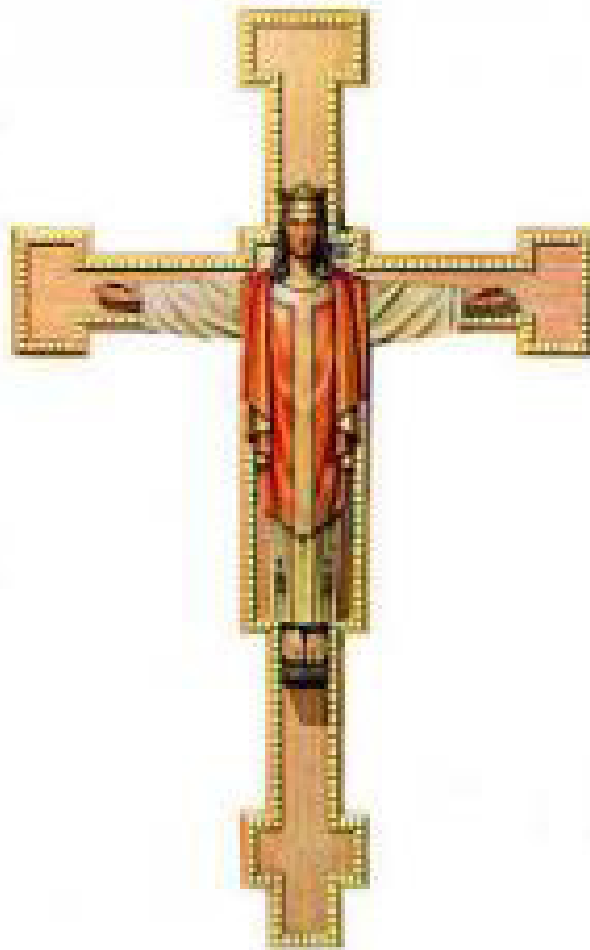


A celebration of the life of  
**Dr. Vincent Remillard**  
22 March 1942 - 6 February 2024

Saint Francis in the Valley  
Episcopal Church,  
Green Valley, Arizona

Friday, 8 March 2024 at 1 PM



# THE BURIAL OFFICE: RITE TWO

## ORGAN PRELUDE

Ch. M. Widor, 1844-1937

*Méditation, Symphony No 1, Op. 13*

## OPENING HYMN 400

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
*O praise him, O praise him,*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,  
stars nightly shining, find a voice,  
*O praise him, O praise him,*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,  
*O praise him, O praise him,*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
4. Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
*O praise him, O praise him,*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
5. All you with mercy in your heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing now: Alleluia!  
All you that pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God, and cast on him your care:  
*O praise him, O praise him,*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
6. And even you, most gentle death,  
waiting to hush our final breath,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
You lead back home the child of God,  
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
*O praise him, O praise him,*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
7. Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
*O praise him, O praise him,*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall

see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest  
from their labors.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Vincent, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-3

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

### THE PSALM: 106:1-5

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| 1 | Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD,<br>for he is good, * for his mercy endures<br>for ever. | 4 | Remember me, O LORD, with the favor<br>you have for your people, * and visit<br>me with your saving help;                                    |
| 2 | Who can declare the mighty acts of the<br>LORD * or show forth all his praise?               | 5 | That I may see the prosperity of your<br>elect and be glad with the gladness of<br>your people, * that I may glory with<br>your inheritance. |
| 3 | Happy are those who act with justice *<br>and always do what is right!                       |   |  |

**THE SECOND LESSON:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Lector      The Word of the Lord.

People      *Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN 593**

1. Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
where there is strife, may we make one.

2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light;  
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
to be consoled, but to console,

nor look to understanding hearts,  
but look for hearts to understand.

4. May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly,  
for in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.

5. Dying, we live, and are reborn  
through death's dark night to endless day:  
Lord, make us servants of your peace,  
to wake at last in heaven's light.

*Please stand for*

**THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:1-12

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

People      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Deacon      The Gospel of the Lord.

People      *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE HOMILY:** The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

**EULOGY:** Dr. Arthur Remillard

**POEM:** *The road not taken* by Robert Frost, Jessica Remillard, reader

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism,  
let us proclaim our faith and say

*Celebrant and People*

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

For our Brother Vincent, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life." Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Vincent, and dry the tears of those who weep.

*People Hear us, Lord.*

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

*People Hear us, Lord.*

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

*People Hear us, Lord.*

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

*People Hear us, Lord.*

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

*People Hear us, Lord.*

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

*People 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.

