Thank you for your prayerful participation and presence at these liturgies. Please gather with Marcel's family for a luncheon in their home at 157 Stevenson Street in New Bedford.

# DIRECTIONS FROM SACRED HEART CEMETERY TO

#### 157 STEVENSON STREET IN NEW BEDFORD

Left out of the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Right at the lights onto Tarklin Hill Road.

Proceed to the second set of lights.

Left onto 140 North at the lights.

Right on Exit 5, bearing right off the exit.

First left on Staron Street, bearing left past the monument.

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Straight on Morton Avenue,

parallel to the Campbell School on the right.

First right onto Stevenson Street.

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## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS



## Deacon Marcel G. Morency B. March 27, 1920 D.

## GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BODY

The family of Marcel, with friends and members of the parish community, gather to greet Marcel's body. In assembling as a body, we confront the most immediate way that the loss of our loved ones is a mystery and part of the Christian journey.

In an atmosphere of confident prayer and sensitive concern, we reverence the body of Marcel as a temple of the life-giving Spirit and ask, in that same Spirit, for the eternal life promised to all the faithful.

### SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE VERSE JOHN 14: 1-3

**Presider:** My brothers and sisters, Jesus says:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."

Pause for silent prayer.

## SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

**Presider:** The Lord God lives in his holy temple yet abides in our midst. Since in baptism Marcel became God's temple and the Spirit of God live in him, with reverence we bless his mortal body.

**Presider:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **R/.** *Amen*.

**Presider:** Go in the peace of Christ. R/. Thanks be to God.

#### **MILITARY HONORS**

To honor Marcel's service to his country during World War II, military representatives will fold the United States flag that covers Marcel's casket and present it to Marcel's family, accompanied by Taps. Thank you to Saunders/Dwyer Funeral Home for making these arrangements.

## A word of gratitude from Marcel's family

Words cannot express the depth of our gratitude for your prayers, your love and your support. We know that Marcel is with God, ushered into heaven by the Lord Jesus, his wife Muriel and their two sons, Robert Marcel and Marc Ernest. We know that Marcel will life to the full with God, walking as a member of the Communion of Saints with his wife Muriel and their two sons, Robert Marcel and Marc Ernest. For the first time since his childhood, Marcel hears the music of heaven without profound deafness. What a gift that must be and what a homecoming he must have received!

We extend particular thanks to Deacon John Welsh and to Deacon Leo Racine for preaching at these liturgies and to ??? for his presence to us. To the presbyterate and diaconate, along with our thanks to Saunders Dwyer Funeral Home for their professional

### PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

**Presider:** Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the humble. Hear your people who cry out to you in their need, and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.

We ask this though Christ, our Lord.

R/. Amen.

**Presider:** Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

**R/**. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Presider:** May he rest in peace.

R/. Amen.

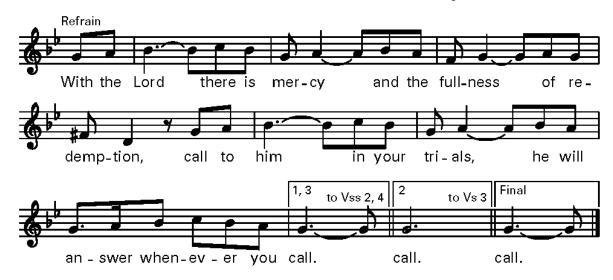
**Presider:** May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R/. Amen.

**Presider:** May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

R/. Amen.

## PSALM 116: WITH THE LORD BY MICHAEL JONCAS



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#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Presider:** Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us:

**All:** Our Father...

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Presider:** Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brother Marcel. In this life you embrace him with your tender love; deliver him now from every evil and bid him enter eternal rest.

The old order has away: welcome Marcel then into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

R/. Amen

## **BLESSING**

**Presider:** Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.

Presider: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

**R/.** And let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Presider:** May he rest in peace.

**R/.** Amen.

**Presider:** May his souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, though the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**R/.** Amen.

**Presider:** May the peace of god, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**R/.** Amen.

**Presider:** May God bless you the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **R/.** Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Presider:** With longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us pray:

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.

Amen.

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Presider:** God of holiness and power, accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Marcel; do not count his deeds against him, for in his heart, he desired to do your will. As his faith united him to your people on earth, so may your mercy join him to the angels in heaven.

We ask this through Christ the Lord. R/. Amen.

