

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR
EDWIN GRAVES WILSON
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ORDER OF SERVICE

If willing and able, members of the congregation are invited to stand at those parts of the services indicated with an asterisk ().*

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE Maria E. Wilson

PRELUDE.....Wake Forest University Chamber Choir
Chris Gilliam, Director of Choral Activities
Joanne Inkman, piano

“Abendlied”..... Josef Rheinberger
“I Will Lift Mine Eyes”.....Jake Runestad
“Bright Morning Stars”..... Shawn Kirchner

PROCESSIONAL SENTENCES* The Reverend Dr. Douglass M. Bailey III

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord; and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMN*

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord” Donald Fishel

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

Spread the good news o’er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

WELCOME. Susan R. Wente, President of Wake Forest University

READING OF THE WORD

Psalm 23 (KJV) Herman E. Eure

Romans 8:37-39 (KJV) Susan L. Faust

HYMN. Wake Forest University Chamber Choir

“Jerusalem” William Blake

REFLECTION Jeanne Whitman Bobbitt

POETRY READING Marybeth Sutton Wallace

“The Song of Wandering Aengus” William Butler Yeats

REFLECTION J. Reid Morgan

POETRY READING Laurie Turnage Wilson

“The Lake Isle of Innisfree” William Butler Yeats

REFLECTION..... Edwin G. Wilson Jr.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Ronald D. Wellman and Harry C. Wilson

Leader: Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace.

People: Amen.

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

Leader: Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, Ed Wilson may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom.

People: Amen.

Leader: Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with Ed Wilson and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER*

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.

HYMN*

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (The Navy Hymn) William Whiting

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow’r,
Your children shield in danger’s hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e’er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

HOMILY The Reverend Doug Bailey

BENEDICTION* The Reverend Doug Bailey

HYMN*

“For All the Saints” William Walsham How

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a still more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE. Susan Bates, organ
Toccata from Symphony No. 5 for Organ Charles-Marie Widor

Following the service, all guests are invited to enjoy lunch on Hearn Plaza to celebrate the life and legacy of friendship and honor that Dr. Wilson shared with this community. Additionally, please sign one of the guest books located around Hearn Plaza. In the event of inclement weather, lunch will be relocated to the Sutton Center.