*(Celebrant)* Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our Brother Vincent, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People And also with you.*

## **AT THE OFFERTORY**

*Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured, and blessing without measure. From thee alone all creatures came; no one is worthy thee to name. My Lord be praised by brother sun who through the skies his course doth run, and shines in brilliant splendor: with brightness he doth fill the day, and signifies thy boundless sway. My Lord be praised by sister moon and all the stars, that with her soon will point the glittering heavens. Let wind and air and cloud and calm and weathers all, repeat the psalm. By mother earth my Lord be praised; governed by thee she hath upraised what for our life is needful. Sustained by thee, through every hour, she brings forth fruit, and herb, and flower. For death our sister, praised be, from whom no one alive can flee. Woe to the unprepared! But blest be they who do thy will and follow thy commandments still. Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured, and blessing without measure. Let creatures all give thanks to thee, and serve in great humility.*

Words: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226

Tr. Howard Chandler Robbins, 1876-1952, alt.

Music: Gerald Near, b. 1942

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is right, a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people may stand, sit, or kneel.*

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*(Celebrant)* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People* **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven...

...for ever and ever. Amen.

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The elements are offered at the Communion Rail and may be received either kneeling or standing. Wine is received by intinction only. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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.

**CLOSING SONG:** Fr. Ted Holt (*see page 11*)

*Following the Closing Song the congregation is asked to move to the Memorial Garden for the Committal.*

## THE COMMITTAL

Celebrant Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;  
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead  
will also give new life to our mortal bodies  
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*The Celebrant continues*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Vincent, and we commit his body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together Our Father, who art in heaven...  
...for ever and ever. Amen.



Celebrant Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord.  
People *And let light perpetual shine upon him.*  
Celebrant May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

#### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*  
Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People *Thanks be to God.*

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### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, *Celebrant and Homilist*  
The Rev. Becky Williamson, *Deacon*  
David Dunn, *Crucifer & Acolyte*  
Jessica Remillard, Claire Remillard, Ruth Remillard, *Lectors*  
Dr. Arthur Remillard, Phd, *Eulogist*  
Jessica Remillard, *Reader*  
Tom & Gloria Cadwalader, *Sound Technicians*  
Arlene Stremming, Susanne Fairman, *Ushers*  
J. Michael Case, *Organist*  
The St. Francis Parish Choir  
The Rev. Ted Holt, *Vocalist, Banjo*  
Marissa Remillard, *Clarinet*, Marcus Remillard, *Trumpet*,  
Abraham W. Remillard, *Saxophone*  
*Kyrie Eleison Blues (recorded)*, Walter Richard Davis  
Martha O'Brien, *Soloist*, Vince Remillard, *Saxophone*  
Tina Illig, *Piano*

Memorials in honor of DR. VINCENT REMILLARD may be made to the  
French Institute, Assumption University,  
500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609

Dr. Vincent L. Remillard's life was deeply rooted in his upbringing in the "Little Canada" region of western Massachusetts, where his early immersion in the French language sparked a lifelong passion for French literature and linguistics. As the youngest of four children, this experience shaped his intellectual and personal journey until his passing from anaplastic thyroid cancer on February 6, 2024, at the age of 81.

After completing his undergraduate studies at the University of Massachusetts and obtaining a master's degree from Assumption College, Dr. Remillard pursued his love for French literature and culture by earning a Ph.D. from Penn State University. Beginning in 1967, he embarked on a distinguished career as a professor at Saint Francis College, dedicating four decades to teaching linguistics and all levels of French. His commitment to education is evident in the countless students who benefited from his wisdom and guidance. Among his notable achievements are the establishment of a Semester in France program and co-authorship of the book *HUMAN COMMUNICATION ACROSS CULTURES*.

Outside of academia, Dr. Remillard found joy in watching and playing sports, exploring his family history, and playing and listening to music. A talented saxophonist, he learned to play the piano in midlife and was fascinated by musical composition and arrangement. He was also a cherished friend to many, always ready with a joke, a word of encouragement, or a helping hand.

Above all, Dr. Remillard cherished his family life. Married to his beloved wife Joyce for 60 years, he was a devoted father to his three sons and daughters-in-law, as well as a proud grandfather to seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. Vincent L. Remillard's life exemplified dedication to lifelong learning, boundless curiosity about the world, and profound love for family. His impact will be remembered and cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh, when the saints go marching in  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in

Oh, when the sun refuse to shine,  
Oh, when the sun refuse to shine  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the sun refuse to shine

Oh, when the stars fall from the sky  
Oh, when the stars fall from the sky  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the stars fall from the sky

Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call  
Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the trumpet sounds its call

Oh, when the new world is revealed  
Oh, when the new world is revealed  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the new world is revealed

Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh, when the saints go marching in  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in

