

In Loving Memory



Anna Maria Bjerck

Born
March 14, 1967

Born to Eternal Life
June 1, 2026

Mass of Christian Burial
June 13, 2026

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish
Newburg, WI

Father Howard Haase, Celebrant
Deacon Michael Koebel

Burial
Holy Trinity Cemetery, Newburg, WI

Gathering Hymn

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In

all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground. Where peace and jus - tice

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -

faith and vault of grace: Here the
sym - bol of God's grace: Here as
vealed in time and space: As we

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are wel-come, all are wel-come. all are wel-come

in this place.

Opening Rites

Placing of the Pall

First Reading

Lamentations 3:21-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

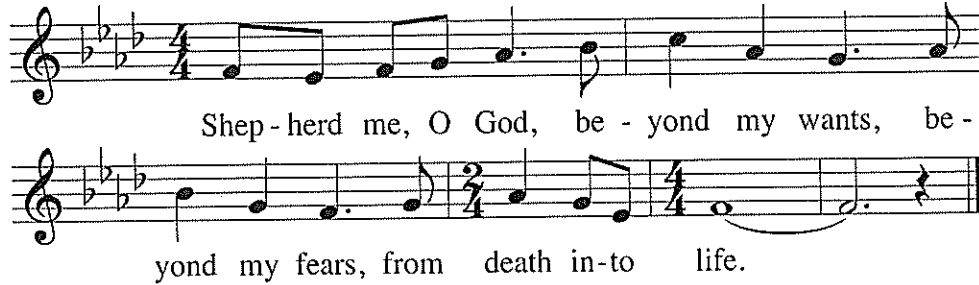
The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him;
it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm Ps.23: Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen



Verses:

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| 1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. | 3. Surely your kindness and mercy follow
me all the days of my life; I will dwell in
the house of my God forevermore. |
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Refrain

Refrain

2. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod
and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Refrain

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus
and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

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For this momentary light affliction
is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,
as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;
for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands,
eternal in Heaven.

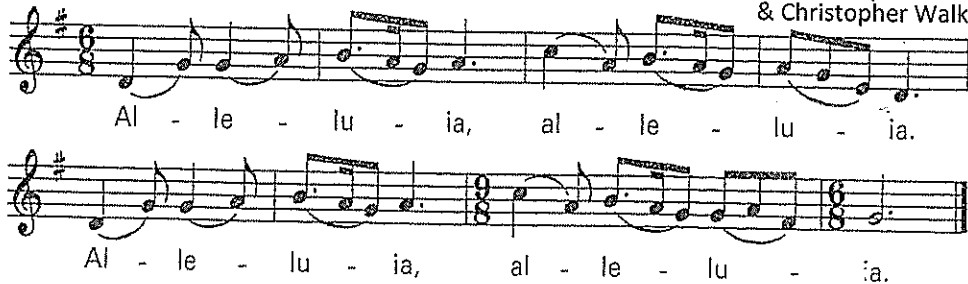
The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Fintan O'Carroll
& Christopher Walker



Note: Verses available in accompaniment books.

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Verse: Even if you have to die, close to my word keep faithful:
for your faithfulness I will give you the crown of life.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in Heaven.”

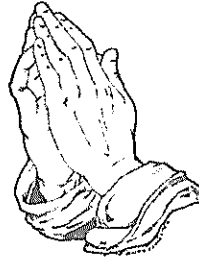
The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

After each petition please respond, "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"



For Anna who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be admitted to the company of the saints...We pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that she may be raised up on the last day...We pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness...We pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face....We pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the family and friends of our sister Anna, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus...We pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom...We pray to the Lord.

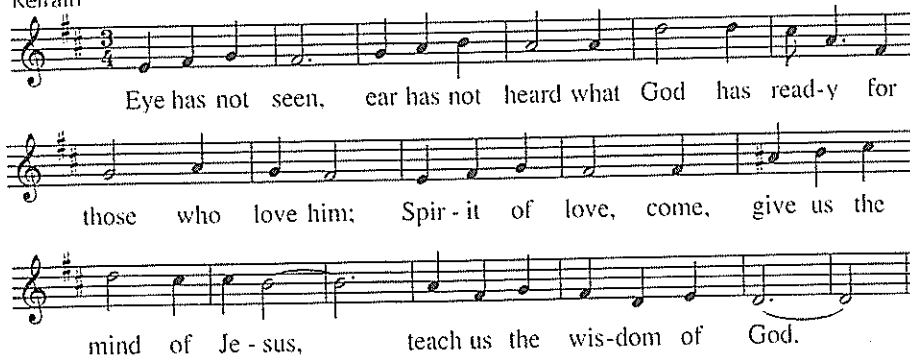
All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Presentation Hymn

