A service of thanksgiving for the life of John Boardman

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The priest welcomes everyone and reads the following words of Holy Scripture I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die. And everyone who has life, and is committed to me in faith, shall not die for ever. John 11: 25 – 26

I am sure 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. *Romans 8 : 38 – 39*

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

Opening Hymn Morning has broken

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet is the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

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The Collect

Celebrant	Let us pray. O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all, grant us, with your servant John, and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.
People	Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

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Psalm 121

1	I lift up my eyes to the hills;
	from where is my help to come?
2	My help comes from the Lord,
	the maker of heaven and earth.
3	The Lord will not let your foot be moved
	and the One who watches over you
	will not fall asleep.
4	Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel
	shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5	The Lord, the Lord, watches over you;
	the Lord is your shade at your side,
6	so that the sun shall not strike you by day,
	nor the moon by night.
7	The Lord shall preserve you from all evil
	and shall keep you safe.
8	The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming
	in, from this time forth for evermore.
Celebrant	Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
All	as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever.
	Amen.

The Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

"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 when 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." "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14: 1-6, 27

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Homily

The Rev. Helen Dunn

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

Prayers	Rev. Elizabeth Mathers	sit
The Peace		stand
Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.	

And also with you.

Please nod or bow to one another.

Hymn Abide with me

People

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see: O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

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 our thanks and praise.

- Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose victorious rising from the dead has given to us the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
- Sanctus 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. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil; and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

All we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

> In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Celebrant Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the Bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

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Prayer after Communion

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Celebrant God of love, you have fed us at the table of your kingdom. Teach us to trust, without fear, in your eternal goodness and mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen

Hymn Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, *feed me till I want no more. * (repeat * - *)

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, *be thou still my strength and shield.* (repeat * - *) When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, songs of praises, *I will ever give to thee.* (repeat * - *)

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The Commendation

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Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; 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 servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant John. Acknowledge, we pray, 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.

People Amen.

officiant The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

People Blessed is the Lord, our strength and our salvation.

Officiant Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord.

People And let light perpetual shine upon him.

- *Officiant* May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
- People Amen.

Hymn Shine, Jesus, shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us, shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

> Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness; search me, try me, consume all my darkness, shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story, shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

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The Committal in the Memorial Garden

Celebrant Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

We have entrusted John to God's loving care, and we now commit his mortal remains to this resting place: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust: in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, was buried, and rose again for us. To whom be glory for ever.

All Amen.

Celebrant Into the darkness and warmth of the earth We lav vou down. All *Celebrant* Into the sadness and smiles of our memories We lav vou down. All *Celebrant* Into the cycle of living and dying and rising again We lay you down. All *Celebrant* May you rest in peace, in fulfillment, and in loving. May you run straight home in God's embrace. All celebrant Into the freedom of wind and sunshine We let you go. All *Celebrant* Into the dance of the stars and the planets We let you go. All *Celebrant* Into the wind's breath and the hands of the star maker We let you go. All *Presider* We love you, we miss you, we want you to be happy. Go safely, go dancing, go running home. All

John's Family warmly invite you

to a reception downstairs in the Hall.

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