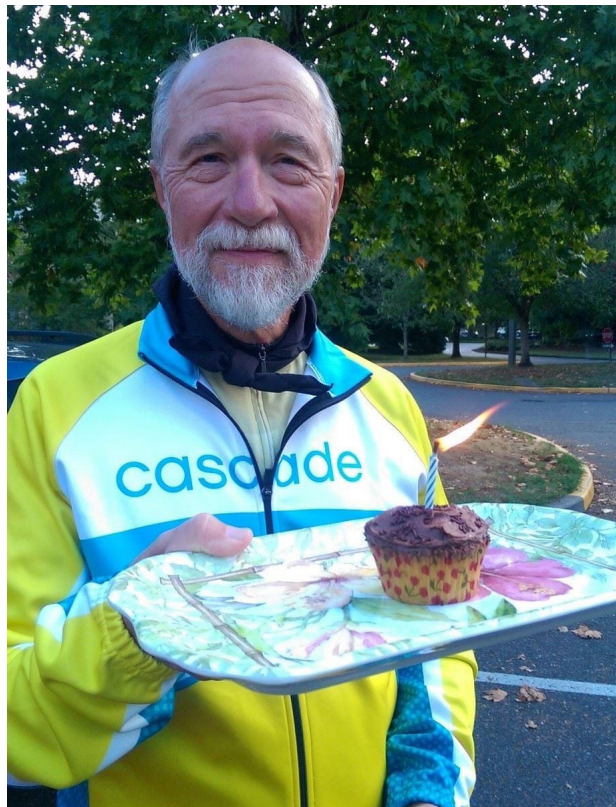




SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF  
ALBERT JOHN WELLER

September 21, 1946 – January 5, 2023



March 18, 2023

2:00 PM

*Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.*

*Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy.*



**PRELUDE**

*Little Pastorale*

Florence Price (1887–1953)

Meditation on *Slane* (tune of Hymn 488: “Be thou my vision”)

Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

*Sinfonia to Cantata 106, “God’s time is the best”*

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

*Please stand, as able.*

**ANTHEMS**

**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.

**A**S 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.

**F**OR none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he 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.

**H**APPY from now on are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

**THE COLLECT**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**O** GOD of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother John. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**WELCOME**

Dean Thomason

**REMEMBRANCES**

Theresa Weller Sutton  
John McIlhenny  
Edie Weller

*Please stand, as able.*

**OPENING HYMN** *Come, thou fount of every blessing* ♦ *sung by all*

TUNE: *Nettleton*



1. Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
2. Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er by thy help, I've come;  
3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## READING

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

*read by Meade Kelley*

**O**N THIS MOUNTAIN the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader* Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 121 ♦ read aloud in unison*

*Levavi oculos*

**L**IFT up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.  
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.  
The LORD shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore. ♦

**READING**

*Romans 5:1-5*

*read by Todd McIlhenny*

**S**INCE we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand, as able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *Not here for high and holy things* ♦ *sung by all*

**TUNE:** *Morning song*



1. Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to thee,  
2. the roy - al robes of au - tumn\_moors, the gold - en gates of spring,  
3. of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through death,  
4. A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,



but for the com - mon things of earth, the pur - ple pa - gean - try  
the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the sil - ver glis - ter - ing  
the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what time there comes the breath  
the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the worlds a - wake to cry



of dawn - ing and of dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,  
of all the mil - lion mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,  
of dawn that rus - tles through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:  
their bless - ings on the Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *John 14:1-6a*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**J**ESUS SAID, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Carla Pryne

*Following the homily, the assembly is invited into a period of silence, reflecting on the scriptures and sermon.*

*Please stand, as able, when the Presider stands to introduce the Creed.*

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED** *(spoken by all in unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 OF THE PEOPLE

*led by Kate Rogers*

*Intercessor* For our brother John let us pray to God our Creator saying: Hear our prayer

*Intercessor* God, your will for us is abundant life; receive John now into the fullness of life in your presence.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith; shed the brightness of your light on John, who also sought understanding.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* You are greater than all our ideas and images of you; draw John into the mystery of your being.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We know you as perfect Mercy and Love; welcome John in the grace of that love and mercy.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We praise you as the giver of life; gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* The Church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit; and so we commend John to you, giving thanks for the gift of his life.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* May the Holy One, to whom all the desires of our hearts are known before we ask, hear our prayers for John, and for all who mourn, and grant us newness of life, and peace.

***All* Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Those in the nave exchange a sign of peace, respecting others' desires for distance to be maintained.*



# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*All are encouraged to give generously in John's memory to support the following ministries, which support the work that John found so meaningful:*

Saint Mark's Cathedral  
Earth Ministry  
Major Taylor Project, a program of Cascade Bicycle Club

*Please make checks payable to Saint Mark's Cathedral. Gifts may be mailed, or placed in one of the baskets located throughout the cathedral nave today.*

*Gifts may also be made via the Saint Mark's Cathedral Venmo (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right), or visit this link on your mobile device:*

<https://venmo.com/saintmarkscathedralseattle>.