**Deacon:** Remember all the good they have done. Lord, in your mercy:

**R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Deacon:** Welcome Marcel and all the dead into eternal life. Lord, in your mercy:

**R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Deacon:** Let us pray for those who mourn. Comfort them in their grief. Lord, in your mercy:

**R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Deacon:** Lighten their sense of loss with your presence. Lord, in your mercy:

**R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Deacon:** Increase their faith and strengthen their hope. Lord, in your mercy:

**R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Deacon:** Let us pray also for ourselves on our pilgrimage through life. Keep us faithful in your service. Lord, in your mercy:

**R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Deacon:** Kindle in our hearts a longing for heaven. Lord, in your mercy:

**R/.** Hear our prayer.

## VIGIL FOR THE DECEASED

Deacon Marcel G. Morency

B. March 27, 1920

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The word 'vigil' means to keep watch. The Vigil for the Deceased is the "principal rite celebrated by the Christian community in the time following death and before the funeral liturgy." (Order of Christian Funerals). The Christian community keeps watch with the family as they mourn the loss of a loved on. The gathering of friends and church members offer prayers for the deceased and relatives. All who gather seek comfort in their loss. In prayer, in song, in the sharing of personal stories of how the deceased person impacted their lives, to silent reflection, the vigil calls on God to receive the deceased into the eternal kingdom of heaven.

### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

## Greeting

**Presider** May the grace and peace of God our

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be

with you.

R/. And also with you.

**Opening Song** 

(The text for this hymn is based on tonight's reading from Paul to the Corinthians.)

## We Walk by Faith



Grant that our brother Marcel may sleep here in peace until you awaken him to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. Then he will see you face to face and in your light will see light and know the splendor of God, for you live and reign for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

#### **COMMITTAL**

**Presider:** In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Marcel, and we commit his body to its resting place: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace.

#### **INTERCESSIONS**

**Presider:** Dear friends, in reverence let us pray to God, the source of all mercies.

**Deacon:** Gracious Lord, forgive the sins of those who have died in Christ. Lord, in your mercy:

**R/.** Hear our prayer.

## RITE OF COMMITTAL

When all have gathered at the grave site, the priest or deacon invites the assembly to pray for Marcel and one another.

### **INVITATION**

**Presider:** Our brother Marcel has gone to his rest in the peace of Christ. May the Lord now welcome him to the table of God's children in heaven. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist him with our prayers.

Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited one day with our brother Marcel: together may we meet Christ Jesus when he who is our life appears in glory.

## SCRIPTURE VERSE Matthew 25: 34

**Presider:** We read in sacred Scripture: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

#### PRAYER OVER THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

**Presider:** Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies.

### **INVITATION TO PRAYER**

**Presider:** My brothers and sisters, we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death. Confident that God always remembers the good we have done and forgives our sins, let us pray, asking God to gather Marcel to himself.

We pause for silent prayer.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Presider: Lord our God, the death of our brother Marcel recalls our human condition and the brevity of our lives on earth. But for those who believe in your love death is not the end, nor does it destroy the bonds that your forge in our lives. We share the faith of your Son's disciples and the hope of the children of God. Bring the light of Christ's resurrection to this time of testing and pain as we pray for Marcel and for those who love him, through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

(The Word of God is meant to be heard. However, to honor people with Marcel's disability, profound hearing loss, the readings are provided.)

**Reader:** A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We know that if your earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away form the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

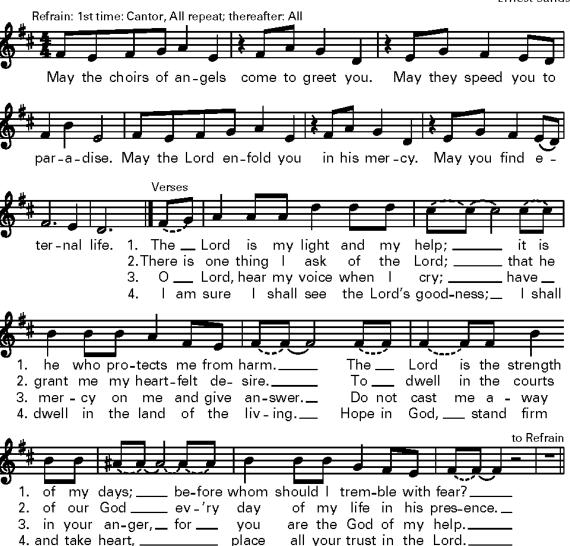
(Pause for brief silent reflection on God's Word.)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

#### SONG OF FAREWELL

**Ernest Sands** 



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Please take this worship aid with you to the grave site, so that you may fully participate in the prayers for the Rite of Committal at Sacred Heart Cemetery in New Bedford. Immediately following the Committal, we will gather for a luncheon at the Morency Gannon home at 157 Stevenson Street in New Bedford. All are welcome.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Marcel.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Or: Alleluia.

