



In Memory
of **Mary Steinitz**

Grace Lutheran Church

March 3, 2025

Opening

P: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We gather to commend Mary to her rest in Christ. This is the last act of caring that we can give to her for we trust in the hope of the promise Jesus made to abide with her until the day of resurrection. Therefore, even in the midst of our grief we can still echo the words God's people have always declared; "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous."

C: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

P: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear the Lord, on those who hope in the Lord's steadfast love, to deliver them from death.

C: Our soul waits for the Lord; the Lord is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in the Lord, because we trust in the Lord's holy name.

P: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, abide with us as we hope in your word.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God come, be with us now as we gather around the hope of our faith. Enliven our minds with the memories we share. Console our hearts with the confidence of Your favor for Mary. Bring us peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
 a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
 a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones
 together;
 a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
 a time to seek, and a time to lose;
 a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
 a time to tear, and a time to sew;
 a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
 a time to love, and a time to hate;
 a time for war, and a time for peace.

Reader: *The word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn

What a friend we have in Jesus

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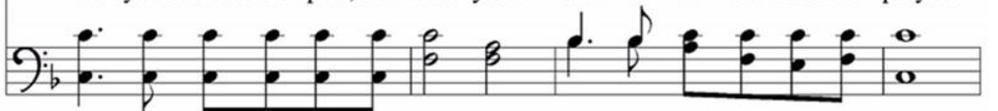
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith into a salvation prepared for revelation in the final age. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold ... may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the fulfillment of your faith, the salvation of your soul.

Reader: *The word of the Lord.* **C: Thanks be to God!**

Verse

Just as I am

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 8:22-25

And it came about that on one of those days Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake."

So, they put out, and while they were sailing Jesus fell asleep. Suddenly, a windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat started to fill with water, and the crew was in danger.

They went to Jesus and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are being destroyed!"

And Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves and they ceased, and there was a calm.

Jesus said to them, "Where is your faith?"

They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who, then, is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

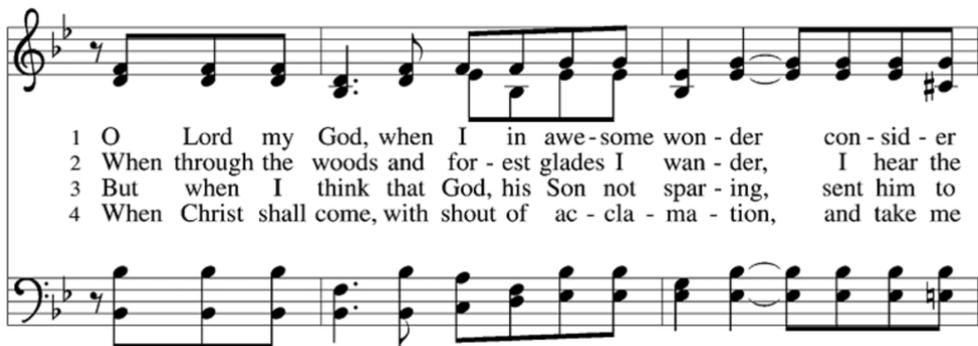
P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflections & Homily

Hymn of the Day

How Great Thou Art

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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, I hear the
 3 But 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

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Apostles Creed

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.

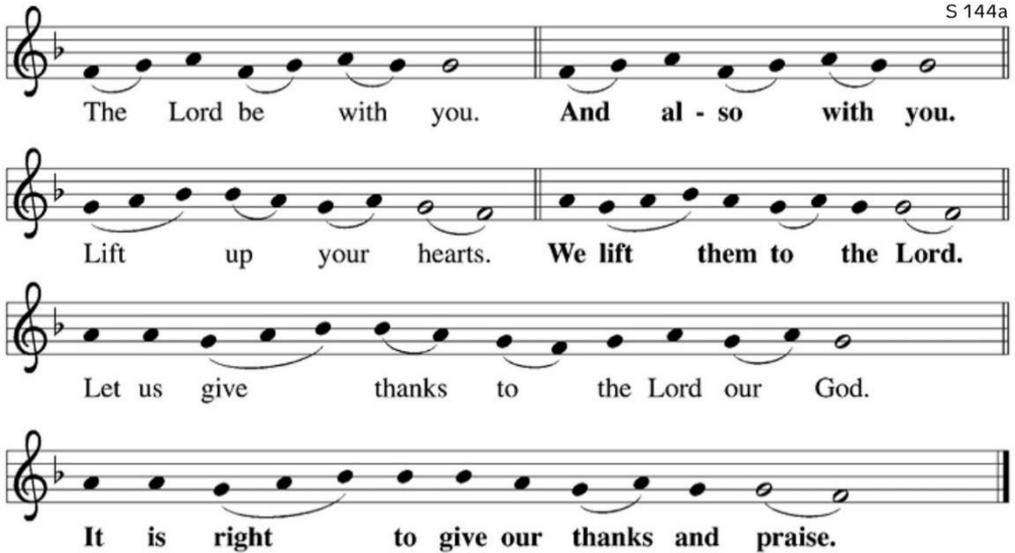
Prayers

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of our Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion



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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P: It is indeed right and responsible . . .



