

# *In Loving Memory*



*The Rev. Charles Albert Mitchell*

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*East County Mortuary Chapel – El Cajon, CA*

*El Camino Memorial Park – San Diego, CA*

# Prelude

## Breathe

### Verse 1

This is the air I breathe,  
this is the air I breathe,  
Your holy presence living in me.  
This is my daily bread,  
this is my daily bread,  
Your very word spoken to me.

### Chorus

And I, I'm desperate for you.  
And I, I'm lost without you.

### Verse 2

You are the air I breathe,  
You are the air I breathe,  
Your holy presence living in me.  
You are my daily bread,  
You are my daily bread,  
Your very word spoken to me.

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## Processional Anthems

*All standing, the officiant says:*

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.  
Whoever believes in me,  
though he die, yet shall he live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me  
shall never die.

**JOHN 11:25-26**

For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

**JOB 19:25-27**

For none of us lives to himself,  
and none of us dies to himself.  
For if we live, we live to the Lord,  
and if we die, we die to the Lord.  
So then, whether we live or whether we die,  
we are the Lord's.

**ROMANS 14:7-9**

For we brought nothing into the world,  
and it is certain we carry nothing out.  
The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;  
blessed be the name of the Lord.

**1 TIMOTHY 6:7; JOB 1:21**

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
Even so, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

**REVELATION 14:13<sup>T</sup>**

Welcome

**The Rev. Astor Yelanguenzian**

## The Collects

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And with your spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Fr. Chuck, being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

***People* Amen.**

*Officiant* Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with those who mourn. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***People* Amen.**

# The Lessons

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## **First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

***People*      Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

***People*      Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel: John 14:1-11**

*Please stand.*

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

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

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

*Reader*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

**The Rev. Astor Yelanguenzian**

Eulogy

# The Apostles Creed

*Please stand for the Creed.*

*Officiant* Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

***All* 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 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.**

# The Prayers of the People

*Please be seated or kneel.*

*Reader* Let us pray, saying, "Hear our prayer."

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

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

***People* Hear our prayer.**

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.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

***People* Hear our prayer.**

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

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:  
***People* Hear our prayer.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:  
***People* Hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust Fr. Chuck to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you show to all your people.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:  
***People* Hear our prayer.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:  
***People* Hear our prayer.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Officiant concludes with the following prayer*

Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***People* Amen.**

## The Confession and Absolution of Sin

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

***All* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Comfortable Words

*Officiant* Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.  
Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I  
will refresh you.

**MATTHEW 11:28**

## The Peace

*Officiant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*



# Offertory Preparation

## We Will Dance

### Verse 1

Sing a song of celebration.  
Lift up a shout of praise,  
for the bridegroom will come,  
the glorious One.  
And oh, we will look on His face.  
We'll go to a much better place.

### Verse 2

Dance with all your might.  
Lift up your hands and clap for joy,  
for the time's drawing near  
when He will appear.  
And oh, we will stand by His side.  
A strong, pure spotless Bride.

### Chorus

We will dance on the streets that are golden,  
the glorious Bride and the great Son of Man.  
From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation,  
will join in the song of the Lamb.

### Bridge

Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near. (echo)  
The Risen King, our Groom, is soon to appear. (echo)  
The wedding feast to come is now near at hand. (echo)  
Lift up your voice, proclaim the coming Lamb. (echo)

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## The Doxology (OLD HUNDREDTH)

*Please stand.*

**All Sing     Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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*Officiant*     Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

**People     And of your own have we given you.**

**1 CHRONICLES 29:11,14**

## The Sursum Corda

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And with your spirit.**

*Officiant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Officiant* It is right, our duty and our joy, 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:

## The Sanctus

***All Sing* Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power, of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (repeat)**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, He comes in the name of the Lord.**

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# The Prayer of Consecration

*The people may stand, kneel, or sit.*

*Officiant*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All            Christ has died.  
                 Christ is risen.  
                 Christ will come again.**

*The Officiant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever.

**People    Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
*All* **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.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and a period of silence may be kept.*

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## The Prayer of Humble Access

*All* **We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting  
in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We  
are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son  
Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made  
clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious  
blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

*Officiant* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
*People* **have mercy on us.**  
*Officiant* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
*People* **have mercy on us.**  
*Officiant* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
*People* **grant us Your peace.**

# The Ministration of Communion

*Officiant* The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People. Those who are baptized are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and wine, which manifest for us the Real Presence of Christ. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may approach with arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.*

## Communion Song

### I Am the Bread of Life

#### Verse 1

I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger;  
he who believes in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

#### Chorus

And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

#### Verse 2

The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world,  
and he who eats of this bread, he shall live for ever.  
He shall live for ever.

#### Verse 3

Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his Blood, and drink of his Blood  
you shall not have life within you.

#### Verse 4

I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
He who believes in me, even if he die, he shall live for ever.

#### Verse 5

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God who has come into the world.

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## The Post Communion Prayer

*Officiant* Let us pray.

***All* Almighty God, 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 Officiant and other ministers take their places at the body.*

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

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

*Officiant* 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 decree, 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.**

*The Officiant, facing the body, says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Fr. Chuck. 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.

***People* Amen.**

# Recessional

## In Christ Alone

### Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

### Verse 2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

### Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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*This concludes the portion of today's service in the chapel.*

*All are welcome to follow us to the graveside for the burial.*

# Prayers at the Graveside

## The Committal

**Fr. Astor Yelanguenzian**

Man born of woman has but a short time to live and is full of misery. He springs up and is cut down like a flower; he flees like a shadow, and never continues the same.

In the midst of life, we are in death; of whom may we seek for help, but you, O Lord, who for our sins are justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, deliver us not into the pains of eternal death.

You know, O Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not your ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior, most worthy Judge eternal; do not let us, in our final hour, through the pains of death, fall away from you.

*The grave is then blessed.*

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a tomb in the garden: Bless, we pray, this grave, set apart for the repose of your servant Fr. Chuck, that he whose body is buried here may rest from his labors in peace and quietness, until the resurrection on the last day, when the New Jerusalem comes down, the dead are raised, and the righteous are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People      Amen.**

*Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Officiant says these words*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Fr. Chuck, and we commit his body to the ground; 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 unto him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace.

**People      Amen.**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

**People      And with your spirit.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.



**All**            **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.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Officiant may add the following prayer*

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We praise and magnify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course and kept the faith; and committing our brother Fr. Chuck to your gracious keeping, we pray that, together with him and with all those who are departed in the true faith of your holy Name, we may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People**        **Amen.**

*Officiant*    Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; and may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**People**        **And may light perpetual shine upon them.**

## The Blessing

*Officiant*    The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**People**        **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

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

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

