

Funeral Liturgy For  
**+ John C. Pax+**

Thursday, July 23, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Lehman-Dzendzel Funeral Home  
Celina, Ohio

December 31, 1939 ----- July 13, 2020

Presider  
Organist

Fr. Kenneth Schnipke C.P.P.S.  
Cindy Van Santvoord

Opening Song      **Be Not Afraid**

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

Chorus

Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and  
I will give you rest.

If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.

Chorus

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs  
Blessed are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh  
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!

Chorus

INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Greeting**

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

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

**Sprinkling with Holy Water**

**Opening Prayer**

**ALL: Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING:**      EZEKIEL 34:11-16      Karen Emmerich

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** PSALM 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6

***Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me: he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

***Response***

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff

that give me courage.

***Response***

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

***Response***

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

for years to come.

*Response*

**GOSPEL READING:** JOHN 10:27-30

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY**

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

Priest: ...we pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**OUR FATHER...**

**FINAL COMMENDATION**

**INVITATION TO PRAYER**

Priest: Saints of God...angels of the Lord!

**ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High**

Priest: May Christ...in the bosom of Abraham.

**ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High**

Priest: Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord,

**ALL: And let perpetual light shine upon him. Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High**

**PRAYER OF COMMENDATION**

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **ALL: Amen**

*Recessional Song*

***How Great Thou Art***

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Chorus

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then shall I bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Chorus

**Immediately following John's memorial service, everyone present is invited to a continued celebration and meal at CJ Highmarks.**