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Distribution Hymn *On Eagles Wings*

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1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



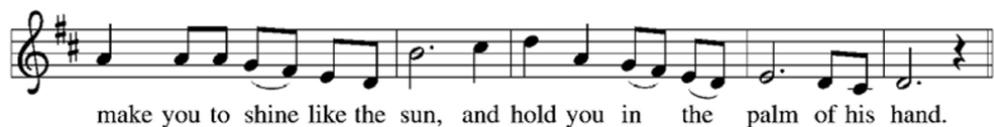
say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

All



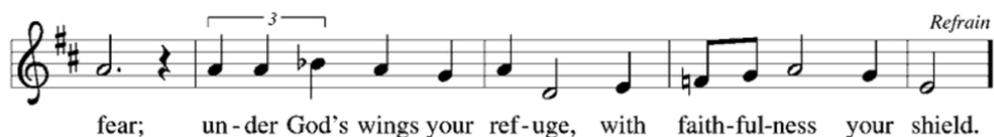
And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



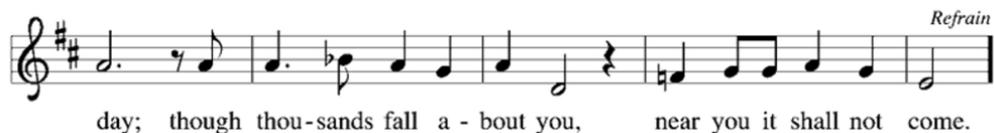
2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain

All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Amazing Grace

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

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

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

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, at this moment we are keenly aware that this physical world is destined to pass away. Gift us with Your Spirit that we will also know the hope of your promise that you will renew and restore this creation in a new creation of glory on the day of resurrection. Fill us with the faith we need to trust this Word, that we will live in this world in a way that reflects our destiny in the next. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commendation

Recessional

For All the Saints

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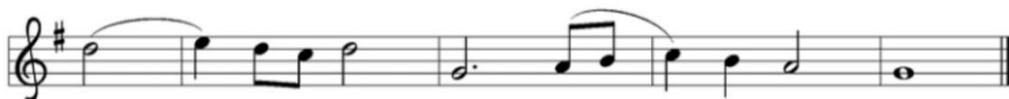
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

Procession to the Graveside



Mary Steinitz, 90, of Poughquag, NY (formerly of Mahopac, NY) passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. She was born in Manhattan, NY on December 11, 1934, and was the daughter of the late Tony and Helen (Mikulka) Holic.

On May 8, 1954, she married the love of her life, Charles Steinitz, at St. John Nepomucene Church in Manhattan, NY. Mary and Charlie raised 3 children and shared 66 wonderful years together, full of adventure and love. Mary was a proud partner in building their home in Mahopac from the ground up. She loved spending time with her children, 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, whether making big dinners and holiday meals, making her famous Slovak cookies, playing card and board games, or going to the casino. She was a woman of great faith, having a strong love of God, her Country and her Slovak heritage, which she instilled in her family. Mary lived for those she loved and each one cherished being a recipient of that love. Not only did Mary have a love of family, but she loved her extensive list of friends from all walks of life.

Mary graduated from Washington Irving High School and went on to be an accomplished seamstress (making wedding gowns for Saks 5th Avenue), a

bank teller (for City Bank), and a cashier in Mahopac High School's cafeteria. However, her favorite role in life was being a wonderful homemaker and raising her family.

Mary is survived by her children, Ellen Casey of Poughquag, NY, Carol King of Wappingers Falls, NY and Richard Steinitz of Mahopac, NY; her grandchildren, Tara, Michael, Daniel, Kari, Alicia, Brianna and Lauren, and their spouses, Sasha, Matthew, Lance, Kelly and Stephen; her great-grandchildren, Ava, Gabriel, Casey, Griffin, Colin, Juliella, Henry, Larkin, Asher, Penelope, Charlie and Elory; and her sister-in-law, Norah Holic. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends (both here in the USA and in Slovakia). She is predeceased by her husband, Charlie, her brother, Anton Holic, her son-in-law, Ronald Casey, Sr. and grandson, Ronald Casey, Jr.

If you knew Mary, you undoubtedly know she was a kind soul with a little bit of humor sprinkled in. She cared about everyone she met and had a unique gift for remembering your name. Mary will be greatly missed by all who loved her; reflecting on her life and legacy will always bring a smile.



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