St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church



Christmas Eve Musical Prelude and Pageant

December 24, 2024

4:00 p.m.

<u>Bishop of Ohio</u> The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly

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Welcome to St. Michael's in the Hills



We are so glad you have joined us! Congregational responses are printed in bold type. Music is reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-714012

MUSICAL PRELUDE

4:00 PM

REJOICE IN THE LAMB OP. 30

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

A SPOTLESS ROSE

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

DECK THE HALLS (IN 7/8)

Arr. James McKelvy

THE CHOIR

Director: Justin Scott Bays

Soprano:	Julia Burtscher Irene Ehrmin Jody Ehrmin Ashlee Mancuso * Penny Cobau-Smith Marian Smith	Alto:	Diane Braun Via Bridges Kenneth Brown * Vivian Bork Anne Morris Gretchen Rohm Ruth Ann Sailstad
Tenor:	David Braun Seth Johnson Joel Twitchell * * Section Leaders	Bass:	Jeff Bartlett Ricky Becker Joseph Myers DJ Zippay *

ABOUT THE MUSIC: "REJOICE IN THE LAMB"

The words of the Cantata, "Rejoice in the Lamb" are taken from a long poem of the same name. The writer was Christopher Smart, an eighteenth century poet, deeply religious, but of a strange and unbalanced mind.

"Rejoice in the Lamb" was written while Smart was in an asylum, and is chaotic in form but contains many flashes of genius. It is a few of the finest passages that Benjamin Britten has chosen to set to music. The main theme of the poem, and that of the Cantata, is the worship of God, by all created beings and things, each in its own way.

The Cantata is made up of ten short sections. The first sets the theme. The second gives a few examples of one person after another being summoned from the pages of the Old Testament to join with some creature in praising and rejoicing in God. The third is a quiet and ecstatic Hallelujah. In the fourth section, Smart takes his beloved cat as an example of nature praising God by being simply what the Creator intended it to be. The same thought is carried on in the fifth section with the illustration of the mouse.

The sixth section speaks of the flowers, "the poetry of Christ." In the seventh section, Smart refers to his troubles and suffering, but even these are an occasion for praising God, for it is through Christ that he will find his deliverance. The eighth section gives four letters from an alphabet, leading to a full chorus in section nine which speaks of musical instruments and music's praise of God. The final section repeats the Hallelujah.

Participants in the Pageant

Advisor:	Jonathan Naddaf
Advisor/Shepherd:	Adair Stanton
Advisor:	Alex Braun
Herod:	Max Braun
Innkeeper/Advisor:	Samuel Naddaf
Innkeeper/Shepherd:	Jackie Sturtz
Innkeeper/Shepherd:	Olive Casey-DeBacker
Innkeeper/Shepherd:	Emily Naddaf
Joseph:	Horatio Toner
Little Angel:	Evelyn Sturtz
Little Angel:	Kaitlin Sturtz
Little Angel:	Madelyn Stanton
Mary:	Jillian Casey-DeBacker
Narrator #1:	Angelita Bridges
Narrator #2:	Via Bridges
Shepherd:	Alijah Overton
Shepherd/Sheep:	Emory Stanton
Shepherd:	Scarlett Stachowiak
Wiseman:	Alivea Overton
Wiseman:	Ava Overton
Wiseman:	Zoie Stephens
Angel:	Gretchen Rohm

()e especially thank...

Donna Wipfli and Al Stephens, Pageant Directors Dennis Blubaugh, Organist Gretchen Rohm and Angelita Bridges, Adult Participants Brad Stephens, Artistic support Parents, who helped make the pageant possible!

Everyone who has participated and helped make all our Christmas services so beautiful!

The Gomulinski and Walker families for providing greens to decorate the church!