*If Venmo asks you for a four-digit code, enter 2076.*



**SOLO**

*The Call, from Five Mysical Songs*

WORDS: George Herbert (1593–1633);  
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart as joys in love.



All stand, as able, as the oblations are brought forward and presented at the altar.

**OFFERTORY HYMN** Give thanks for the life ♦ sung by all

MUSIC: *Sine nomine*



1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days, mor - tal, we  
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light caught from the  
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead, thanks for the  
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain ly - ing in



pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet sing to God our  
Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who touched the truth, who  
love by which our life is fed, a love not changed by  
dark - ness does its life re - tain, in res - ur - rec - tion



hope, our love, our praise,  
burned for what is right, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
time or death or dread,  
to grow green a - gain.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Eucharistic Prayer B

*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 367

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

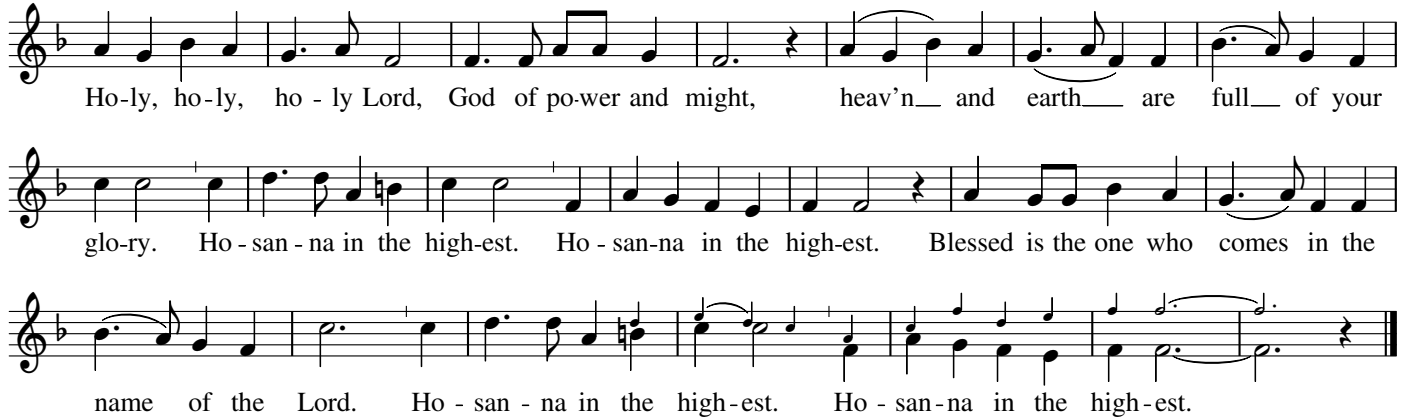
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, heav'n\_ and earth\_ are full\_ of your  
 glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed is the one who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After Supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All** We remember his death,  
 we proclaim his resurrection,  
 we await his coming in glory.

*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All** AMEN.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

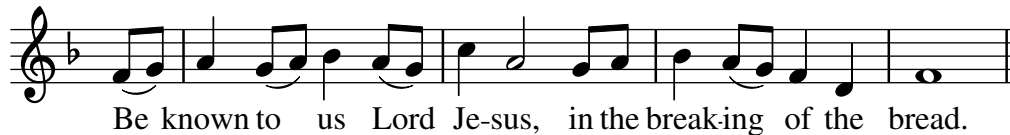
*All* Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

*In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread. Silence is kept.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Gary James (b. 1957)

*The cantor introduces the refrain, all repeat it. The cantor sings the verses, all repeating the refrain as indicated.*



*Verse:* The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

*Verse:* One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All may be seated for the time of Communion. All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.*

*Please follow the directions of the Liturgical Ministers. Bread and wine are distributed at standing stations at the head of the center aisle. The bread will be placed into your outstretched palm taking care not to touch your hand. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask for one at the time of Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.*

*Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as you pass by the chalice. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.*

**SOLO***O love of God, how strong and true*WORDS: Horatius Bonar (1818–1899);  
MUSIC: *de Tar*, Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

O Love of God, how strong and true,  
eternal and yet ever new;  
uncomprehended and unbought,  
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

We read thee best in him who came  
to bear for us the cross of shame,  
sent by the Father from on high,  
our life to live, our death to die.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,  
we read thee in the sky above;  
we read thee in the earth below,  
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thy power to bless and save  
e'en in the darkness of the grave;  
still more in resurrection light  
we read the fullness of thy might.