**Presider:** 

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Marcel in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Marcel in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother Marcel for ever.

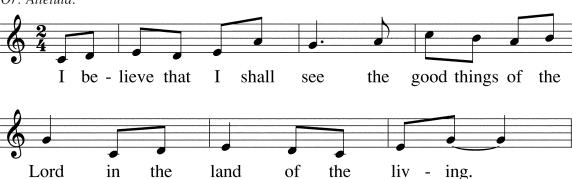
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

## PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Deacon

Let us take our brother Marcel to his place of rest.



The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge;

of whom should I be afraid? R.

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, that I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple. R.

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks. R.

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(Pause for silent prayer to reflect on God's World.)

The Gospel Acclamation is omitted. Please stand for the Gospel.

**Deacon John Welch:** A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

(There is no response. Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.)

### ENTRANCE PROCESSION AND SONG OF GATHERING

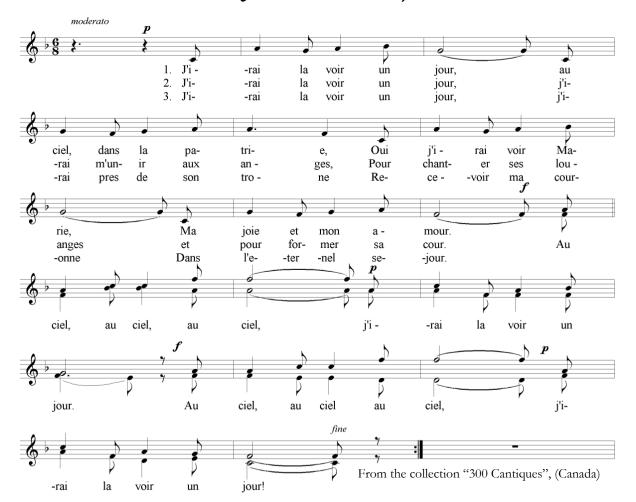
## LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING



Text: 87 87 D; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887.

## All pray in silence.

## SONG OF FAREWELL J'irae la voir un jour French traditional



- Verse 1 One day I will see heaven, my home. Yes, I will see Mary, my joy and love.
- Verse 2 One day, I will unite with angels to sing God's praise and form his court.
- Verse 3 One day I will receive my crown in eternal life.
- Refrain: O heaven! O heaven! I will see you one day.

Please be seated for silent thanksgiving after Communion.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

**Presider:** Let us pray.

Lord, in this sacrament you give us your crucified and risen Son. Bring to the glory of the resurrection our brother Marcel who has been purified by this holy mystery. Grant this through Christ our

Lord.

R/. Amen.

Please be seated. A brief reflection by Marcel's grandchildren will precede the Final Commendation.

## FINAL COMMENDATION

Please stand

**Presider:** Trusting in God, we have prayer together for Marcel and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Marcel again and enjoy his friendship. Although this assembly will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

### PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Permanent deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served."

The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church. As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct vigil and funeral services As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshalling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs.

With this in mind, we place the Book of the Gospels on Marcel's casket, symbolizing that he served the Word that was entrusted to him at his ordination by becoming a living example of the Gospel of service, virtue and charity.

A member of the Permanent Diaconate will place the book of the Gospels on the casket.

GOSPEL: LUKE 12: 35-40

Jesus told his disciples:

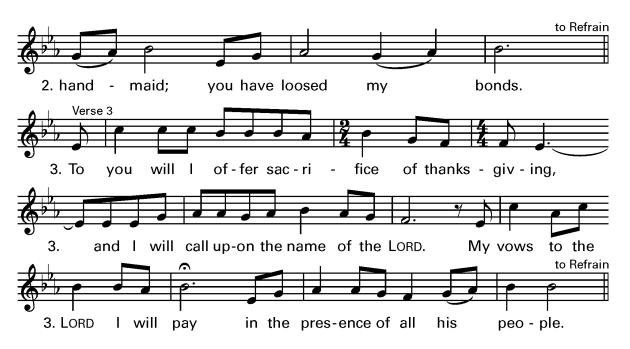
"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servant who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared I this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at tan hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord.