THE PAGEANT & FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Once in royal David's city Opening Hymn: 102 Once Da vid's in roy al stood 1 ci ty a 2 He came down earth from who is to hea ven, _ *3 We, like Ma ry, rest confound ed that a For life long dai -4 he our pat tern; ly, is *5 shall him, through his And our eyes at last see 6 \mathbf{poor} Not in that low ly sta ble, with the tle shed, where ther laid her low ly cat a -1 _ mo 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel ter was a 3 world's sta ble should dis play hea - ven's Word, the cre 4 when earth he grew, he tempt ed, scorned, on was re 5own re - deem ing love; for that child who seemed so 6 ox ing round, we shall see him; but in en stand bed: 1 ba by in man ger for his Ma ry а -2 sta ble, and his dle was stall; with the cra a 3 dled Christ Day, this tor, there on yet а cra mas like 4 ject ed, tears and smiles us he knew. Thus he - $\mathbf{5}$ help less is our Lord in heaven bove; and he а 6 -Christ, hea ven, where his saints his throne sur round: re mild,___ Je - sus Christ child. was that mo - ther her lit tle 1 -2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived earth Sa ho - ly. on our vior oth - er. 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an feels for sad - ness, shares glad - ness. 4 all our he in all and our 5leads his place chil - dren on. to the where he is gone.__ faith - ful God's high.__ 6 vealed to eye, set at right hand on

Irby

4:30 PM

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant:Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.People:And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

Collect for Christmas

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

"A CHRISTMAS TO BELIEVE IN"

Written by Sharon Kay Chatwell (2007)

Organ Prelude: Ode to Joy

SCENE 1: INTRODUCTION & AN ANGEL VISITS MARY

Hymn 89, v. 1 (Please remain seated)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King" The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

SCENE 2: AN ANGEL VISITS JOSEPH

Hymn 78, v. 1 (Please remain seated)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. Forest Green

Carol

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SCENE 3: MARY & JOSEPH TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM

Hymn 101, v. 1 (Please remain seated) Cradle Song Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. SCENE 4: ANGEL APPEARS TO SHEPHERDS Gloria Hymn 96, v. 1 (Please remain seated) Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! SCENE 5: SHEPHERDS TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM Adeste fideles Hymn 83, v. 1 (Please remain seated) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come, and behold him, born the King of angels; O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord. SCENE 6: THE WISE MEN AND HEROD

Hymn 128, v. 1 (Please remain seated)

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse so far, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty brig; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

SCENE 7: BIRTH OF JESUS & GIFTS FROM THE WISE MEN

Hymn 100, v. 1 (Please remain seated)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing. Antioch

Three Kings of Orient

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

by the Rev. Jeremiah D. Williamson from *Praying the Scriptures* (2014)

<i>Leader:</i> Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray: "Glorious Lo	ord,
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- People: Grant us your peace.
- *Leader:* Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: Make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil. [Silence.] Glorious Lord.People: Grant us your peace.
- *Leader:* Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation. [*Silence*.] Glorious Lord.
- People: Grant us your peace.
- *Leader:* Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you. Are there any thanksgiving you wish to share? [Silence.] Glorious Lord.
- People: Grant us your peace.

Leader: Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of the city to yourself. May all of the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence. [Silence.] Glorious Lord.

People: Grant us your peace.

- Leader: Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to sinners, to the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely, especially Dick, Elmer, Letty, Lillian, Kit, Cris, Diane, Henk, Kerry, Arlene, Jerilyn, Heather, Monty, Marguerite, Muffy, Candy, Mary, Julie, Angela, James, Claire, Gary, Bob, Greg, Nancy, Ann, Alicia, Terry, Teresa and Tom. *Are there others you wish to name*? [Silence.] Glorious Lord.
- People: Grant us your peace.
- Leader: Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection. [Silence.] Glorious Lord.
- People: Grant us your peace.
- *Celebrant:* Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your Incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Peace and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Our Christmas offering this year will be given to Episcopal Relief and Development.

Offertory: Still, Still, Still

Doxology: Hymn 115, v. 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

<u>Eucharistic Prayer B</u>

- *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.

arr. Norman Luboff

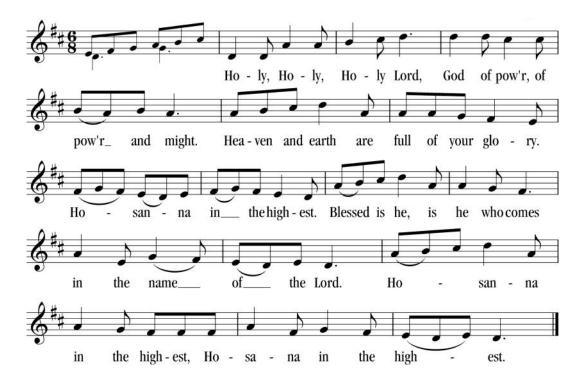
Greensleeves

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus: St. James Advent Service

arr. Richard Shephard



Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. AMEN.

