

**Celebration of the Resurrection
and Memorial Service for**

Gary Michael Nizzi, Sr



**Fripp Island Community Center Chapel
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PRELUDE

For All The Saints

GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus the Savior, who died and was raised to new life by the grace of God. We are gathered here to worship, to remember before God our brother Gary Michael Nizzi, Sr, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Let us pray. Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life: We glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life: We praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope: We worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Gary. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Illumine our lives, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

EULOGY

Pastor Tom Wilson

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 103:1-18

Praise the Lord, my soul! All my being, praise his holy name! ² Praise the Lord, my soul, and do not forget how kind he is. ³ He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. ⁴ He keeps me from the grave and blesses me with love and mercy.

⁵ He fills my life^[b] with good things, so that I stay young and strong like an eagle.

⁶ The Lord judges in favor of the oppressed and gives them their rights. ⁷ He revealed his plans to Moses and let the people of Israel see his mighty deeds. ⁸ The Lord is merciful and loving, slow to become angry and full of constant love. ⁹ He does not keep on rebuking; he is not angry forever. ¹⁰ He does not punish us as we deserve or repay us according to our sins and wrongs. ¹¹ As high as the sky is above the earth, so great is his love for those who honor him. ¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins from us. ¹³ As a father is kind to his children, so the Lord is kind to those who honor him. ¹⁴ He knows what we are made of; he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ As for us, our life is like grass. We grow and flourish like a wild flower; ¹⁶ then the wind blows on it, and it is gone—no one sees it again. ¹⁷ But for those who honor the Lord, his love lasts forever, and his goodness endures for all generations ¹⁸ of those who are true to his covenant and who faithfully obey his commands.

2 Corinthians 4:16 - 5:1

¹⁶ For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is renewed day after day. ¹⁷ And this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than the trouble. ¹⁸ For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever.

⁵ For we know that when this tent we live in—our body here on earth—is torn down, God will have a house in heaven for us to live in, a home he himself has made, which will last forever.

HOMILY

Pastor Sean Miller-Perez



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



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



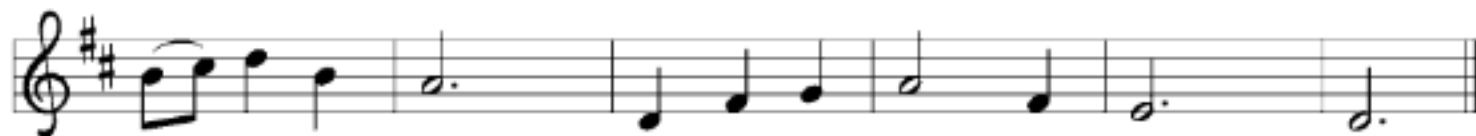
light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

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



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Jesus, fullness of compassion, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Gary, and dry the tears of those who weep. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, man of sorrows, you wept at the grave of Lazarus your friend; comfort us who mourn. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, firstborn of the new creation, you raised the dead; give to our brother life eternal. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, friend of sinners, you promised paradise to the repentant thief; bring Gary to the joys of heaven. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, wellspring of life, you washed our brother in baptism and anointed him with the Holy Spirit; give him communion with all your saints. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, bread of life, you nourished Gary at your table on earth; welcome him at your table in realm of heaven. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, bright morning star, comfort us in our sorrows at the death of Gary; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Gary to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Gary Michael Nizzi, Sr. 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.

Amen.

HYMN

Go, My Children With My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

SENDING

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

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Rev Tom Wilson, retired priest

Pastor Sean Miller-Perez, Interim Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church, Beaufort

Gloria Bockelman, Organist/Pianist at St John's Lutheran Church, Beaufort

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