Eye Has Not Seen

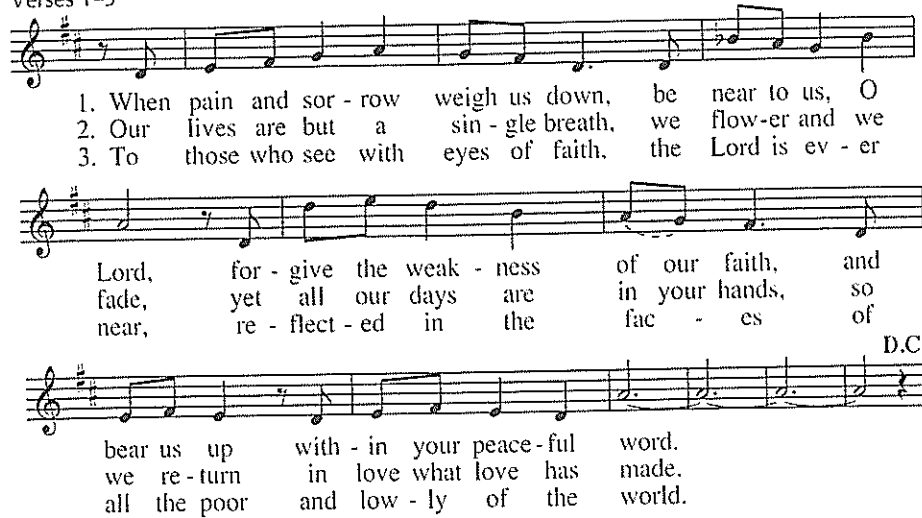
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Refrain



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
those who love him; Spir - it of love, come, give us the
mind of Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

Verses 1-3



1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er
Lord, for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of
D.C.
bear us up with - in your peace-ful word.
we re - turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

Verse 4



4. We sing a mys-t'ry from the past in halls where saints have
trod, yet ev - er new the mu - sic rings to
D.C.
Je-sus, Liv - ing Song of God.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

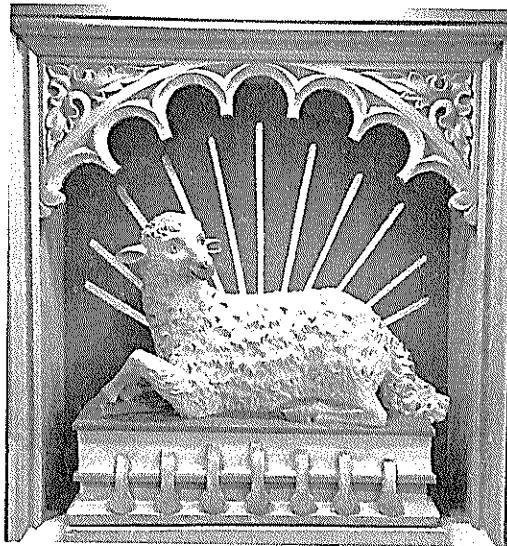
Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this bread
and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Great Amen

Lamb of God

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.



Communion Hymn #1

I Am the Bread of Life

Verses



1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me
2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the
3. Un - less you eat of the flesh of the
4. I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, I
5. Yes, Lord, we be - lieve that you



1. shall not hun-ger; and who be-lieve in me shall not thirst.
2. life of the world, and if you eat of this bread,
3. Son of Man and drink of his blood, and
4. am the life. If you be-lieve in me,
5. are the Christ, and the Son of God,

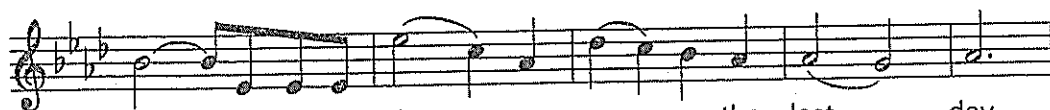


1. No one can come to me un - less the Fa-ther beck-ons.
2. you shall live for ev - er, you shall live for ev - er.
3. drink of his blood, you shall not have life with - in you.
4. e - ven though you die, you shall live for ev - er.
5. who has come in - to the world.

Refrain



And I will raise you up, and I will raise you



up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Text: John 6:35, 44, 51, 53-54; 11:25-27; Suzanne Toolan, RSM.