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

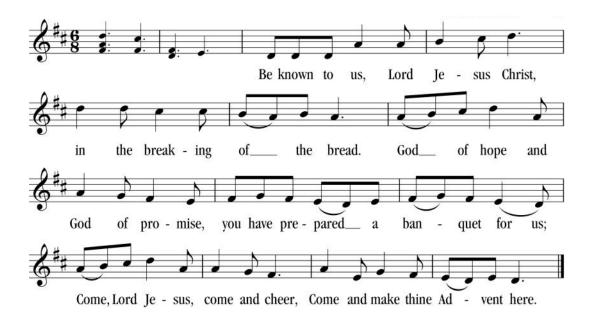
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem: St. James Advent Service

arr. Richard Shephard



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.

Communion Music:

Hymn 105

God rest you merry, gentlemen

God Rest You Merry



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Carol



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

People: O Lamb of God, in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church, my heart offers you praise and thanksgiving. I love you above all things, and I earnestly desire to receive you into my soul. And although I cannot receive you sacramentally, I invite you into my heart spiritually. May my soul be fed by this spiritual food, and may my heart know you more dearly in the breaking of this bread. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

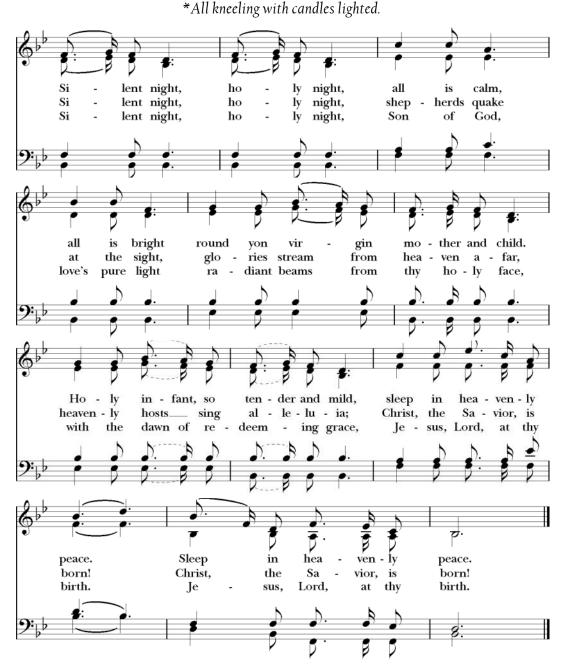
Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.



Silent night, holy night

Stille Nacht



Christmas Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

* Please extinguish your candle and return it to the basket at the back of the church as you depart.

Hymn 100

Joy to the world!

Antioch



Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Postlude: God Rest Ye Merry

Wilbur Held (1914-2014)

Service Participants				
Celebrant:	The Rev. Gayle Catinella			
Co-Celebrant:	The Rev. Dan Knaup			
Verger:	Craig Van Horsten			
Organist:	Dennis Blubaugh			
Altar Guild:	Julia Burtscher, Sue Pokorney			
Prayers:	Scott Hendricks			
Chalice Bearers:	Scott Hendricks, Susan Hendricks, Julia Burtscher, David Braun			
Crucifers:	Scott Hendricks, Susan Hendricks			
Greeters:	Sarah Schendel, Ellen Wise			
Ushers:	Mark Keleher, Brent Cousino			
Livestream Operator:	James Carlisle			

Our Christmas Offering

This year's Christmas offering will be given to Episcopal Relief and Development. Episcopal Relief & Development works in collaboration with church partners and other local organizations to facilitate healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities that are struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. They also work around the world and here in the US responding to and rebuilding after disasters.

Their programs impact the lives of over 3 million people annually. They respect the dignity of all people and view them as our neighbors, working alongside participants regardless of religious affiliation or background. Their unique expertise, experience and practical knowledge allow them to guide communities to lasting change with a focus on three key priorities: women, children, & climate. In their disaster response and recovery work, they offer resources and training to help people prepare for disasters and provide support so vulnerable people can make a full and sustained recovery. Their integrated strategies are developed in collaboration with local partners and communities to help ensure the results we generate are sustained over the long-term. Visit: www.episcopalrelief.org

Upcoming Activities



St. Michael's and the West Mission Area invite you to join us at St. Michael's for Evening Prayer, pizza and a screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven* on Monday, January 6th from 6 to 9 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the hall bulletin board or use the QR code to RSVP.