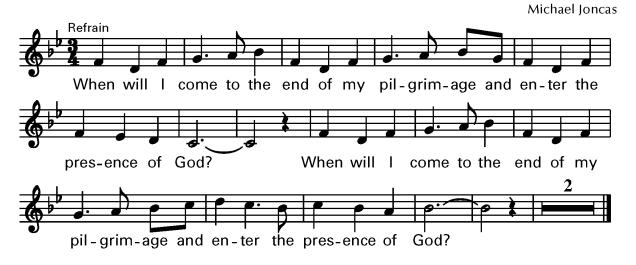
(There is no response. Please be seated for a brief homily on the readings.)

Homily: Deacon John Welch

(After the homily, pause for a moment of silence, to allow God's Word to resonate within us.)



## Second Communion Song (if needed) IUST LIKE A DEER



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## **Communion Song**

### OUR BLESSING-CUP/WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE ARE FOUND



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(Please stand.)

**Presider:** Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his cross and resurrection:

Reader: Risen Lord, pattern of our life forever:

Lord, have mercy. R/. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Promise and image of what we shall be:

Lord, have mercy. R/.Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Son of God, who came to destroy sin and death:

Lord, have mercy. R/.Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Word of God who delivered us from the fear of

death: Lord, have mercy. R/.Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory:

Lord, have mercy.

R/.Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Lord Jesus, gentle shepherd who brings rest to our souls, give peace to Marcel for ever: R/.Lord, have mercy.

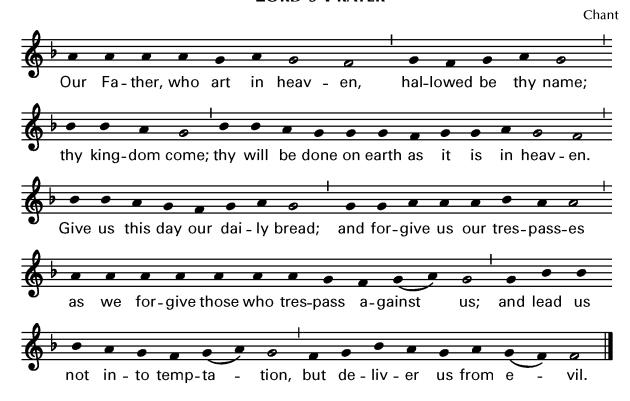
Reader: Lord, Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless Marcel's family and friends who gather around him today. Lord, have mercy.

R/.Lord, have mercy

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Presider:** Friends, our true home is heaven. Therefore let us pray to our heavenly Father as Jesus taught us:

#### LORD'S PRAYER



## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

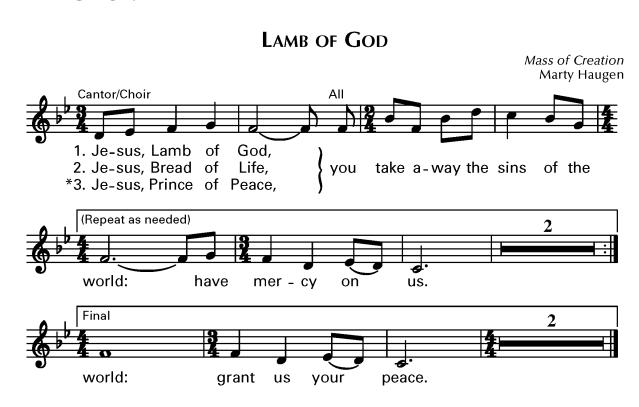
**Presider** Lord God, you are attentive to the voice of our pleading. Le us find in your Son comfort in our sadness, certainty in our doubt, and courage to live through this hour. Make our faith strong through Christ our Lord.

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R/. Amen.

**SIGN OF PEACE** At the preside's invitation, please greet each other with the peace of Christ.

#### FRACTION RITE



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Please kneel.

Please stand.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Presider:** Let us pray to in the words that Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

**Presider:** Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Doxology** (all): For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever

Please be seated.

**Eulogy** Family members will offer a brief reflection, followed by the following song, one of Marcel's favorites.

**Du, du liegst mir him Herzen** (You are in My Heart) is a German folk song, believed to have originated in Northern Germany around 1820. Dad learned the song from German prisoners at Camp Ritchie when he served the Army as a French translator at Camp Ritchie, Maryland.

