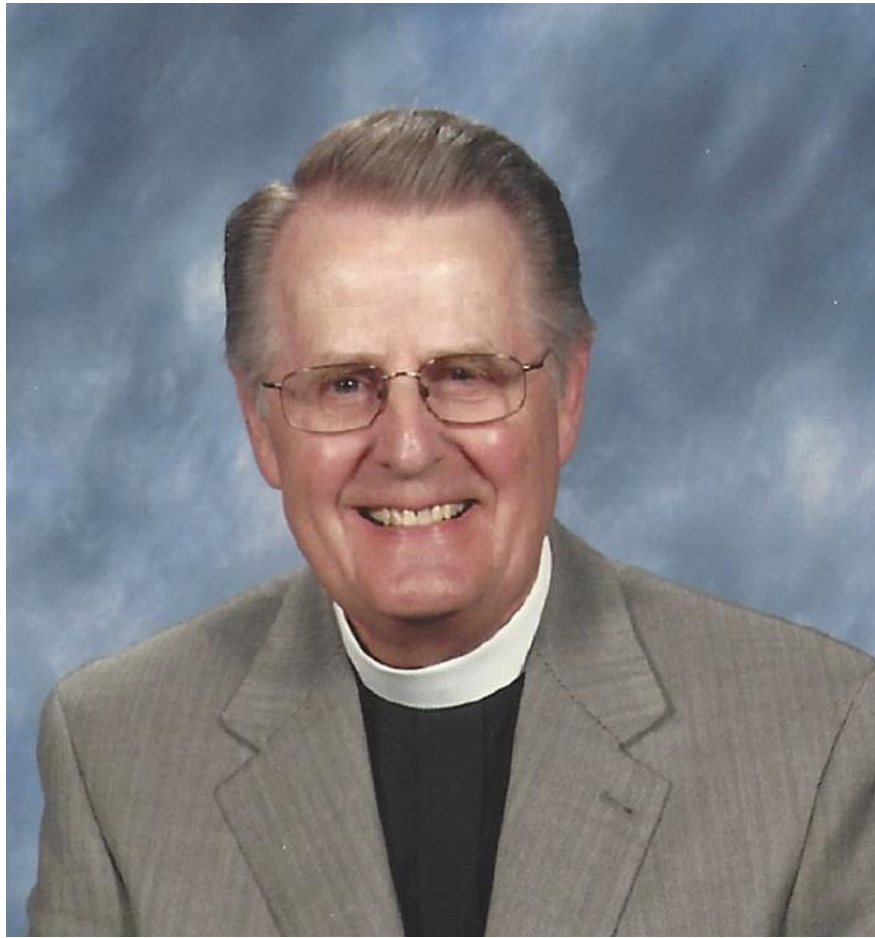


**A Celebration of the Life and Ministry of  
The Rev. Dr. Erwin M. Smuda**



*January 28, 1936 - May 24, 2020*

*St. Paul's Church  
Canton, Ohio  
Saturday, June 18, 2022*

*Preludes*

Aria for Organ  
“My heart is longing to praise my Savior”  
“Thy Holy Wings”

*Georg Philipp Telemann*  
*Norwegian folk hymn*  
*Swedish folk hymn arr. John Ferguson*

### **Opening Anthem**

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.

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 Erwin, 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. *Amen.*

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Jan and their family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known  
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,  
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

**Remembrance**

*The Rev. George Baum*

**The First Reading: Micah 6:6-8**

*The Rev. Duane Jesse*

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures \*  
and leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul \*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; \*

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; \*

thou anointest my head with oil,

and my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**The Second Reading:** Romans 8:18, 34-35, 37-39

*The Rev. Mark Williams*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn

*Now the green blade riseth (Noël nouvelet)*

Hymn 204



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



*Refrain*  
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

**Gospel Reading:** John 10:11-16, 27-28

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Homily**

*The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.*

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*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 of the People

The Rev. Abraham Allende

For our brother Erwin, 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 Erwin, and dry the tears of those who weep.

*Hear us, Lord.*

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

*Hear us, Lord.*

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

*Hear us, Lord.*

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

*Hear us, Lord.*

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

*Hear us, Lord.*

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

*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.