Evening prayer begins at 6:00 pm; dinner and the screening will start at 6:30 pm. For many of us, we can't remember a time when women weren't allowed to be ordained as priests. It was only 50 years ago, in 1974, that eleven women were ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church, two years before General Convention affirmed and authorized the ordination of women to the priesthood. This documentary tells their stories. *Thanks to the West Mission Area Council for their financial support of the screening.*



Moms are invited to attend our newly formed "MUMS" Club (Mothers Uplifting Mothers) to share and discuss the good & the difficult parts of parenting. We will meet Thursday, January 9th from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy a break in your busy schedule to connect and form new friendships. We'll enjoy snacks, coffee, tea & fellowship. *Open to all, not just church members! Bring a friend!*

Gifts given to the Glory of God for Flowers

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In loving memory of :	From :
Beloved family members	Irene Ehrmin
Elwin & Lorraine Johnson, Kenneth, Dan, Tré, Barry & Corey Braun, Fred Schuuw, Denise Dunwald	David and Diane Braun
Ben Coe and in gratitude for all her family	Puffin Coe
In thanksgiving for family & friends	Pam and Brent Cousino
Tom and Carolyn Creekmore, Bill Stout, Lee and Rita Stout, Dave Stout	Dick and Vicki Creekmore
Jim Hancock and their parents	Shirley Hancock
In thanksgiving for the gift of the Christ Child	Scott and Susan Hendricks
Ron Schuele	Barb Malkoski
Dorothy and Chuck Davis, Clara and Dale Fought	Henry and Sue Merce
Loved ones	The O'Connells
Robert Roberts, Sr., Patricia Richardson Roberts, Sr., Patricia Richardson Roberts, Jr., Robert Roberts, Jr.	Pamela and Ed Skinner
Beloved family and friends	Jeff Smith and Penny Cobau-Smith
James Verner, Jr.	Ann Verner
John M. Wiley, The Fred Halls, The Frank Wileys	Val Wiley
In thanksgiving for the people of this parish	Rev. Gayle Catinella
Pete and Paula Hauck	The Hauck family
Julie Van Horsten and Mike DeMario	Craig Van Horsten & Carol DeMario
Frances Boyle	Ian, Heather, Calista & Horatio Toner
Jack and Maxine Christopher	The Christopher children & their spouses
Beloved family and friends	Gretchen Rohm & David Ensing
Their parents	Carleen & Donald McIntyre
Dan Lehmann	Nancy Lehmann & family
James H. Morris	Anne Morris
Mom, Dad and Kathy	Lucy Lambert
Nancy and Tad Brown	Betsy & Bruce Rumpf and family

Gifts given to the Glory of God for Music

In loving memory of :

From :

Elwin & Lorraine Johnson, Kenneth, Dan, Tré, Barry & Corey Braun, Fred Schuuw, Denise Dunwald	David and Diane Braun
In thanksgiving for family & friends	Pam and Brent Cousino
Ben Coe and in gratitude for all her family	Puffin Coe
John Ehrmin	Irene Ehrmin
Jim Hancock and their parents	Shirley Hancock
In thanksgiving for the gift of the Christ Child	Scott and Susan Hendricks
John Malkoski	Barb Malkoski
Their parents	Carleen & Donald McIntyre
Henry and Helen Merce	Henry and Sue Merce
Loved ones	The O'Connells
Jim and Dotty Karabedian	Jeff Smith & Penny Cobau-Smith
James and Ethel Verner, Newell and Bernice Harrop	Ann Verner
John M. Wiley, The Fred Halls, The Frank Wileys	Val Wiley
In thanksgiving for the people of this parish	Rev. Gayle Catinella
David and Isabelle Carter	James & Debbie Carlisle
Christopher Sailstad	Ruth Ann Sailstad
Don J. Baumgartner, "Charlie Brown", beloved father and "Grandpa Charlie"	Ian, Heather, Calista & Horatio Toner
Pete and Paula Hauck	The Hauck family
Julie Van Horsten and Mike DeMario	Craig Van Horsten & Carol DeMario
Beloved family and friends	Gretchen Rohm & David Ensing
Her parents: John and Jean Owens	Marian Smith
Elaine Czerwinski	George & Carole Shirk
Family	Joe Myers
John Ehrmin	Julia & Todd Burtscher
The Ohlson family	Anne Morris
Mom, Dad and Kathy	Lucy Lambert
Mark and Marcia Reed	Patrick and Ellen Wise

Guests & Visitors

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