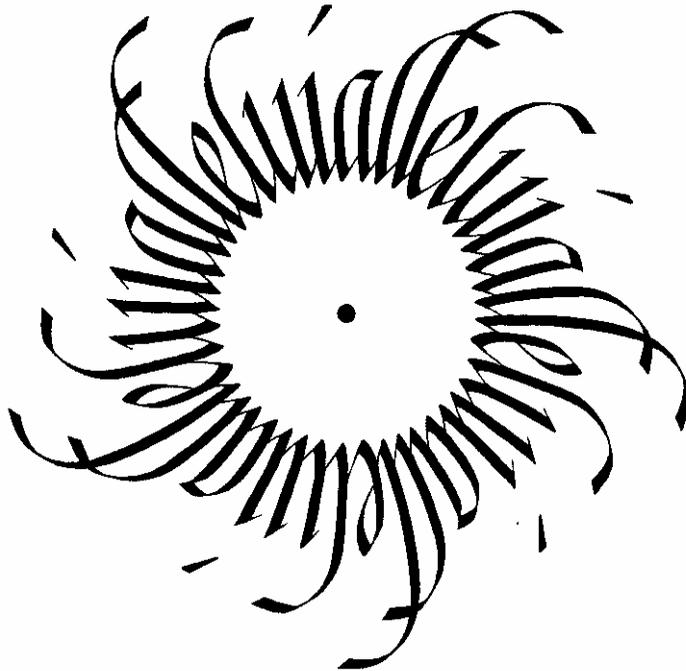


CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR



MELINDA KATHERINE GORDON
OCTOBER 4, 1971-OCTOBER 24, 2007

REQUIEM EUCHARIST
OCTOBER 28, 2007
2:00 P.M.



Gifts in Melinda's memory may be given to
the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org)

MercyCorps (www.mercycorps.com)

or to the Melinda Gordon Memorial Fund
(checks made payable to the University of Chicago)
University of Chicago Office of Medical Center Development;
attn: Stephanie Dahl, 1170 E. 58th Street, Chicago, IL 60637.

*The Fund will be used to promote work in doctor-patient communication,
which was Melinda's research specialty.*

Prior to the service there will be organ selections, ending with music based on two hymns:
“Children of the Heavenly Father”
&
“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Requiem Eucharist

The presider invites the congregation to stand. The community gathers as the presider says the following:

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though she die. And everyone who has life, and has committed herself 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 herself, and none becomes her own master when she 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.

Gathering Hymn

The Hymnal # 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,
 pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our
 thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Melinda, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The congregation sits

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (*Is. 61:1-3*)

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of

praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God

The congregation may remain seated for the following hymn.



The Hymnal # 465

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
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Reader

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 4:7-10, 16:5-7)

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal

may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands (as able) for the Reading of the Holy Gospel.

The choir will sing the Alleluia, then it is repeated by all, and sung again after the verse.



“Be faithful to death says the Lord; and I will give you a crown of life.”

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

(Matthew 5:1-10)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The congregation may be seated

Remembrances of Melinda: Including poetry by Mary Oliver and e.e. cummings

Homily The Rev. Bernard Brown

The congregation stands (as able) for the **Prayers of the People.**

Leader For our sister, Melinda, 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 Melinda, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Melinda was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

(Silence is kept.)

Presider Father of all, we pray to you for Melinda, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

After passing the Peace, the congregation is seated.

A word of welcome, to the church and this service, and to the reception that follows.

Holy Communion

All here this day are welcome to come forward to either the altar rail in the sanctuary or the communion station at the side altar to receive the Sacrament.

In the Episcopal Church when we set the table, we set it for everyone.

You may stand or kneel at either station: receive the wafer in your hand and wine from the chalice.

Offertory Anthem

Set Me as a Seal

During the Offertory, bread and wine are brought forward to the altar as the gifts of the People.

