

Service of Thanksgiving
Cecilia Goto
October 1, 1925–July 17, 2025



Thursday July 24, 2025 at 2:00PM
Christ Church Des Plaines
Des Plaines, IL

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PRELUDE

Nimrod

Edward Elgar

SENTENCES

***OPENING HYMN**

Be Still My Soul

FINLANDIA

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***HYMN**

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23
1 Corinthians 13
John 14:1-4

Marcia Forbes
Cathy Goto
Matt Dillon

EULOGY

Rev. Abigail Lutz

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN (see insert) *How Great Thou Art*

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister:...And so, with all your people on earth,
and with the great cloud of witnesses—
including your beloved servant, Cecilia—
we join our voices in joyful praise, saying:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout
The universe displayed!

Chorus:

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!

When thru the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze,

Chorus

And when I think
That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross,
My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
To take away my sin!

Chorus

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim,
My God, how great Thou art!

Chorus

God Be With You Til We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again;
By good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again;
Wings of shelter safely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

[Refrain]

God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

[Refrain]

God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

[Refrain]

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

COMMENDATION

One: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Cecilia. Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, and a daughter of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the company of the saints on high.

All: Amen.

HYMN (see insert) *God be with You Til We Meet Again*

GOD BE WITH YOU

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Widor Tocatta in F Major*



Thank you for being here today to celebrate Cecilia's life. Everyone is welcome to head over to Manzo's Banquet Hall after the service for the Irish Wake — a time to keep sharing stories, laughter, and love in Cecilia's honor.