After attending Mass at St. Anne's and Sunday dinner, the Morency family did what a lot of people did in the 1950's. We all hopped in the car for the traditional "Sunday drive", to visit relatives and friends, perhaps going to see the cows at Gulf Hill Dairy and have some ice cream in our pajamas, just enjoying some family time. We sang a lot during those car rides ("Let's harmonize," Dad would say and the acapella fest would begin!) We sang music like Moonlight Bay and You Are My Sunshine along with other popular ballads of the day. Dad taught us a few songs that he learned from his Army days spent with the German prisoners who turned from Hitler and became known as the Ritchie Boys, assisting the United States as undercover agents in the destruction of the Nazi regime. Dad always loved this song and we sang it often. Tonight, Patrick Gannon will sing the German text. The English translation may be found on the following page. German text. The translation is on the following page.

## **German Lyrics**

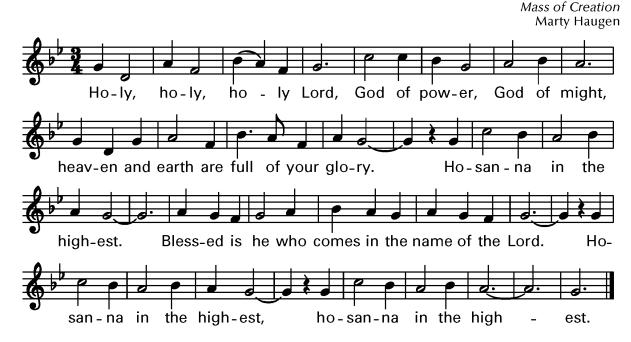
Du, du liegst mir im Herzen du, du liegst mir im Sinn. Du, du machst mir viel Schmerzen, weißt nicht wie gut ich dir bin. Ja, ja, ja, weißt nicht wie gut ich dir bin.

So, so wie ich dich liebe so, so liebe auch mich. Die, die zärtlichsten Trieb fühle ich ewig für dich. Ja, ja, ja, fühle ich ewig für dich.

Doch, doch darf ich dir trauen dir, dir mit leichtem Sinn?
Du, du kannst auf mich bauen weißt ja wie gut ich dir bin!
Ja, ja, ja, weißt ja wie gut ich dir bin!

Und, und wenn in der Ferne, mir, mir dein Bild erscheint, dann, dann wünscht ich so gerne daß uns die Liebe vereint. Ja, ja, ja, daß uns die Liebe vereint.

## HOLY



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Please stand.

**Presider:** Pray, my sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice

may be acceptable to God, the Almighty.

**R/.** May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the

praise and glory of his name, for our good and the

good of all his Church.

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## **English Lyrics**

You, you are in my heart.
you, you are in my mind.
You, you make me much pain,
do not know how good I am.
Yes, yes, yes, yes do not know how good I am.

So, as I love you so, so love me too.
The most tender desires
I feel for you forever.
Yes, yes, yes, yes, I feel for you forever.

But, but may I trust you
you, you with a light heart?
You, you know you can rely on me
You do know how good I am!
Yes, yes, yes, yes You do know how good I am!

And, and if in the distance, it seems to me like your picture, then, then I wish so much that we were united in love.

Yes, yes, yes, that we were united in love.

Marcel, Muriel, Robert and Marc, reunited in love again. Godspeed.

**Remembrances** Friends and family may freely share their memories or thoughts. Please feel free to speak from your seats or come to the front of the church at this point.

#### **CONCLUDING RITE**

(Please stand.)

**Presider:** Blessed are those who have died in the

Lord; Let them rest from their labors for

their good deeds go with them.

**Presider:** Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

R/. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Presider:** May his soul and the souls of all the

faithful departed, through the mercy of

God, rest in peace.

 $\mathbf{R}$ /. Amen.

**Presider:** May the love of God and the peace of the

Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us

and gently wipe every tear from our eyes:

in the name of the Father

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

 $\mathbf{R}$ /. Amen.

James Hansen



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**Reader:** We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother Marcel. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. Lord, in your mercy:

**R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Presider:** Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls,

hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ,

and the voices of your people.,

Whose lives were purchased by the blood

Of the Lamb.

Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and

grant them a place in the kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

Please be seated.

The song Death Will Be No More is based on today's second reading. The music of the refrain is based on a German folk song, which Marcel learned while serving in the Army at Camp Ritchie, Maryland. Please feel free to join in singing the refrain.

## MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL



Deacon Marcel G. Morency B. March 27, 1920

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When one of its members dies, the Church celebrates the Mass. In the proclamation of the Scriptures, the saving Word of God through the power of the Spirit becomes living and active in the minds and hearts of the community. Having been strengthened at the table of God's word, the community calls to mind God's saving deeds and offers the Father in the spirit the Eucharistic sacrifice of Christ's Passover from death to life, a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, of reconciliation and atonement. Communion nourishes us and expresses our unity. Confident in Jesus' presence among us through Word and Table, we entrust Marcel to him to God. Having prayed at the Vigil for the Deceased last evening and mourning the loss of Marcel's earthly life, we celebrate his today his resurrection. resurrection in the Lord today through this liturgy of life.

