



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.

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The Holy Eucharist with the Rite of Commendation

Jason Michael Schroedel
1981 - 2023

*If you are unfamiliar with this form of worship, relax and let the assembly carry you.
We follow the worship pattern of The Book of Common Prayer.
Hymns and songs are found in Hymnal 1982 (blue book) or this program.
Kindly turn off cellphones for the duration of the liturgy.*

Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness

Prelude

“I Called Unto the Lord”

J.S. Bach

*As the ministers process to the baptismal font where they will welcome the family,
all stand as able and turn toward the font.*

Greeting

Collect for the Deceased

The urn is sprinkled with baptismal water, the blessing of the Triune God, and then clothed with a white pall, a sign of the baptismal garment when Jason was baptized.

Collect for the Family

The Paschal Candle, symbol of the risen Christ, leads the family and ministers into the nave of the church.

Processional Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

Hymnal 1982 636

Collect

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us pray. *Silence.*

Concluding: "forever and ever." **Amen.**

The Word of God

At the invitation of the presider, all are seated.

First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

*The cantor sings the refrain, then **all** sing the refrain.*

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life. _____

death in - to life. _____

4. to Verse 4 Final Fine

1,2,3,5 to Vss 1,2,3,5

Second Reading: Revelation 21:2-7
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

All stand as able.

Sequence Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

Hymnal 1982 8

As the Gospel Book is processed to the center of the assembly, all turn to face it.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor sings the acclamation; all sing the acclamation; the cantor sings the verse, then all sing the acclamation.



Blessed are the merciful, says the Lord, for they shall be shown mercy.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

[+] **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

All are seated at the invitation of the presider.

Sermon

The Rev. Samuel Torvend

Silence and Stillness

All stand as able.

The Apostles' Creed

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.**

The Prayers

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

Cantor: Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn
for Jason, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Cantor: Hear us, Lord; **All: 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.

Concluding Collect

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The ministers and people greet one another with a gesture and word of peace.

The Holy Communion

All are seated.

Music

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

J.L. Krebs

All stand as able.

Hymn at the Presentation of the Gifts

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Hymnal 1982 405

Fraction Anthem



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All who desire to receive the Body and Blood Christ in the gifts of bread and wine and serve his mission in the world are welcome to communion.

*Come to the altar platform along the **middle aisle** of the left and right sections. When a place at the altar railing opens up, walk to that space and stand or kneel. Receive the bread in your hand and consume it; then assist the minister as they guide the cup of wine to your lips and take a sip. Please note that to protect the health of our community, **we do not practice intinction** (dipping the bread in the cup).*

*Should you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, fold your arms over your heart: the minister will ask God's blessing. Once you have received communion or a blessing, return to your seat by the **outer aisle**.*

Communion Anthem

"Tis a Gift to Be Simple"

Joseph Brackett, Jr.

Communion Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

John Newton

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved and set me free
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
‘Twas grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

All stand as able.

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

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 ministers gather at the urn.

Let us pray:

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

where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind;

and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.

For so did you ordain when you created us, 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.

Give rest, O Christ, **to your servant with your saints,**
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant, Jason.
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.

Blessing

All turn as the ministers and family begin to process to the font.

Recessional Hymn “Now the Green Blade Riseth”

Hymnal 1982 204

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

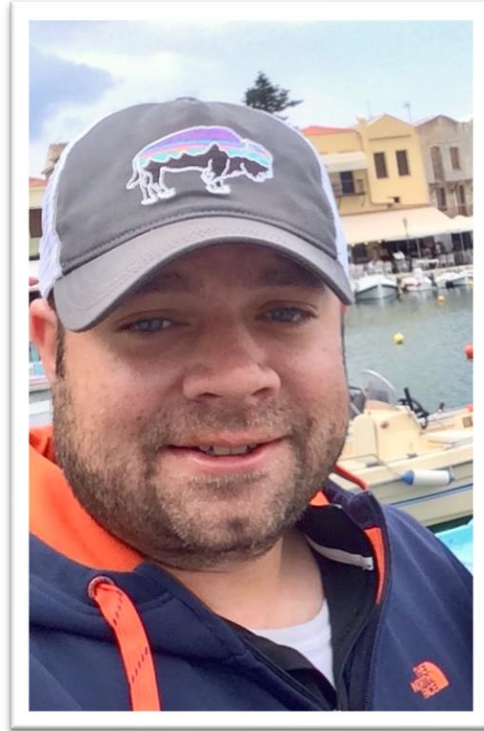
“Out of the Depths I Cry to You, O Lord”

Samuel Scheidt

You are invited to a reception in Wells Hall, across the courtyard from the church,
where you are welcome to greet the family.

Jason Michael Schroedel

1981-2023



Jason Michael Schroedel was born on August 25th, 1981, in Tacoma to his parents Liz and Richard Schroedel and his brother David. Jason died unexpectedly and peacefully in his sleep on March 22, 2023. Jason spent his formative years in Tacoma attending Lowell Elementary, Wainwright Elementary, Jason Lee Middle School and Stadium High School. He was heavily involved with sports, playing baseball, basketball, soccer and running cross country, both through school and community programs such as Sound View Little League and Norpoint Soccer Association. Jason enjoyed learning to play the flute and acting in school theater, his claim to fame was playing Cassius in Julius Caesar in the fourth grade. He grew up in a family that thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors and spent much of his early years hiking, camping, kayaking and mountain climbing, even summiting Mount Rainier at the age of nine.

After high school Jason moved to Seattle to study at the University of Washington, graduating with a degree in Sociology. During his college years he managed a local ice cream shop, which is where he met his future wife, Morgan. After college Jason owned and operated a Ben & Jerry's franchise at the Mariners' stadium. However, he wanted to make more of a difference helping others and switched his focus to occupational therapy. He earned a Masters' degree in Occupational Therapy, *cum laude*, from Carroll University in Wisconsin.

Jason and Morgan were married in Hawaii in 2010, surrounded by close family and friends. They spent most of their lives together living and working in Seattle, but always enjoyed an adventure to somewhere new. Jason and Morgan loved to road trip across the country to explore other cities and travel across the globe to see more of this immense world. Beginning as a young couple, they grew together and learned together over their twenty years about life, love, and family.

Jason loved to have fun - he loved to joke and laugh and to have others share in his joy and mirth. He was very intelligent, loved to learn new things and always had some random piece of knowledge to impart. Jason keenly followed the happenings of the world and politics and always sought to find ways of thinking that furthered conversations, addressed injustices or brought to light issues he felt were important. All who knew him know that sports were a huge part of Jason's life, whether that be playing, listening or watching and they served as a great source of enjoyment, frustration and conversation. Jason loved traveling, music, movies, video games, sports, the outdoors, cheese and the antics of animals in his yard.

Jason touched each one of us with all his special gifts, and our lives are enriched by having known him. He is forever loved, and will be missed by all that knew him. Jason is survived by his wife, Morgan VanVorhis, his mother, Liz Lansing, and her husband, Ed Lansing, his father, Richard Schroedel, and his wife, Celia Gatdula, his brother, David Schroedel and his wife, Sarah Singleton, his nephew and niece, Parker and Maya, and Harry the dog.

May he and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Memorial Gifts

The family recommends gifts in memory of Jason to *Christ Church Parish* at <https://christchurchtacoma.org/giving/> or send a check to: Christ Church Parish | 310 North K Street | Tacoma WA 98403 (memo line: in memory of Jason Schroedel); to *Ronald McDonald House Charities* at <https://rmhc.org/>; and to *Washington Native Plant Society* at <https://www.wnps.org/>

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