

Mass of Christian Burial
for
Sr. Mary Rosita Schiller, RSM

July 14, 1936 — April 17, 2024



April 27, 2024 | 10:00 AM

Cathedral of Saint Andrew
Grand Rapids, Michigan

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To his
3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; Well our
4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, Blows the
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; You be -



feet your trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
peo - ple in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as
fee - ble frame he knows. In his hands he gent - ly
wind and it is gone. But while mor - tals rise and
hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -



giv - en, Ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
bears us, Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on. Al - le - lu - ia!
fore him, Dwell - ers all in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high e - ter - nal one.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Psalm 103; Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.
Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, 8 7 8 7 8 7; John Goss, 1800–1880

COLLECT

Response: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(be seated)

FIRST READING

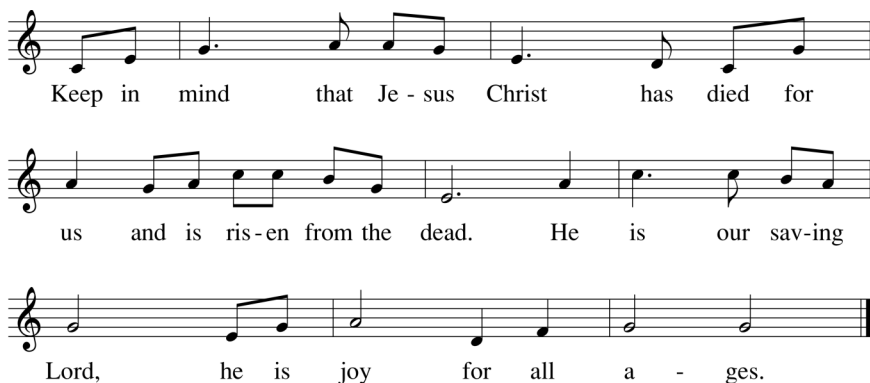
Romans 6:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his; we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Keep in Mind



Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for
us and is ris-en from the dead. He is our sav-ing
Lord, he is joy for all a - ges.

1. If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.
If we endure with the Lord, we shall reign with the Lord.
2. In Christ all our sorrow, in Christ all our joy.
In him hope of glory, in him all our love.
3. In Christ our redemption, in Christ all our grace.
In him our salvation, in him all our peace.

Text: 2 Timothy 2:8-12. Tune: Lucien Deiss, CSSp. © 1965 WLP.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(stand)*



GOSPEL

John 6:44-51

Before the Gospel: The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

+ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: They shall all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."

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

HOMILY *(be seated)*

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL *(stand)*

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *(be seated)*

During the preparation of the gifts, several articles representing Sr. Rosita's life and work will be brought forward in procession.

Soil from the family farm: Humble beginnings to Greatness. Sister Rosita spent the first 16 years on the family farm. Her faith was deeply instilled by praying the family Rosary nightly.

Mercy Cross: During the last 72 years Sister Rosita has faithfully followed her vows of the Sisters of Mercy. She has dedicated her life to prayer, service and love.

Morning and Evening Prayer Book: Sister Rosita has devoted a prayerful lifestyle integrated into her daily activities, and attended Mass every day.

Globe: Sister Rosita has been a world traveler, including being a visiting professor in South Africa, and accompanying a team of hospital advisors to Saudi Arabia. Sister has traveled in Europe and visited all 50 States.

Buckeye Fan: While Sister Rosita was a professor at Ohio State University for 35 years she became an avid buckeye fan, and remained a follower of OSU.

The past 20 years Sister Rosita has worked at Trinity Health until her passing. She wrote Financial grants for the hospital and clinics.

Gift bearers: Marie Bridge, Sister Helen Marie, Laura VanBeek, Kristin LeVasseur, Kathy Scudder, Grace DeJong, Molly Denman.

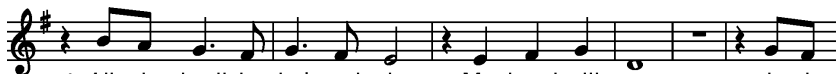
OFFERTORY SONG

Here I Am, Lord

Verses



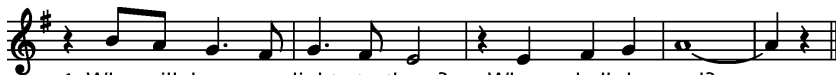
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

PRAYER OF ACCEPTANCE *(stand)*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Response: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

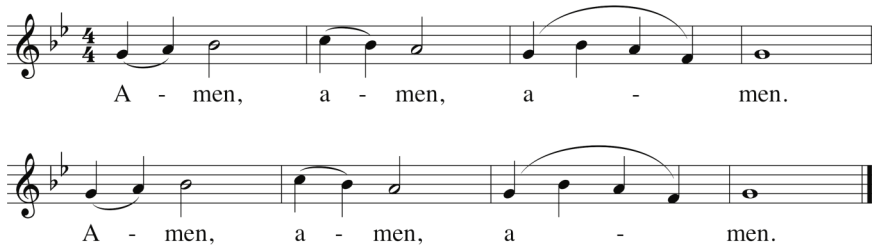


Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the lyrics: "We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res - ur -". The second staff continues with: "rec-tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with a final whole note on the second staff.