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Communion Hymn #2

VERSE 1

Be Not Afraid

Bob Dufford, SJ

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert but you
1. shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in
1. safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall
1. speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der -
1. stand. You shall see the face of God and live._____

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Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al-ways.
Come, fol - low me, and I will give you
rest._____

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.
3. Blessèd are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
blessèd, blessèd are you!

Communion Meditation

Ave Maria Cantor solo

Final Commendation Hymn

Refrain

The Hand of God Shall Hold You

Marty Haugen



The hand of God shall hold you, the peace of God en -
fold you, the love that dreamed and formed you still sur -
rounds you here to - day; The light of God be - side you, a -
bove, be-neath, in - side you, the light that shines to
guide you home to the lov - ing hand of God.

Verses

1. May God's light shine ever upon you, may you rest in the arms of God;
may you dwell for evermore in communion with all the blessed.
2. May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

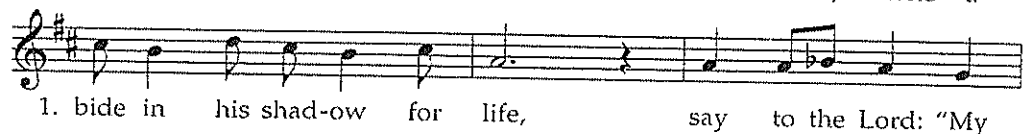
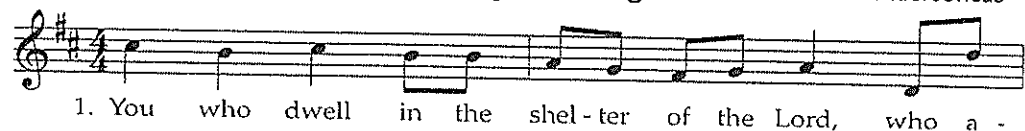
*Welcome home,
Anna*



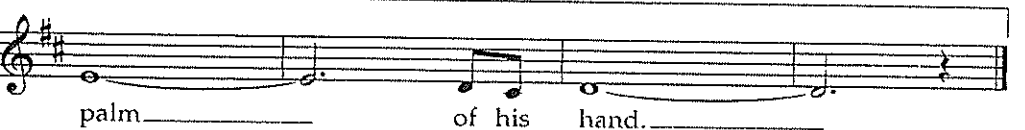
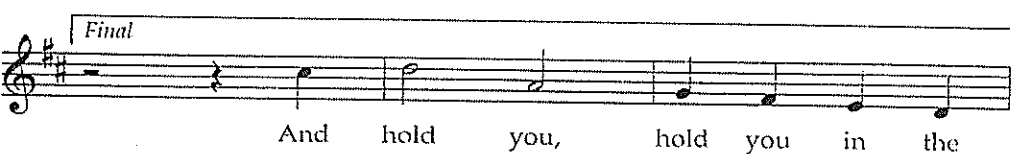
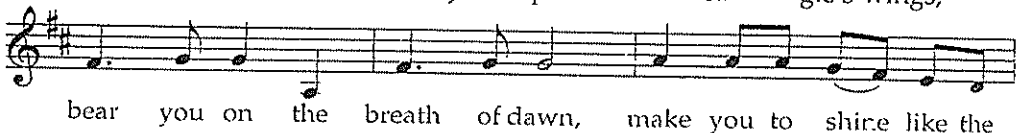
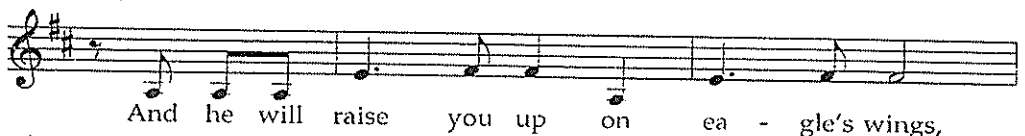
Closing Hymn

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas



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2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear: under his
wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.
3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor
the arrow that flies by day; though thousands
fall about you, near you it shall not come.
4. For to his angels he's given a command to
guard you in all of your ways; upon their
hands they will bear you up, lest you dash
your foot against a stone.

Obituary

Anna M. Bjerk (nee Phelps), 59, was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, June 1, 2026, with her family by her side.

