

*A Service of Remembrance
and Christian Hope for
Vittorio William Mascaro*

February 24th, 2021– September 17th, 2022



Let the little children come to me
Matthew 19:14

*St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar, NY
Monday, September 26th, at 2:00 p.m.*

The people stand.

The Processional Hymn "A mighty fortress is our God"

Hymnal 1982 #688

A musical score for the hymn "A mighty fortress is our God". The score consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below the staves. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic. The second staff features a melodic line with eighth-note patterns. The third staff includes a bass line. The fourth staff concludes with a final cadence. The lyrics are as follows:

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
do - us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe
the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?
his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark-ness grim,
through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin-dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king-dom is for ev - er.

The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two

The people remain standing while the following anthem is said

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.

When all are in place, the Celebrant says

Dear friends in Christ, we gather today for a service of remembrance and Christian hope for Vittorio William Mascaro. On behalf of the church of Christ, I bid your prayers for Vito and for his family and friends as they mourn his earthly death.

The Celebrant says the following Collects, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust Vito to your never-failing care and love, and bring us all to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with the Mascaro Family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord..**Amen.**

Celebrant Please be seated for the reading of God's Word.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from Lamentations

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139 verses 13-18:

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Eulogy

The people stand for the Gospel Procession and Proclamation

The Gospel Hymn “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hymnal 1982 #383

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ruler of all na - ture, O thou of
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair-er still the wood - lands, robed in the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair-er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
twink - ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jeus said, “do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth,

and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

The Homily

Ms Patricia Gibbons, Licensed Lay Preacher

The people stand.

The people remain standing

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith
and say,

Celebrant and People

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.**

The Prayers of the People

The appointed person leads the following prayers

For our dearly loved Vito, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Jesus, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Vito, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

Jesus, you wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in this time of sorrow at the loss of Vito.

Hear us, Lord.

Vito was baptized into Your death and resurrection and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him community with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

Give courage and faith to Brian and Cassondra, and all who mourn, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

Hear us, Lord.

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to entrust Vito to your never-failing love; receive him, Lord, into the arms of your mercy, and provide him the tender care that you grant to all of your children.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of Vito; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant

Father of all, we pray to you for Vito and for all those whom we love but see no longer.

Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Peace

The people stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.+

Offertory Hymn "I want to walk as a child of the light"

Hymnal 1982 #490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa-tience, race, and we

star show me my life way to is Je Fa Je sus.
 shall know the the joy the of Fa Je sus.
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(refrain found on the following page)

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all. The
night and the day are both alike. The
Lamb is the light of the city of God.
rit.

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Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The Holy Communion

The people remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Ministration of Communion

All persons baptized in the Christian faith are invited to partake of the Holy Eucharist. If you do not wish to partake of Communion, please come forward with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

The people stand.

Communion Hymn “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Hymnal 1982 #324

1 Let all mortal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood; Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scand eth,
he will give to all the faith ful
that the powers of hell may va nish
“Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia!”

our full hom - age to heaven - de mand.
his own self for clear a food.
as the dark - ness Lord Most way.
Al - le - lu - ia, High!”

The people stand or kneel.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Commendation

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
People **where sorrow and pain are no more,**
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,**
 where sorrow and pain are no more,
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Vittorio William Mascaro. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a child of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

The people are dismissed with these words

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn “The Church’s one foundation”

Hymnal 1982 #525



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long-ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.



Participating in today's service:

Officiant: The Rev. Scott A. Garno, Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Organist: Helen Hamel

Readers:

Old Testament (Lamentations 3:22-26,31,32) **Meghan Kipp**

New Testament (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) **Katrina Mayo**

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 139:13-18) **Patrick Kipp and Morgaine Pfister**

Eulogy: Cassandra Mascaro

Sermon: Patti Gibbons, Licensed Lay Preacher

**Pallbearers: William M. Goddard, Jr., William Kipp, Patrick Kipp,
George Brice**

Interment: Immediately following the service at Bethlehem Cemetery

The Rev. Scott A. Garno

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy.

It finds all meaning in the resurrection.

Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian.

The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend.

So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.