### *The Celebrant concludes*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Erv, 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

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

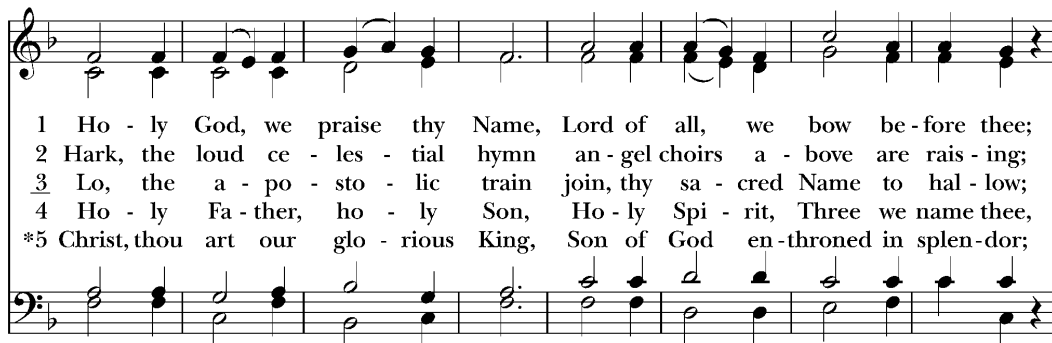
*People* And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Hymn

*Holy God, we praise thy Name (Grosser Gott)*

Hymn 366



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;  
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,  
\*5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;

1 all on earth thy scap - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;  
 2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,  
 3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
 4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;  
 5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,

1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
 2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.  
 4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.  
 5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

6 Thou didst take the sting from death,  
 Son of God, as Savior given;  
 on the cross thy dying breath  
 opened wide the realm of heaven.  
 In the glory of that land  
 thou art set at God's right hand.

7 As our judge thou wilt appear.  
 Savior, who hast died to win us,  
 help thy servants, drawing near.  
 Lord, renew our hearts within us.  
 Grant that with thy saints we may  
 dwell in everlasting day.

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*The People remain standing.*

*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.

It is right, and 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 stand or kneel.**The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: 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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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. *AMEN*.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Communion Music** Aria

*Paul Manz*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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.*

### **The Commendation**

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the ashes.*

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,  
*where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Erwin. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

### **The Committal**

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.

*Then, the Celebrant says these words*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Erwin, and we commit his ashes to their 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 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 Bishop blesses the people.*

*The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

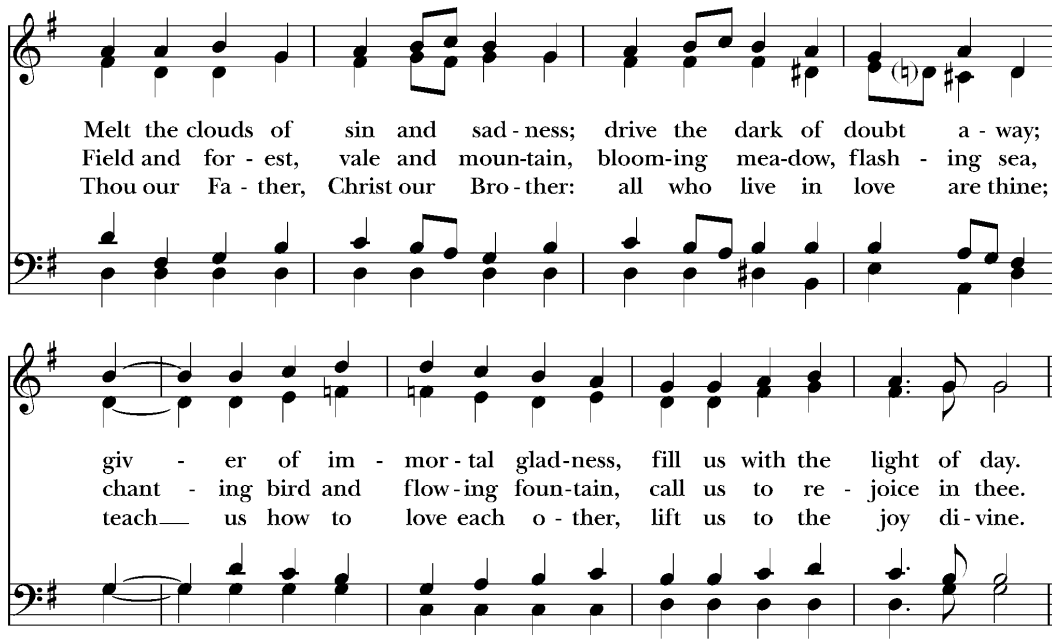
**Closing Hymn**

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Hymn 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 teach-us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

*Postlude* Paraphrase on a Chorus from Judas Maccabaeus

Alexandre Guilmant

All are invited to join the Smuda family in the parish hall for a reception immediately following the service.

*Participants*

Presider and Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Celebrant	The Rev. Canon Percy Grant
Assisting	The Rev. George Baum
	The Rev. Duane Jesse
	The Rev. Mark Williams
Intercessor	The Rev. Abraham Allende
Organist	Mr. William Kendrick

*Music of Note:*

All of today's hymns were personal favorites of Pastor Smuda (also warmly remembered as Father Smuda here at St. Paul's, as well as at St. Mark's, Canton, and St. Timothy's, Massillon). The German composers Telemann and Bach were also part of his musical heritage.

The hymn "My heart is longing" was a regular hymn choice for Lent at Zion Lutheran, Canton. The lovely work by Paul Manz is a favorite of the Smuda family.