

Celebrating the life and honouring the death of
Gerald “Gerry” William Mitchinson

Lutheran Church of the Cross

Victoria, BC

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

When we were Baptized in Christ Jesus...

A pall is placed over the urn.

All who are Baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
In his Baptism, Gerry was clothed with Christ.
In the day of Christ's coming,
Gerry shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you. **We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.
We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. **We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honour, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Gathering Song
Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me – No. 755

Vs. 1 Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
chart and compass come from thee.
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

Vs. 2 As a mother stills her child,
thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boist'rous waves obey thy will
when thou say'st to them: "Be still."
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

Vs. 3 When at last I near the shore,
and the fearful breakers roar
twixt me and the peaceful rest,
then, while leaning on thy breast,
may I hear thee say to me:
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Words of Tribute

by Paul Mitchinson

Psalm 23

¹The LORD ¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹ be in want.

**²The LORD makes me lie down ¹ in green
pastures and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.**

³You restore my ¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your
name's sake.

Refrain: ***The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not
be in want.***

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall ¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they ¹ comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of
my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup
is ¹ running over.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of
the ¹ LORD forever.**

Refrain: ***The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not
be in want.***

Hymn of the Day

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – No. 858

Vs. 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of
creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and
salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Vs. 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is
wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Vs. 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work
and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

Vs. 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me
adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises
before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

The Apostle's 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

God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Holy, mighty, and merciful God, ... **Amen.**

Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound – No. 779

Vs. 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

Vs. 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Vs. 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Vs. 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Vs. 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Jesus, Remember Me – No. 616

Jesus, remember me when you come into your
kingdom.

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kingdom.

Solo

by Anika Howell

Commendation

Let us commend Gerry Mitchinson to the mercy of
God, our maker and redeemer.

A time of silence

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend
your servant Gerry Mitchinson.

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.

Sending Song

My Life Flows On in Endless Song – No. 763

Vs. 1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Vs. 2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Vs. 3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Saviour liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Vs. 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Ministers in Worship

Presider: Rev. Lyndon Sayers

Assisting Minister: Dave Chell

Musician: Carolyn Hoekstra

Soloist: Anika Howell

Readers: Jeanie Stann, David Greve

Communion: Dana McKee

Ushers: Laura Cochran, Don Storch

Livestream: Marc Allen

Reception: Women in Faith

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