



MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Deacon Thomas Mahoney

November 26, 1949 – November 9, 2025



PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL

HOMILIST

Very Reverend Brian Belongia

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025 | 11 A.M.

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay

FUNERAL MASS

The Funeral Mass is the central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. When one of its members dies, the Church encourages the celebration of the funeral Mass.

At the Funeral Mass, the Church gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God's tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the Paschal Mystery. The funeral Mass, therefore, is an act of worship, and not merely an expression of grief.

The Easter candle is lit to symbolize the light of the risen Christ and our belief that he has conquered the darkness of sin and death. This candle stands in the sanctuary space to greet the body and to remind us that Dcn. Mahoney, through his death, shares in the victory of Jesus over these powers of darkness.

GREETING

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

We share in the Lord's death and resurrection through the waters of our Baptism. The same cleansing waters of Baptism are sprinkled over Dcn. Mahoney to remind us of the grace and hope that we have in Christ Jesus, our Lord, and God's power of our mortal and flawed nature.

PLACING OF THE PALL

The funeral pall points back to the white garment given to us at our Baptism and symbolizes our life in Christ. It is draped over the coffin at the beginning of the liturgy.

Verses



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All — praise to the Fa - ther, from — whom all things come,



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4. And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his — on - ly — Son,



1. And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
2. And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
3. And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save — each one's pride.
4. And all praise to the Spir - it, who — makes — us — one.

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



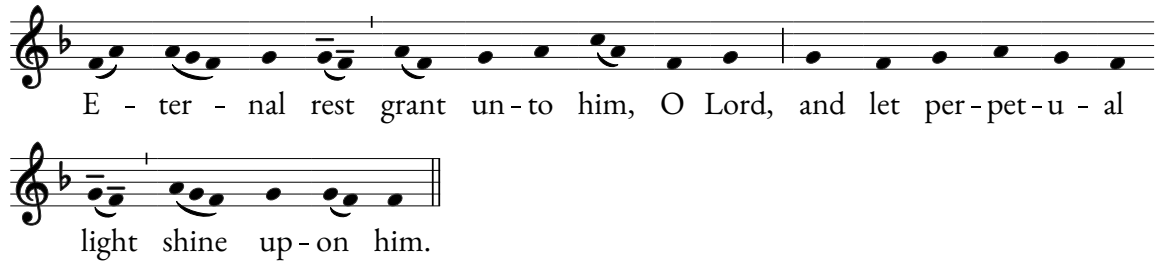
love, Yes they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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ENTRANCE

4 Esdr 2:34-35



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FIRST READING

Is 25:6, 7-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will provide for all peoples.
On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
The web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.
The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from all faces;
The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said:
“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the LORD for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15



℣. You who dwell in the shelter of the
Most High, / who abide in the shadow
of the Almighty,
say to the LORD, “My refuge and
fortress, / my God in whom I trust.”

℟. No evil shall befall you, / nor shall
affliction come near your tent,
For to his angels he has given command
about you, / that they guard you in all
your ways.

℣. Upon their hands they shall bear you
up, / lest you dash your foot against a
stone.
You shall tread upon the asp and the
viper; / you shall trample down the lion
and the dragon.

℟. Because he clings to me, I will deliver
him; / I will set him on high because he
acknowledges my name.
He shall call upon me, and I will
answer him; / I will be with him in
distress;
I will deliver him and glorify him.

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SECOND READING

Rev 21:1-5, 6-7

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”

The One who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.”

ALLELUIA



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GOSPEL

Jn 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

 would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

 I will come back again and take you to myself,

 so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,

 “Master, 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.”

HOMILY

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

O God Beyond All Praising



1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

1. And sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay; For
2. Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you the Lord most high; But
3. That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King; And

