



REQUIEM HOLY EUCHARIST

GENTRY ARTHUR BIEKER

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ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Valparaiso, Indiana

April 6, 2024
11:00 A.M.



Gentry Arthur Bieker, passed away at his home on March 14, 2024, at the age of 43, due to natural causes. Gentry is survived by his father, Bruce Bieker; his mother, Rebecca Ames (nee Underwood); and brothers, Dustin Bieker and Andrew Bieker. He is also survived by a nephew, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

Gentry was a strong advocate and volunteer for the homeless community, and the LGBTQ+ community. He was an avid photographer. He continually captured beautiful candid moments of friends and community alike.

Memorials will be donated to the River Food Pantry (<https://www.riverfoodpantry.org/ways-to-support/>) and the Tiny Homes Project in Madison, WI (<https://occupymadisoninc.com/>).



Greeters: *Jeff and Michelle Klemczak*

EM: *Julian Smith*

Prelude

Jeanne Foster, Organist

The Priest says

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 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.

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

The Priest says

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Priest

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Gentry. 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Readings.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

A Reading from Isaiah.

Hope Smith

On 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139: 1-11

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?**

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

**If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"**

Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

Julian Smith

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation *The King of Love My Shepherd*

Hymnal 645

v. 1 & 2 before Gospel, v. 5 & 6 after Gospel



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 *3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 *4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good - ness



1 fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 4 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
 6 fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23
 Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody

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Please stand.

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6

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

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

Jesus 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. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Patrick Ormos

Following the sermon, a period of silence is kept.

The Apostle's Creed

Please stand and together say

**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

The Leader says

For our brother Gentry, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Gentry and

dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence

The Priest says

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Gentry, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Oblation Bearers:

Sharon Beach

At The Preparation of The Table

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymn 490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)
 Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Irr. with Refrain

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Priest says

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:

Priest and People

**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.

Please stand or kneel, as preferred. The Priest says

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest and People together say

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Priest says

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

The Priest says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

Priest and People

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children are welcome to receive Holy Communion. For those who are gluten-sensitive, please indicate this to the Priest as you approach. If you prefer to receive only a blessing, please indicate this by folding your arms across your chest as you come forward.



Communion Hymns

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

With One Voice #779

1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

G DM⁷ Bm

bide in this shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your . . .
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

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ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness your . . . shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Dm C Dm Gm A^{sus4} A

Refrain

“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,

D

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

Em A7 D A G D7

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

G Em A Bm F#m Em A7 D

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1951
Music: Michael Joncas, b. 1951
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ON EAGLE'S WINGS
irregular

1 I am the bread of life; _____ they who
 2 (The) Bread that _____ I will give _____ is my
 3 (Un-) less _____ you eat _____ of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion, _____
 5 (Yes,) Lord _____ we be - lieve _____ that _____

1 come to me shall not _____ hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, _____ and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of _____ Man _____ and _____
 4 I _____ am the _____ life. _____ They who be -
 5 you _____ are the _____ Christ, _____ the _____

1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat _____ of this bread, they shall _____ live for
 3 drink _____ of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve _____ in me, e - ven _____ if they
 5 Son _____ of God who _____ has

1 me _____ un - less the _____ Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er, _____ they shall _____ live for ev - er.
 3 in you, you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, _____ they shall _____ live for ev - er.
 5 come _____ in - to _____ the _____ world. _____

Descant

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 5 Yes, day.

last day. 2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes,
(♯)

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

Words: Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); adapt. of John 6

Music: *I Am the Bread of Life*, Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); arr. Betty Pulkingham (b. 1928)

Irr. with Refrain

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Priest says

Let us pray.