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Be thou my vision* ♦ *sung by all*TUNE: *Slane*

1. Be thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ev-er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
3. High King of hea-ven, when vic-tory is won, may I reach hea-ven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night, wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pre-sence my light.  
thou my great Fa-ther; thine own may I be; thou in me dwell-ing, and I one with thee.  
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall, still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

*After all sing the hymn, the assembly is invited to remain seated for a period of silence, contemplating the gifts of God given and received.*

*Please stand, as able, when the Presider stands and returns to the Altar.*

*All stand, as able.*

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Presider* Almighty God,

**All** 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 Savior. Amen.

## THE COMMENDATION

*The ministers stand at the Paschal Candle, the symbol of our risen life in Christ.*

*Presider* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

**All** where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Presider* You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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.

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

*Presider* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant John. 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.

**All** Amen.

**BLESSING** *The Presider asks God's blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.*

**CONCLUDING HYMN** *All creatures of our God and King* ♦ *sung by all*

TUNE: *Lasst uns erfreuen*



1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: Al-le - lu - ia,  
4. Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless-ings on our way; O—praise him,  
6. And e - ven you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal breath, O—praise him,



al-le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold-en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft-er gleam,  
Al-le - lu - ia! All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
Al-le - lu - ia! You lead back home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:



O praise him, O praise him, Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*Please remain standing for the concluding voluntary and closing procession.*

**VOLUNTARIES**

*Psalm 19, "The heavens declare the glory of God"*

Benedetto Marcello (1686–1739)

*Trumpet Tune in D*

David N. Johnson (1922–1987)

*A reception follows the service in Bloedel Hall, on the first floor of the Cathedral House, accessible via the stairways and elevators on the west side of the cathedral.*

*All are invited.*

# MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

## **PRESIDER**

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

## **PREACHER**

The Reverend Carla Pryne

## **DEACON**

The Reverend Earl Grout

## **VERGER**

Michael Seewer

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Ray Miller  
Alexandra Thompson  
Barbara Zito

## **ALTAR GUILD**

Sue Tait

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Hannah Hochkeppel  
The Reverend Canon Jennifer King-Daugherty  
Susan Knirk  
The Reverend Canon Eliacín Rosario-Cruz  
The Reverend Linzi Stahlecker

## **LECTORS**

Meade Kelley  
Todd McIlhenny

## **INTERCESSOR**

Kate Rogers

## **USHERS**

Janet Miller  
John Weintraub  
Steve Moen  
Randolph Urmston  
Eliza Davidson

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Becky & Tony Brady

## **MUSICIANS**

Gregory Bloch, *cantor*  
Canon Michael Kleinschmidt, *organist*

## **SOUND BOARD**

Michael Perera

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# ALBERT JOHN WELLER

September 21, 1946 – January 5, 2023

**J**OHN WELLER—truly a one-of-a-kind partner, father, brother, uncle, friend, and mentor—died January 5, 2023, at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. He was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, the second of five children of Albert Francis and Virginia Lee Troutman Weller. John loved to tell stories of neighborhood adventures and nature explorations shared with childhood friends. He graduated from St. Xavier High School and Xavier University (Cincinnati) and was forever grateful for this fine Jesuit education.

After commissioning as a Field Artillery Officer in the U.S. Army, John earned his Ranger tab and served as forward observer in Viet Nam, receiving the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. His active-duty service included tours in Germany, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Turkey, and Washington State. With this deep experience and a nudge by the Holy Spirit, he went on to serve the Army as Range Officer at Fort Lewis (now Joint Base Lewis-McChord), Washington for 27 years. He was widely known at every level for his leadership, honest feedback, wry humor, and creative problem-solving.

In retirement, John immersed himself in a thriving community of bicycling companions and was a dedicated volunteer and ride leader with Cascade Bicycle Club. He shared his passion for safe cycling, great pie, and the beauty of nature with all who came along for the ride. He loved crossword puzzles, reading military history, “puttering” around the yard, and venturing to unexpected places (e.g., his project of taking every bridge and ferry crossing over the Columbia River). He also enjoyed dazzling others with terrible puns!!

John was preceded in death by his parents and his older sister, Doris Bartels. He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Edith Beardall Weller, and their children Elizabeth (Justin) and Bryan; siblings Theresa Sutton (Timothy), Mary Ellen Zaglewski, and David Weller (Michelle); and many beloved nieces, nephews, godchildren, and friends.

Burial will take place with military honors at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington.

Memorial gifts in John’s honor may be directed to Saint Mark’s Cathedral ([www.saintmarks.org](http://www.saintmarks.org)), Earth Ministry ([www.earthministry.org](http://www.earthministry.org)) for environmental education and advocacy, and the Major Taylor Project of Cascade Bicycle Club, which supports youth cycling in diverse communities across the Puget Sound region ([www.cascade.org/donate](http://www.cascade.org/donate), with Major Taylor Project in the pull-down menu).



*When Moving to a New Camp*  
from *The Armed Forces Prayer Book*, 2008, p. 48

God, you led your people	shelter us in the heat of day
as a pillar of fire by night and of cloud by day:	and the weariness of travel;
go before us also, as we are on the move	be with us at every step and at every mile
to a new camp.	lending us your strength for our journey,
Light our way in the darkness;	your Spirit to lift up our hearts. Amen.