

Committal Rite
For
✠ Bill C. Schepp ✠



*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."
John 11:25*

April 11th, 2025
Washington County Cemetery
West Bend, Wisconsin

Psalm 130

Out | of the depths*

I cry to you, | O LORD!

O LORD, | hear my voice!*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,*

O LORD, | who could stand?

But with you there is for- | givenness,*

that you | may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,*

and in his | word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the |

morning.*

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O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is |

steadfast love,*

and with him is plentiful re- | demption.

And he will redeem | Israel*

from all his in- | iquities.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P: Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, by Your three-day rest in the tomb You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You, promising resurrection to our mortal bodies. Bless ✠ this grave that the body of our brother Bill may sleep here in peace until You awaken him to glory, when he will see You face to face and know the splendor of the eternal God, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen

A Reading from St. John 10:27-29

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.” C: Amen.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 15:42-49

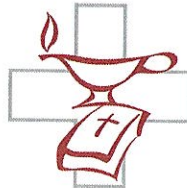
[The apostle Paul writes:] ⁴² “So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.”

C: Amen.

A Reading from St. John 12:23-26

“And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”

C: Amen.



Apostles' Creed

P: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 ☩ everlasting. Amen.

P: We now commit the body of our brother Bill to the ground earth
to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His
glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things
to Himself.

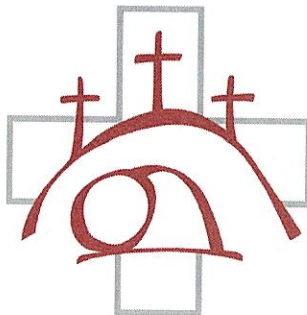
P: May God the Father who created this body; may God the ☩ Son,
who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit,
who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep
these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh. C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.

P: Almighty God, heavenly Father, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed the devil, who held the power of death; by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of all who die in Him; and by His resurrection You gained the victory over death. We implore You to raise us up at the Last Day from death and the grave and give to us, together with all Your saints, eternal life in heaven, where we shall praise and glorify You with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen.



Final Hymn: For Me To Live is Jesus (LSB 742)



1 For me to live is Je - sus, To die is gain for me;
2 For Christ, my Lord, my broth - er, I leave this world so dim
3 My woes are near - ly o - ver, Though long and dark the road;
4 Lord, when my pow'rs are fail - ing, My breath comes heav - i - ly,



So when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.
And glad - ly seek an - oth - er, Where I shall be with Him.
My sin His mer - its cov - er, And I have peace with God.
And words are un - a - vail - ing, O hear my sighs to Thee.

5 In my last hour, O grant me
A slumber soft and still,
No doubts to vex or haunt me,
Safe anchored in Thy will;

6 And so to Thee still cleaving
When death shall come to me,
I fall asleep believing
And wake in heav'n with Thee!

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen

C: He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

P: Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace

C: Amen.



