

Irish Airman Foresees His Death

I know that I shall meet my fate
Somewhere among the clouds above;
Those that I Fight I do not hate,
Those that I guard I do not love;'
My country is Kiltartan Cross,
My countrymen Kiltartan's poor,
No like end could bring them loss
Or leave them happier than before.
Nor law, nor duty bade me fight,
Nor public men, nor cheering crowds,
A lonely impulse of delight!
Drove to this tumult in the clouds;
I balanced all, brought all to mind,
The years to come seemed waste of breath,
A waste of breath the years behind
In balance with this life, this death.

William Butler Yeats



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*"...if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another..."*

I John I: 7

GROOME CHURCH
My 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Reverend, Dr. S. Willard Crossan, III
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Memorial Day Sunday

Parish Calendar and Greeting *Dr. Crossan*
Organ Prelude "Arioso" *G.F. Handel*

GATHERING AND REFLECTION

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come and see what God has done.

People: His work is honorable and glorious, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: Let us test and examine our way, and return to the Lord!

People: Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in Heaven.

* Hymn of Praise "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" 128

Memorial Day Prayer

Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you: For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives that have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace. For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever. For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship you now in heaven. For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others. May we hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with you in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night. May we now be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations made one. O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage. Day by day we magnify you, and worship your name, for ever and ever, Amen.

Silent Meditation
Words of Assurance
The Lord's Prayer
Choir Anthem

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Leader: O Lord, open our hearts and our minds;

People: that we may behold wonderful things out of your word.

New Testament Lesson Acts 2:1-21 *Retta Rose Frampton*

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 *Debbie Foxx*

* Gospel Lesson John 7:37-39

* Affirmation of Faith "Apostles Creed" 881

* Gloria Patri 70

PETITIONS, INTERCESSIONS, AND OFFERING

Collect

O Lord God, we bless you for the remembrance of this day of memorial, when, by your providence, and mighty power, has made wars cease; accept our praise and thanksgiving. As on this day we remember those who fought and died that we might live, accept our gratitude, and make us more worthy of their sacrifice by helping us to more closely follow in the steps of your blessed Son; to the end that your kingdom might truly be found on earth. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

-Voicing of our Petitions-

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Words of Presentation

Offering *Organist/Pianist*

The Presentation Prayer

* Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

THE VOICE OF SCRIPTURE

* Hymn of Preparation "Morning Has Broken" 145

Sermon "Human Fellowship" *Dr. Crossan*

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Dedication "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" 171

* Benediction

* Benediction Response "He Is Lord" 177

* Postlude "Solemnity" *E. Megargel*