The presider, goes to the door of the church and greets the body of Marcel. He sprinkles the body with holy water as a reminder of baptism in Christ. A pall is placed on the coffin, to remind us that we are clothed at our Baptism in the life of Christ. The procession proceeds to the front of the church, where the body of Marcel is placed before the Easter candle, the symbol of Christ, the light of the world.

### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

#### **GREETING**

**Presider:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R/. And also with you.

## SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

**Presider:** In the waters of baptism, Marcel died with Christ and rose with him to new life. My he now share with him in eternal glory.

PLACING OF THE PALL Marcel's children will place the pall on the body, assisted by other family members.

We sing O Death Where is Your Victory to accompany the Procession into the church.

**Reader:** Our brother Marcel served God's people as a deacon of the Church. Prepare a place for him in the kingdom who coming he proclaimed. Lord, in your mercy:

## **R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Many friends and family members, have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord, in your mercy:

## **R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Many people die by violence, war and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. Lord, in your mercy:

## **R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. We remember especially Marcel's wife Muriel and their two sons, Robert and Marc. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all who se faith is known to you alone. Lord, in your mercy:

## **R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** The family and friends of Marcel seek comfort and consolation, particularly his children Denise and Paul. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord, in your mercy.

**R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated for the homily.

**Homily** Deacon Leo Racine

(After the homily, we pause for a moment of silent reflection.)

Please stand for the General Intercessions

**Presider:** Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

**Reader:** In baptism, Marcel received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him over the waters of death. Lord, in your mercy:

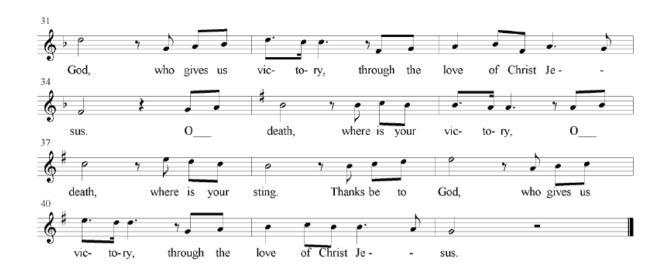
**R/.** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Our brother Marcel was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy:

R/. Hear our prayer.

## O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY (Based on 1 Corinthians 15: 15-57)





### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Presider:** Let us pray.

Lord God, you sent your Son into the world to preach the Good News of salvation and to pour out his Spirit of grace upon your Church.

Look with kindness on your servant Marcel.

As a deacon in the Church he was strengthened by the gift of the Spirit to preach the Good News, to minister in your assembly, and to do the works of charity.

Give him the reward promised to those who show their love of you by service to their neighbor.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

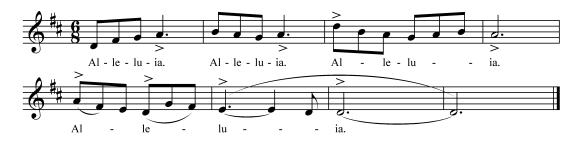
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

## Alleluia

based on Plainchant, Mode V Alexander Peloquin, 1972 "Mass of the Bells"



Cantor: If we die with Christ, we shall live with

him, and if we are faithful to the end, we

shall reign with him. 2 Timothy 2: 11b-12a

**Deacon:** The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

**Deacon:** A reading from the holy Gospel according

to Matthew.

R/. Glory to you, Lord.

Gospel Matthew 5: 1-12

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up to the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

First Reading Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9

**Reader:** On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples.

On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples,

The web that is woven over all nations;

he will destroy death forever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces:

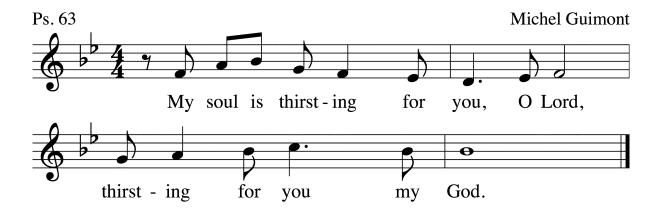
The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said:

"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm



O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. R.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. R.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. R.

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## **Second Reading**

Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7

Reader: I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself with always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.