LIFE AFTER DEATH

When we die we simply move from one world into another. (*Heaven and Hell* 445)

After the death of the body, the spirit of a person appears in the spiritual world in a human form, altogether as it appeared in the natural world. They also enjoy the faculty of sight, of hearing, of speaking, and of feeling, as before in the world. They are endowed with every faculty of thought, of will, and of action, as before in the world. In a word, they are a person in all things and in every particular, as they were before in the world. This continuation of life is what is meant by the resurrection. (*Arcana Coelestia 10594-5*)

TEACHINGS OF THE NEW CHURCH

- Our Lord Jesus Christ is the one loving God. He is never angry and never gives up on us.
- The Bible is God speaking to us through literal stories, parables and a deeper spiritual meaning.
- Heaven's happiness is felt whenever we invite God to inspire our daily work and services to others.
- Spiritual freedom is a gift. God endows us with the capacity to choose our eternal destiny.
- Salvation is progressive. It is a gradual lifting up of our spirit as we grow in love, faith and useful service.
- Marriage love between a husband and wife is a blessing God longs for us to enjoy. In His care, we can find and strengthen this precious love to eternity.
- Life after death is real. Everyone continues life's journey right away as a complete person.
- Heaven is for all people who become angels by living according to God's Commandments.



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Memorial Service for Brian P. Gunther



2/7/1961 – 9/4/2024

September 8, 2024 4:00 pm



Preludes

Bist du bei mir - Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel Largo from "Xerxes" - G. F. Handel Ashokan Farewell - Jay Ungar, arr. James Welch Gabriel's Oboe - Ennio Morricone Arioso - Handel

Postludes

Farewell Andromeda (Welcome to My Morning) – John Denver Con Grandezza - Charles Vincent

Order of Service

Opening of the Word

Sentence

Humbly, Lord, We Ask Thy Blessing...... 852

Readings

Interlude The Lord's Prayer - Heather Childs

Address – Rev. Derek P. Elphick

Seek Only Thy Perfect Way..... 1024

Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven so upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction

Closing of the Word