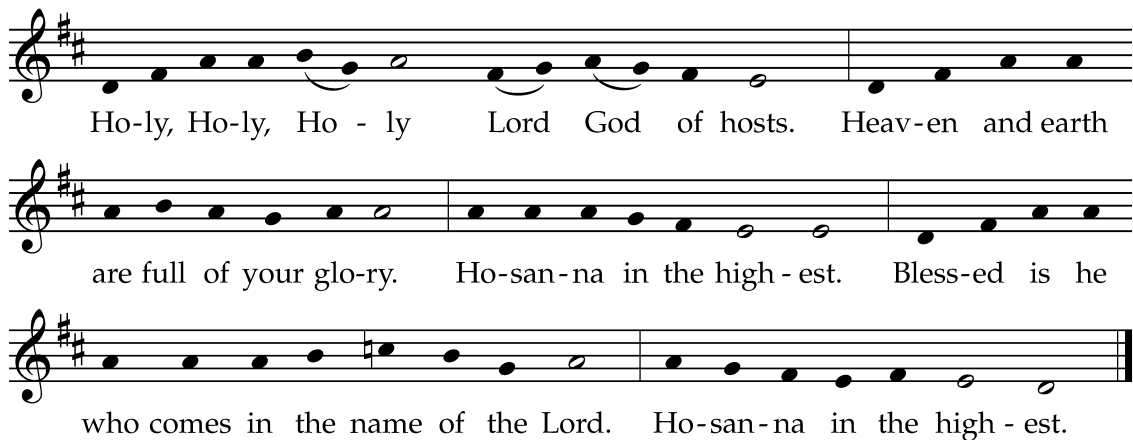
1. we can on - ly won - der at eve - ry gift you send, At
2. hid - den from all na - ture th'e - ter - nal seed is sown Though
3. wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill, We'll

1. bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end: We
2. small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown: For
3. tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still: To

1. lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word, We
2. Christ the Man from heav - en from death has set us free, And
3. mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, And

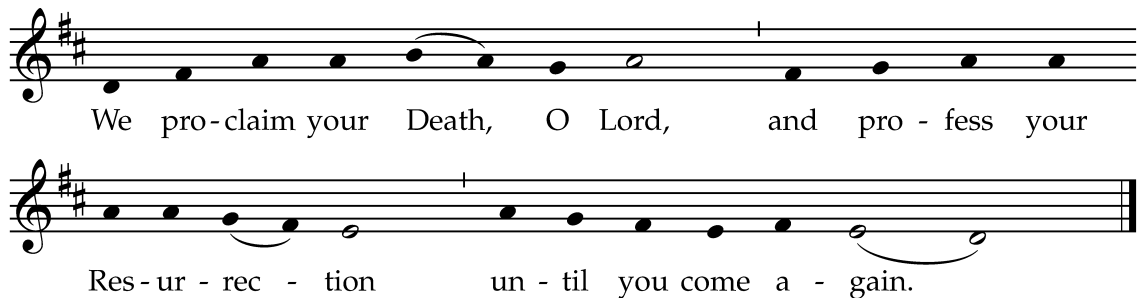
1. hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
2. we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry!
3. make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

SANCTUS



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth
are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

MYSTERY OF FAITH



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

DOXOLOGY AND AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men.

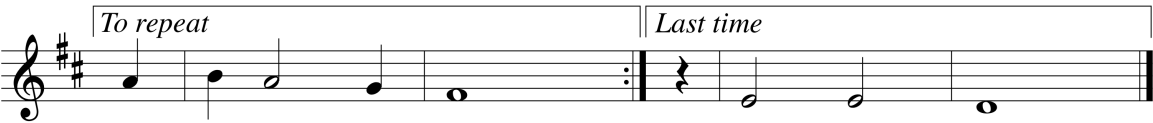
AGNUS DEI

Cantor or Choir: *All:*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,

To repeat *Last time*



have mer-cy on us. grant us peace.

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COMMUNION

Jn 6:52



The bread that I will give, is my flesh for the life of the world.

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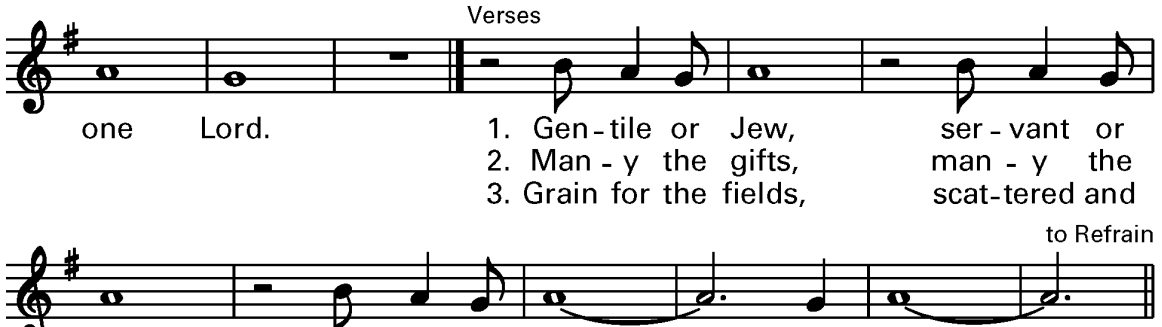
One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though
man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this

Verses



one Lord.