Anna was born on March 14, 1967 in Milwaukee to the late Richard and Andrea Phelps (nee Merkel). She attended school at St. Sebastians for grade school and graduated from Pius XI Highschool in 1985. She met Robert Bjerk at a mutual friend's birthday party, where they hit it off immediately. She was united in marriage to Robert on June 9, 1990 at St. Sebastian Church in Milwaukee. Anna was an avid Milwaukee Brewer and Green Bay Packer fan. For many years she worked alongside her very good friend Nancy Kaliebe, as well Nicki, Dave and many others down at Isaacs Parking. She had a sparkle in her eye that lit up any room she walked into. She was known for her baked goods and always had treat bags in hand. From bringing cookies to The Newburg Brewery, the dentist office, to her wonderful nurses at the Cancer Center & the Hospital. Baking was her talent and she loved to share that with everyone, and was looked forward to at every event she attended. She loved cross stitching & sewing. She made many cross stitch ornaments, bookmarks & tchotchkes for friends and family over the years. She loved playing billiards and was in pool leagues for many years. She loved spending time at her family cabin up in the Northwoods, and was there multiple times a year for the last 59 years. It was a trip she later enjoyed sharing with her children and grandchildren. She had so much love for her faith, and Church which she was involved with in so many ways from lectoring at Mass, being a member of the Christian Women's group. She also loved helping out with the Fall Festival/Turkey Dinner, contributing the "Dessert of the month club", running the church raffle for a number of years. Despite battling cancer for over two years, she always had a smile on her face, and her incredibly positive attitude inspired anyone she talked with.



Those left to cherish Anna's memory include her husband, Robert Bjerk; children, Matthew Bjerk, Melanie Bjerk, Elijah Mabry; granddaughter Lily Mabry; her siblings, nieces, and nephews, Bill & Joanne Phelps, Nicki, Dave, Madeline & Jack Schlederer, Tony, Jenny, Kasey & Erin Phelps, Angela & Chris Baltz, Rory Kesselhan, Danny Niemann, Steve, Lisa, Cameron & Spencer Phelps; her Godparents Jack & Joan Groff, as well as many, many dear friends.

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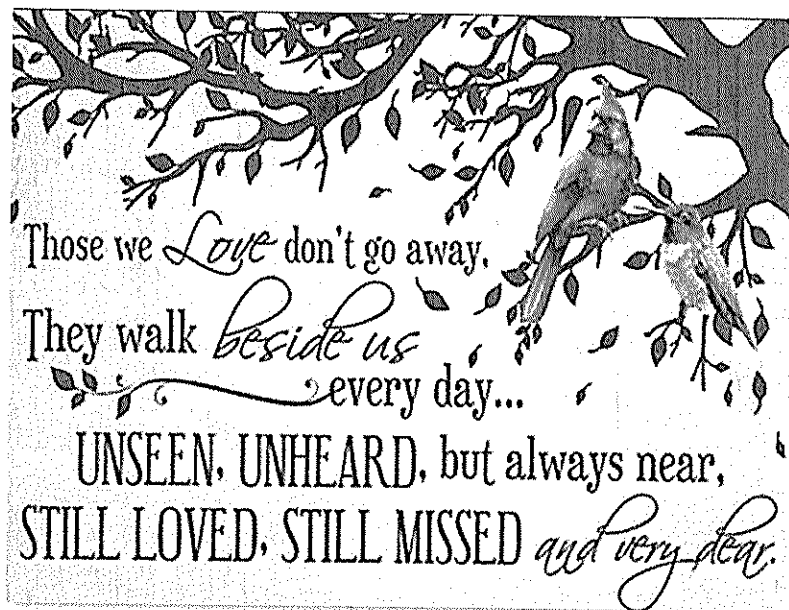
In addition to her parents, Richard and Andrea Phelps, Anna is preceded in death by Robert's parents, Richard and Sue Bjerk.

VISITATION: Anna's family will greet relatives and friends on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 11:00 AM. until 1:00 PM, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church – Newburg, (521 Congress Street, West Bend, WI 53090).

MEMORIAL MASS: Following visitation at 1:00 PM, there will be a Memorial Mass for Anna at Holy Trinity Catholic Church – Newburg, with Father Howard Haase and Deacon Mike Koebel officiating. Burial will take place at Holy Trinity Cemetery – Newburg.

MEMORIALS: in addition to flowers, donations please be made back to the family.

Myrhum-Patten Funeral & Cremation Service has been entrusted with Anna's arrangements. Additional information and guest book can be found at www.myrhum-patten.com.



The family would like you to join them for a luncheon after the Funeral Mass and burial in the Church Hall (lower level of church).

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