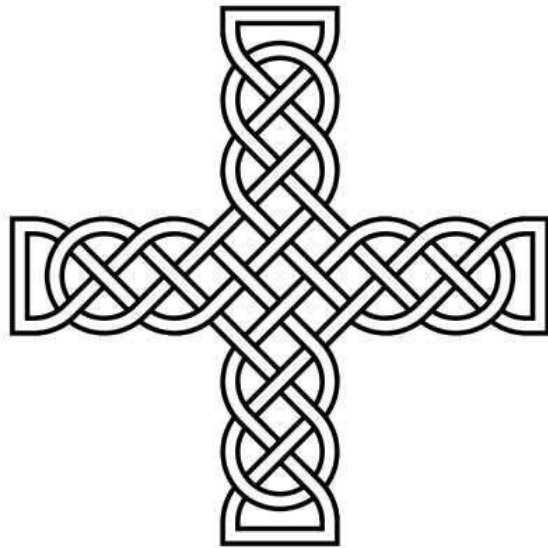


The Holy Eucharist  
In Celebration of the Life of  
Dr. Bruce Oscar Linn



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St. Martin's Episcopal, Bridgewater, NJ

## Opening Hymn *How Great Thou Art*

*Because of the dangers of singing in crowds, the diocese has restricted congregational singing. You are encouraged to prayerfully read the words in silence as the soloist sings.*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*  
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —  
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —  
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —  
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

\*The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."



Opening Anthem (*please stand*)  
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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.

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother, Bruce. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading *(Please be seated)*

Barbara Linn

A reading from Lamentations.

The Lord is good to those who wait for him. 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 forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

*Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33*

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

Psalm 23

Jeffrey Linn

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading

Jen-Nai Linn

A reading from John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

*1 John 3:1-2*

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

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

The Rev. David Linn

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

*John 14:1-6*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Remembrances and Homily

The Rev. Bruce Montgomery

The Apostles' Creed *(Please stand)*

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

**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.**

For our brother Bruce, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,  
"I am Resurrection and I am Life."

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

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. *Hear us, Lord.*

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life. *Hear us, Lord.*

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven. *Hear us, Lord.*

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and

eternal life our hope.

*The Celebrant concludes with one of the following or some other prayer.*

Father of all, we pray to you for Bruce., 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

Instructions for Receiving Communion (*Please be seated*)

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Hymn: *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling*

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,  
4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,

1. Call - ing for you and for me; See, on the por - tals He's  
2. Plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and  
3. Pass - ing for you and for me; Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,  
4. Prom - ised for you and for me; Though we have sinned, He has

1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me.  
2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me?  
3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me.  
4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me.

Come home, Come home, come home, come home,

Ye who are wea-ry, come home! Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

## The Liturgy of the Altar

*Once the altar is prepared, please stand*

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*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*

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:  
*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

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 forever. 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 Fraction

*Dona nobis pacem.*

Alison Jandek

**Dona Nobis Pacem**  
(Translation: Give Us Peace)

Pronounced Don-na No-beeche Pah-chem Traditional

1  
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2  
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3  
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.



Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

*Communion will be brought to your pew. Please stand with hands outstretched if you would like to receive Communion. Please stand and cross your arms over your chest if you would prefer a blessing. Please do not remove your mask to receive Communion until the priest has left your pew.*

Hymn during Communion *Amazing Grace*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

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### Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand)*

*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**

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.*

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,

*where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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.

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

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant *Bruce*. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner 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.*

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;  
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: Beecher; John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