1. Gen-tile or Jew,	ser - vant or
2. Man - y the gifts,	man - y the
3. Grain for the fields,	scat-tered and

to Refrain

1. free,	wom - an or man,	no more.
2. works,	one in the Lord	of all.
3. grown,	gath-ered to one,	for all.

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 12:4, 12–13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4–6; The Didache 9.
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FINAL COMMENDATION

The last ceremony at the Funeral Mass is a rite of final farewell or commendation. During this, the Bishop offers a prayer for the deceased and those who mourn for Dcn. Mahoney, that he may be granted entrance into paradise and for the mourners that they are granted comfort. We call upon the Saints and all who have gone before us to welcome Dcn. Mahoney into their heavenly home. Incense is used during this rite as a sign of our prayers rising up to God the Most High.

Song of Farewell

1. Come to his/her aid, O saints of God; Come meet him/her,
2. May Christ, who called you, take you home, And an - gels
3. Give him/her e - ter - nal rest, O Lord. May light un -
4. I know that my Re - deem - er lives; The last day

1. an - gels _ of the Lord.
2. lead you to A - bra - ham. } Re - ceive his/her soul, O
3. end - ing _ shine on him/her.
4. I shall _ rise a - gain.

1-4. ho - ly ones; Pre - sent him/her now to God, Most High.

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RECESSIONAL

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose
2. O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And
3. Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood Up -
4. O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our



1. arm has bound the rest - less wave, Who bade the might - y
2. hushed their rag - ing at thy word, Who walked up - on the
3. on the cha - os dark and rude, And bid its an - gry
4. breth - ren shield in dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest,



1. o - cean deep Its own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O
2. foam - ing deep, And calm a - midst its rage did sleep; O
3. tu - mult cease, And give for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O
4. fire and foe, Pro - tect them where - so - e'er they go: Thus



1. hear us when we cry to thee For those in per - il on the sea.
2. hear us when we cry to thee For those in per - il on the sea.
3. hear us when we cry to thee For those in per - il on the sea.
4. ev - er - more shall rise to thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, Melody: MELITA, 8.8.8.8.8.8; John Bacchus Dykes.

DCN. THOMAS J. MAHONEY

Thomas Jerome Mahoney, 75, of Green Bay, passed away Sunday, November 9, 2025 surrounded by family. Born on November 26, 1949, he is the son of the late Jeremiah and Marion (Sieben Mahoney. He married the former Susan Engimann on June 12, 1971, in Joliet, IL, they have been married for 54 years. Tom graduated from Joliet West High School class of 1967. He then went on to Northern Illinois University where he received his Bachelors Degree in Earth Science (Meteorology along with a Masters of Science in Education. He attended Northwestern University for graduate work. Tom's first job was as a teacher in Palatine, Illinois. Sue and Tom moved to Green Bay where he was the weekend meteorologist at WFRV and was a earth science teacher at Oconto Middle School. He then became a meteorologist at KWTW in Oklahoma City, OK. Tom then became Chief Meteorologist at WISN in Milwaukee, WI. Next, he was Chief Meteorologist at Christian Broadcasting Network for the national television show, USam. Tom and Sue then moved back to Green Bay in 1982 where he was Chief Meteorologist at WFRV until he retired in 2013. Additionally, Tom was an adjunct professor at UWGB where he taught Meteorology and served on many national boards for the American Meteorological Society.

Thomas was ordained a Deacon on May 16, 2009 in the Roman Catholic Church at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay by Bishop David L. Ricken. He served as a Deacon for Saints Peter and Paul, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, and St. John the Evangelist. Thomas was also assigned to UWGB Catholic Campus Ministry. He was a Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus at several councils.

He was heavily involved in his community through Families of Children with Cancer, Christian Outreach Ecumenical Thanksgiving Dinner, and various other charitable organizations.

Tom enjoyed traveling the world, especially to Hawaii with Sue. One of his passions in Hawaii was scuba diving where he was a Master Scuba Diver. Music was very dear to his heart. He was a percussionist in the Joliet High School Band and continued going back every year for the alumni concert.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Mahoney; children, Steve (Jennifer Mahoney and their children, Abby and Joselyn (Tanner; Michael (Kelly Mahoney and their children Quinn and Peyton; Molly (Kevin Stanley and their children Connor, Patrick, Sean, and Colleen; Daniel (Danielle Mahoney and their children Henry, Jack, Adam and Andy; Timothy (Jennifer Mahoney and their children Fulton and Adele; son in law, Robert Signaigo; siblings, Patricia (Steve Thomson, Margaret Kaluzny; God daughter, Jane Sheehan; cousin, George Mahoney III; many other nieces and nephews.

GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OTHER CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the Diocesan Bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the *Code of Canon Law* does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.



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