celebrate God's presence in His Word and listen to readings from the Bible.*

#### FIRST READING

**LECTOR:**                     The Word of the Lord.

**ALL RESPOND:**                 *Thanks be to God.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 103

#### The Lord is Kind and Merciful #77

#### SECOND READING

**LECTOR:**                     The Word of the Lord.

**ALL RESPOND:**                 *Thanks be to God.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### CELTIC ALLELUIA #373

*We sing praise to God for the Good News.*

**CELEBRANT:**                     A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...

**All respond:**                     *Glory to You, O Lord.*

#### GOSPEL READING

*The Gospel reading is taken from one of the four Gospels in the Bible; Matthew, Mark, Luke or John and proclaimed by the priest or deacon.*

**CELEBRANT:**                     The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL RESPOND:**                 *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## HOMILY

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*We offer our prayers to God, trusting in his mercy and care. Our response is "Lord, hear our prayer"*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**PRESENTATION & PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS** *We praise God in song as our gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar table and prepared.*

### PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND #784

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS** *The priest prays that God will accept our gifts.*

CELEBRANT: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**ALL RESPOND:** *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The Eucharistic Prayer begins with a dialogue between the priest and the assembly. This prayer of thanksgiving is the center and high point of the entire celebration. It includes the prayer of Consecration. We believe the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.*

### SUNG EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

**HOLY, HOLY #231**

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION #234**

**THE GREAT AMEN #236**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**SIGN OF PEACE** *We offer one another Christ's peace, greeting those around us.*

**LAMB OF GOD** *We pray for forgiveness, mercy, and peace.* **#240**

CELEBRANT: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**ALL RESPOND:** *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

**HOLY COMMUNION** *You are welcome to the Lord's table as in your own parishes.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

On Eagle's Wings #749

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*God's workings in the life of the deceased are remembered by loved ones.*

### PRAYERS AND SONG OF COMMENDATION

QUIETLY, PEACEFULLY

Antonin Dvořák  
Words and Adapt. Lori True



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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lead Me Lord

Refrain

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to  
seek and to find the nar - row way. Be my way;  
be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to -  
day. day. And lead me, Lord, to - day.

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