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

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AMEN



Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the lyrics: "A - men, a - men, a - men." The second staff repeats the same lyrics: "A - men, a - men, a - men." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with a final whole note on the second staff.

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

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(stand)

COMMUNION RITE

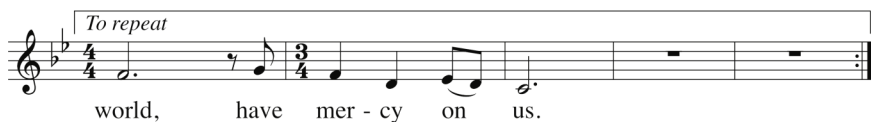
THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD



(kneel or be seated)

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Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

All are invited forward in the communion procession. Roman Catholics who are in the state of grace are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those Catholics who are not properly disposed to receive Holy Communion, members of other Christian denominations, and those who do not share our faith in Christ, are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION

Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature as the first system. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

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 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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COMMUNION

Ave Maria

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

SONG OF FAREWELL

May the an - gels wel - come you to Par - a - dise, may the
mar - tyrs greet you on your way, may you
see the face of the Lord this day, Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano voice part. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives!
2. He lives to bless me with his love;
3. He lives and grants me dai - ly breath;
4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name;



What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives!
He lives to plead for me a - bove;
He lives, and I shall con - quer death;
He lives, my Sav - ior, still the same;



He lives, he lives who once was dead;
He lives my hun - gry soul to feed;
He lives my man - sion to pre - pare;
What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives:



He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!
He lives to help in time of need.
He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799

Tune: DUKE STREET, LM: John Hatton, c.1710-1793



CATHEDRAL
OF SAINT ANDREW

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Schiller, Sister Mary Rosita, RSM, (nee Margaret Anne) a Sister of Mercy for 68 years, died at the age of 87 on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at St Mary's Hospital. She was the fifth of seven children born to Edmund and Julia (Greiner) Schiller, in New Era, Michigan. At the age of 16 she joined the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit and professed vows on August 16, 1955. She graduated from Mount Mercy Academy, earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit, and completed her dietetic internship at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. She earned a Master of Science degree from Michigan State University, and PhD from The Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus. She began her career as a hospital dietitian in Manistee and Lansing, Michigan and in 1966 she joined the faculty at Mercy College of Detroit. In the post-Vatican II era when policies in religious orders changed, she received permission from her superiors to take a position as Director of Medical Dietetics, School of Allied Medical Professions, at The Ohio State University. After teaching for 35 years, she retired from OSU in 2003 as professor emerita and took a part time position at Saint Mary's Foundation, Grand Rapids. Known by her students and professional colleagues as Dr. Schiller, she was a Fellow of the American Dietetic Association and internationally known as an educator, researcher, and leader in the field. She authored three books, numerous articles, and book chapters on topics related to dietetic practice, clinical nutrition management, quality improvement, leadership, dietetic education, and research methodology. She has served in many leadership positions and held offices at the state and national levels. Among her many honors were the Medallion Award from American Dietetic Association and the President's Award from the Ohio Dietetic Association. As a trustee at Mount Carmel Health Systems (Columbus), Saint Mary's Health Care (Grand Rapids), University of Detroit Mercy, All Saints Academy (Grand Rapids) The OSU Alumni Club of West Michigan, she contributed her knowledge and expertise in governance of health care and education.

Sister Rosita was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Thomas (Rev.) Timothy and Francis; brother-in-law, Walter; and sisters-in-law, Genevieve, and Teresa. She is survived by her brother, Joseph (Ruth) (Minneapolis); her sisters, Stella O'Donnell (Ludington) and Rosemary (Norman) Byrne (Ada); 26 nieces and nephews; more than 65 great nieces and nephews; and a loving Mercy Community.

Those who wish are invited to make a memorial contribution to the M. Rosita Schiller Scholarship Fund, OSU Medical Dietetics Division, 453 West 10th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210-1234, or Saint Mary's Foundation, Grand Rapids, or Sister of Mercy Ministry Fund.

Will we all meet in heaven? Oh what joy even to think of it.

—Catherine McAuley