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## THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

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 is 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.

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Hope leads everything,  
for faith only sees what is,  
but hope sees what will be.  
Charity only loves what is,  
But hope loves what will be -  
In time and for all eternity.

*~Charles Peguy*

God of Glory, holy and eternal,  
look upon us now in power and mercy.  
May your strength overcome our weakness,  
your radiance transform our blindness,  
and you spirit draw us to that love  
shown and offered to us by your Son,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **KYRIE**

Kyrie eleison.  
**Christe eleison.**  
Kyrie eleison.

## **ABSOLUTION AND CONFESSION**

God forgives you.  
Forgive others.  
Forgive yourself.

*In response to such grace, let us confess our sins-*

**We need your healing, merciful God:**  
**Give us true repentance.**  
**Some sins are plain to us,**  
**some escape us,**  
**some we cannot face.**  
**Forgive us:**  
**set us free to hear your word to us;**  
**set us free to serve you. Amen.**

## **A SONG OF HOPE**

**Goodness is stronger than evil;  
love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness;  
life is stronger than death;  
victory is ours through the One who loved us.**

*~Desmond Tutu*

Hope is an orientation of the spirit, an orientation of the heart; it transcends the world that is immediately experienced, and is anchored somewhere beyond its horizons...It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out...In short, I think that the deepest and most important form of hope, the only one that can keep us above water and urge us to good works, and the only true source of the breathtaking dimension of the human spirit and its efforts, is something we get, as it were, from 'elsewhere.' It is also this hope, above all, which gives us the strength to live and continually to try new things, even in conditions that seem hopeless.

*~Hope, Vaclav Havel*

Hope is the thing, with feathers  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune--without the words,  
And never stops at all,  
And sweetest in the gale is heard;  
And sore must be the storm  
That could abash the little bird  
That kept so many warm.  
I've heard it in the chilliest land,  
And on the strangest sea;  
Yet, never, in extremity,  
It asked a crumb of me.

*~Hope, Emily Dickinson*

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said: 'Nobody sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And nobody puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.'

*~Mark 2:21-22*

This is the Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **INTERCESSION**

Be sensitive to the world in which we live.  
It is not our world or yesterday's world.  
Our world is tomorrow's world.

Do not blind your spirits with the prejudices of yesterday.  
Do not poison your hearts with historical hatreds and fears.

Be free to find God in the accents of today.  
Let us be a people, a family, of broad perspective and wide variety  
with a gospel we can believe and live,  
a Christ we can serve,  
a God we can worship.

Let these be the foundation stones of life.  
*~John Shelby Spong*

God, give us a vision of our world  
as your love would make it:  
a world where the weak are protected,  
and none go hungry or poor or feel excluded or left behind;  
a world where the benefits of civilised  
life are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;  
a world where different races, nations  
and cultures can live in tolerance and mutual respect;  
a world where peace is built with justice,  
and justice is guided by love;

And give us the inspiration, hope and  
courage to build it,  
inspired by the self-giving of Jesus Christ  
who is our brother and companion on the way. **Amen.**  
~Alan Paton

## THE PEACE

“My peace I give to you, but not as the world gives”

Peace is that inner security, that self knowledge,  
which enables us to cross any frontier.  
It is the capacity to live in any world,  
to respond to any dream.

The world's peace is found in status, recognition, power  
-which ultimately makes us slaves of the system,  
exhausting our energies in never-ending struggle.

God's peace is an inner security  
That enables us to live in the tensions of life  
Without being puffed up by success or destroyed by failure.  
To possess God's peace is to have the ability  
to walk unafraid  
    into any new tomorrow,  
    into any new insight,  
        And to live in any brave, new world.

“My peace I give to you, but not as the world gives.”  
~John Shelby Spong

Shalom  
**Shalom**

## THE THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of hope

lead us through violent times,unafraid to speak for peace and justice,  
untempted by those who promise easy answers.

Help us to follow the way of Jesus Christ  
and bring light into the darkness of our world.

For we live in the joy of discontent,  
full citizens of the realm that is yet to be.

We rejoice in the presence of God's new age  
while longing for its completion.

Your new age is found-  
wherever love is shared,  
life is lived,  
freedom is experienced,  
fear is overcome.

Having tasted it, we stand in tiptoe expectancy,  
Looking for a total fulfilment that we know is infinite.

**Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty,  
The whole universe speaks of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We remember that on the night of desertion and betrayal,  
the day before his torture and death,  
as Jesus had supper with his friends  
he took the bread;

he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said:  
Take this and eat it - this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;  
he thanks you, gave it to his friends and said:  
All of you drink from this cup, it is my blood -  
shed for my love of humanity and my love of God.  
Do this every time you drink it to remember me.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ is here.**

Send your Spirit upon us  
and upon these small gifts, a piece of bread and a cup of wine,  
may they signify for us the body and blood of Jesus,  
Inspire us as we continue to follow him  
from whom we have learnt to be free:  
free from powers which estrange us, free to do good.

O God, inflamed by the Spirit  
and inspired by Jesus of Nazareth,  
we now dare to pray as he taught us:

**Abba,**

**Hallowed be your name;**

**Your kingdom come.**

**The bread of tomorrow, give us today.**

**Forgive us our debts, as we, here and now, forgive our debtors.**

**Do not let us succumb to temptation.**

**Amen.**



## THE COMMUNION

*The bread is broken*

Come, Jesus Christ,  
make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
*Please form a circle.*

The Body of Christ.  
**Amen.**

The Blood of Christ.  
**Amen.**

## REFLECTION

Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation. It is from numberless acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped each time someone stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lots of others or strikes out against injustice. They send forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other form a million different centres of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest wall of oppression and resistance.

*~The Shaping of History, Robert Kennedy*

## THE COMMENDATION

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

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind;  
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 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 Herb. 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.*

## THE COMMITTAL

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we commend to Almighty God our brother Herb, 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. **Amen.**

**LIVE FULLY.**

**LOVE WASTEFULLY**

**AND BE ALL THAT GOD INTENDS YOU TO BE.**

*~Blessing, John Shelby Spong*



*~Banksy*