When all has been prepared, the presider begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

The musical notation is presented in four systems, each with a staff and lyrics below. The first system is for the Celebrant and the People. The second system is for the Celebrant and the People. The third system is for the Celebrant. The fourth system is for the People. The lyrics are: 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 him thanks and praise.

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God: through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

You gave us Jesus Christ, who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; For to your faithful people, O God, 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.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Sanctus (S130)

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might,----- Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might,----- hea-ven and earth are
full,----- full----- of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes-----
----- In the name of the Lord,----- Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues;

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and People and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The presider then breaks the Bread and speaks the following words:



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Verse: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ [Antiphon]
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. [Antiphon]

Music during Communion:

Solo, "Be Thou My Vision" sung by David Meyer, Steve's brother

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal # 325



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

All stand (as able) for the Post-Communion Prayer.

Presider Let us pray.

People 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 Saviour. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

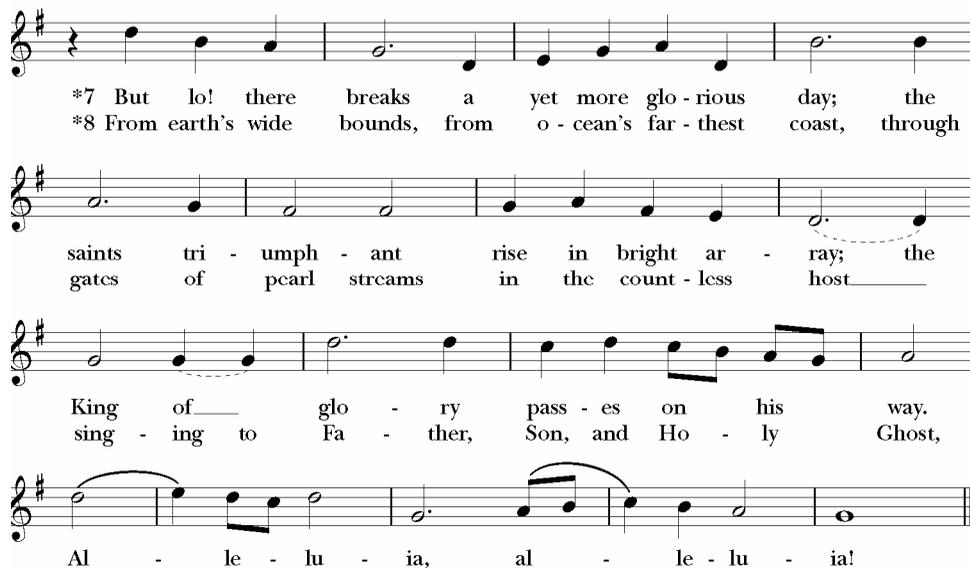
The Hymnal # 287

1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:___
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,___
 4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!___

thee___ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;___
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
 We feeble - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet

Name, O___ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
 win, with___ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are___ one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
 *8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
 saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host
 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!

The Assembly is dismissed with the following words:

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: variations on “Ode to Joy”, by *Beethoven*

You are invited to join Melinda's family in the Parish Hall for a reception.

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

PRESIDING: The Rev. Brian Hastings

ASSISTING: The Rev. Linda Packard

DEACON: The Rev. Susan Osborne-Mott

MINISTER OF CEREMONIES: Toby Roberts

CRUCIFER: Barbara Manley

LECTORS: Joan Roberts & Kathy Watson

REMEMBERANCES: Lisa Cox, Debjani Mukherjee, Laura Michaelis, Mary Beth DeHamer (read by Matt Gordon), Nancy Gordon and Steve Meyer

POETRY READ BY: Shannon Morrow and Clare Nolan

SERVERS: Chris and Ginny Watson

MUSIC: Melody Turner (parish musician) and the choirs of St. Simon's Arlington Heights, Winnetka Covenant Church and Church of Our Saviour

USHERS: Arch Pounian, Ruth Seeler

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