

The Celebration of the Life of
Edward (Ted) James Palmer



November 21, 1941 – June 19, 2026

Let light perpetual shine upon him

**The Funeral Liturgy for and
the Celebration of the Life of
Edward James Palmer**

June 24, 2026

Clarinet Prelude

*Amanda Palmer
(Ted's daughter-in-law)*

***Gabriel's Oboe
Requiem***

Ennio Morricone
John Rutter

Lyrics

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
A hymn befits thee, O God in Zion :
and to thee a vow shall be fulfilled in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer,
for unto thee all flesh shall come.
Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Resting

Thomas Grassi
*Vocals: Shannon Palmer
(Ted's granddaughter)*

The Gathering of the Community

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

Guitar: Noah Phibbs (Ted's grandson)

*Vocals: Shannon Palmer
and Karina Pakalnis (Noah's fiancée)*

Opening Sentences

Words of Welcome

The Collect

Eulogy

Christopher Palmer

(Ted's son)

Euphonium solo

It is Well With My Soul

Christopher Palmer

Lyrics

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain: It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should
come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

Words by Horatio Spafford

Music by Phillip Bliss

An excerpt from Leaves of Grass [Song of Myself]

by Walt Whitman

Grant Palmer

(Ted's son)

Hymn ***I Feel the Winds of God Today***

Tune: Kingsfold

**I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.**

**It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.**

If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above;
it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today,
today my sail I lift.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Nathanael Palmer

(Ted's grandson)

Hymn #520 ***The King of Love My Shepherd Is***

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-33 *Rebekkah Phibbs*

(Ted's granddaughter)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

after the reading

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

The Venerable Tanya Phibbs

(Ted's daughter)

Flugel Horn solo **Amazing Grace** Bradley Palmer
Lyrics at hymn #352 (Ted's grandson)

The Apostles' Creed BAS page 578 (green book)

The Prayers of the People Michele Stansfield
(Ted's stepdaughter)

Leader: Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader : Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: Grant us grace to entrust Ted to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy and remember him according to the favour you bear for your people.

People: **Hear us, Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Hymn **God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall**

**God sees the little sparrow fall,
it meets his tender view;
if God so loves the little birds,
I know he loves me too.**

Refrain:

**He loves me too, he loves me too,
I know he loves me too;
because he loves the little things,
I know he loves me too.**

**He paints the lily of the field,
perfumes each lily bell;
if he so loves the little flow'rs,
I know he loves me well. *Refrain***

**God made the little birds and flow'rs,
and all things large and small;
he'll not forget his little ones,
I know he loves them all. *Refrain***

The Prayer Over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God

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The Communion

All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. Intinction (dipping the wafer in the cup) is not permitted. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

Communion Hymn # 533 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Prayer after Communion

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The Commendation

**All: 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 grace 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 Ted.
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.
Amen.

The Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

*Wade Phibbs
(Ted's son-in-law)*

You are invited to proceed with the family to Avondale Cemetery for the committal. Those remaining at the church are welcome to move to the Upper Hall to begin a time of refreshment and sharing.

Pallbearers *(Ted's grandsons)*

Mike Palmer	Tom Palmer
Noah Phibbs	Bradley Palmer
Jacob Cenerini-Palmer	Nathanael Palmer

Clergy: The Venerable Tanya Phibbs
The Venerable Robert Lemon

Eucharistic Administrator:

The Venerable Megan Collings-Moore

Organist and Choir Director: Mr. Ian Sadler

Accompanist: Mr. Marque Smith

Thank you to all who took part in the service today and to all those who have upheld us in prayer and shown care in so many other ways during these last days and during the weeks and months before. Your compassion and love have been a balm to our souls. We are deeply grateful.

The Palmer and Bandura families

We should apprehend, too, the nature of death; and that if only it be steadily contemplated, and the fancies we associate with it be mentally dissected, it will soon come to be thought of as no more than a process of nature (and only children are scared by a natural process)---or rather, something more than a mere process, a positive contribution to nature's well-being. Also we can learn how man has contact with God, and with which part of himself this is maintained, and how that part fares after its removal hence.

From Meditations by Marcus Aurelius