Priest and People

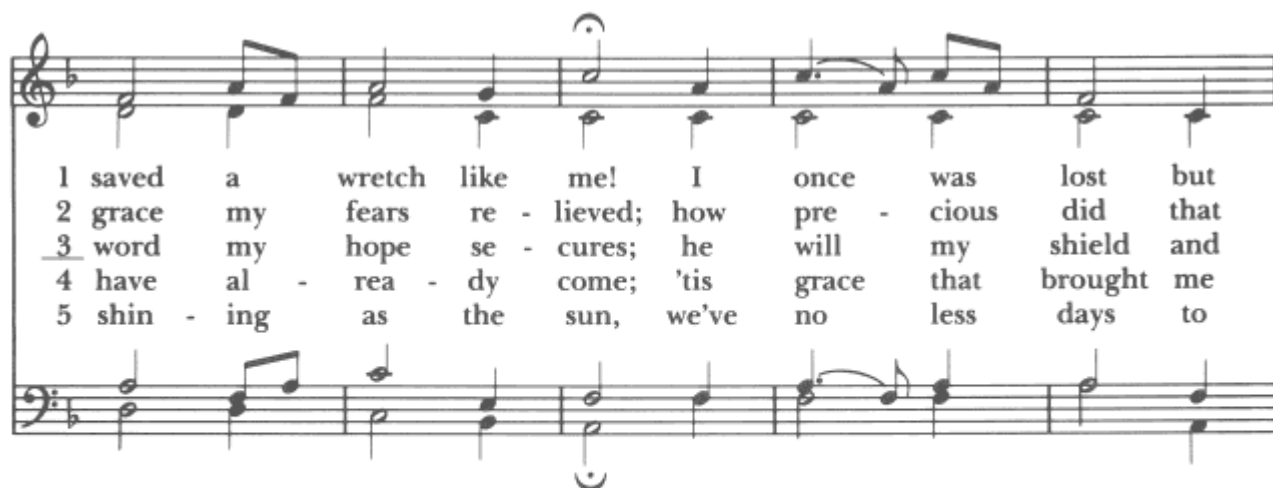
Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance 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.

Procession to the Columbarium
Amazing Grace

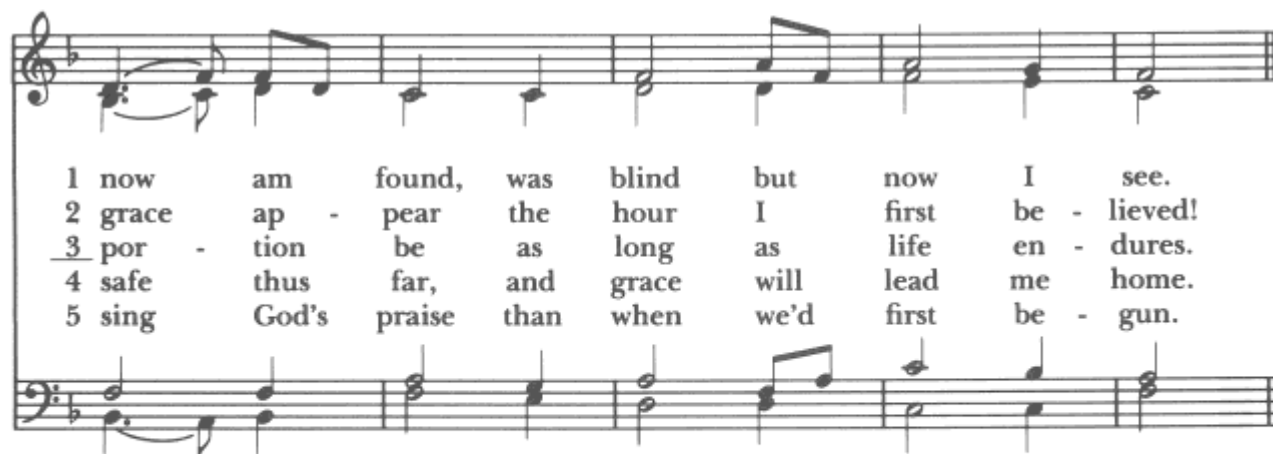
Hymn 671



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, John Rees (19th cent.)

Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921);
harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919)

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The Committal

The Liturgical ministers take the urn to columbarium.

Priest

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.
He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Priest 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 Gentry, 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.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Priest and People

**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.**

Priest

God our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory. Confident of his victory and claiming his promises, we now leave your servant Gentry in your gracious keeping; In the name of Jesus our Lord, who died and is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Priest

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest

Rest eternal grant to Gentry, O Lord;

People

And let light perpetual shine upon him.

Priest

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People

Amen.

The Blessing

Priest

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through 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; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Priest

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

The family of Gentry Beiker cordially invites you to continue the celebration of Gentry's life at a reception in the Gathering Space immediately following the service.

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AM
THE
RESURRECTION
AND
THE
LIFE
JOHN 11:25





The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.



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