



Invites you to the liturgy
celebrating the life of

Gary
Spokes



Saturday, Sept., Sept. 24th at 11:00 am

St. John's in the Village Church,
218 West 11th Street, New York, NY 10014

Broadcasted live via Zoom using our regular Sunday link.

Reception to follow

Gathering Rite

Hymn:

All Are Welcome

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
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

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
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

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
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

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,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Liturgy of the Word

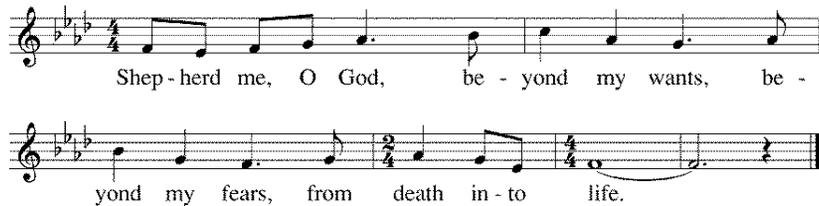
Reading I
Song of Songs 8: 6-7

Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.

Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away. If one were to give all the wealth of one's house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

Responsorial
Shepherd Me, O God

Psalm 23:



Reading II
Revelation 21: 1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day. And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne, "Look! God's Tabernacle is among humankind! God will live with them; they will be God's people, and God will be fully present among them. The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Look! I am making everything new!" and added, "Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true."

And that One continued, "It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To those who are thirsty I will give drink freely from the spring of the water of life. This is the rightful inheritance of the overcomers. I will be their God and they will be my daughters and sons."

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel
John 14: 1- 6

Jesus said to the disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith in me as well. In God's house there are many dwelling places; otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I will come back to take you with me, that where I am there you may be as well. You know the way that leads to where I am going."

Thomas replied, "But we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus told him, "I myself am the Way. I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes to Abba God but through me."

Homily
Jeff Stone

General Intercessions

Meal

Presentation: Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain



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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

Blessed are the 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, blessed, blessed are you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: Gracious God, source and sustenance of life, redeeming presence to the pain and brokenness of our world; Holy Spirit, who enlivens and inebriates all that exists, we beseech your healing power upon us and upon all we pray for today.

ALL: Down through the ages, you rescue us from darkness. You light up our ways with wise and holy people. You restore our lost fortunes and you revive our dwindling hope.

Presider: For all you bring to our lives, and for all we seek amid pain and suffering, we acclaim your love and greatness, and we join with all creation to sing our hymn of praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy One, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who come in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Source of our health and wholeness, healer of body, mind, and spirit, we bring before you the darkness of our world, and the pain and suffering of your people. We seek to be healed and made whole; we seek to be reconciled and united; we seek peace in our hearts and in our world.

We ask you to awaken anew in our hearts the empowering grace of your abundant Spirit, who infuses these gifts of bread and wine with the transforming energy of life, to nourish and sustain us in our time of need. That same bread, Jesus took and broke, to restore the unity of our broken world.

ALL: Jesus blessed you, God of healing and hope, then, along with the cup, Jesus shared the bread with those at table saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my Body which will be given up for you.

(Pause)

Presider: Then offering the cup of libation, poured out for the liberation of all,

ALL: Jesus gave thanks and shared the cup in a spirit of mutual solidarity saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me.

(Pause)

Presider: In faith and hope we are sustained, in grace our dignity reclaimed, in praise we thank our God.

Memorial Acclamation:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, Christ Jesus, until you come again.

Presider: As we gather around this Eucharistic table, we recall God's blessing and love from ages past, and we celebrate anew the gift of life which we share among us at this Eucharistic feast.

May the Spirit of life and wholeness, who transforms the gifts we present, transform us, too, that we may be refreshed in our inner being and be empowered to bring mercy, love and healing to those whose lives we touch.

ALL: The bread we break and the cup we share are symbols of our world of abundance where all are invited to partake of the fullness of life.

So grant, that in union with all peoples, living and dead, we may strive to create a world where suffering and pain are diminished, where justice and peace are restored, and where all people can live in health and wholeness, united in acclaiming the God of life, whose abundance is offered to each and to all, until God's reign arrives in the fullness of time.

Presider: This prayer we make in the name of our healing and nurturing God, through whom, with whom, and in whom we offer these gifts, sources of life, love and goodness, now and forever.

Great Amen

ALL: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God (O God Most Holy), for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father

Lamb of God

Jesus invites every one of us to share in this meal. No one should go away hungry from Jesus' table. Everyone who wishes to do so should feel free to join in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Please approach the sanctuary by row from the center aisle, keeping your mask on until you receive the Eucharist in your hand in the form of bread only. You may then remove your mask, consume the Eucharist, and return to your seat by the side aisles.

Communion:
We Remember

Refrain:

We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death,
and still we cel - e - brate, for you are with us here;
and we be - lieve that we will see you when you come
in your glo - ry, Lord, we re - mem - ber, we
cel - e - brate, we be - lieve.

Verses:

1. Here, a mil - lion wound - ed souls are
2. Now we re - cre - ate your love, we
3. Christ, the Fa - ther's great "A - men" to
4. See the face of Christ re - vealed in
year - ing just to touch you and be healed.
bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart.
ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side,
Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.
Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres - ence of the Lord.
Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free - dom from all fear.
Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love.

Final Commendation

Hymn:
Song of Farewell

Refrain

May the choirs of an - gels come to greet you. May they speed you to
par - a - dise. May the Lord en - fold you in his mer - cy.
May you find e - ter - nal life.

Verses

1. The Lord is my light and my help; it is
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord; that he
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I cry, have
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's good-ness; I shall
he who pro - tects me from harm. The
grant me my heart - felt de - sire. To
mer - cy on me and give an - swer. Do not
dwell in the land of the liv - ing. Hope in
Lord is the strength of my days; be - fore
dwell in the courts of our God ev - 'ry
cast me a - way in your an - ger, for
God, stand firm and take heart,
whom should I trem - ble with fear?
day of my life in his pres - ence.
you are the God of my help.
place all your trust in the Lord.

Sending

Hymn: On Eagles' Wings

Verse 1



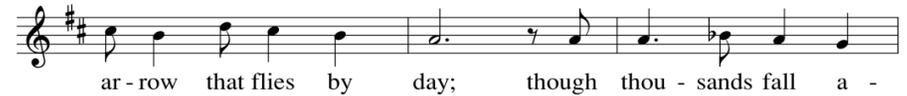
Refrain



Verse 2



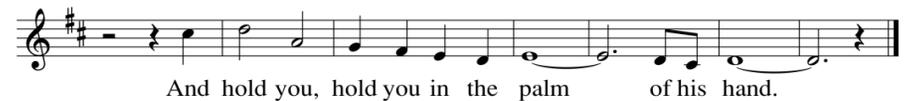
Verse 3



Verse 4



Coda



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In the courtyard, through the doors to the right at the front of the church, immediately following the service.

Restrooms

There is a restroom in the Common Room.

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