

God's Garden

*God looked around his garden
and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the Earth and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain,
He knew that you would never get well on Earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough.
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered,
"Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*

The funeral service is the central celebration of the Christian community upon death of one of its members. Your presence here, in the company of other friends and neighbors, expresses your affection and respect for the deceased and offers comfort and support to family. Thank you for your participation in this celebration of the life of
Stjepan Miksic.



Stjepan Miksic
October 29, 1918 - March 4, 2008

Memorial Service
April 8, 2008
5:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Lake Church
White Bear Lake, Minnesota

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Song

Liz Racine

Pianist: Camille Kolles

“MORNING HAS BROKEN”

Morning has broken, Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken, Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing, Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew-fall, On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness, Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness, Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise ev-'ry morning,
God's re-creation, Of the new day!

LITURGY of the WORD

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-12

Ed Bertges

Response

Liz Racine

Pianist: Camille Kolles

“ON EAGLES WINGS”

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And he will raise you up on eagles wings, bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of his hand.

Gospel

John 14:1-6

Father Rodger Bauman

Prayers of the Faithful

Christie Sullivan

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional

Liz Racine

Pianist: Camille Kolles

“AMAZING GRACE”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
that saved and set me free!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my ears relieved!
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Family Reflection

Anna Vignetti



The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ,
after you have suffered a little while,
will himself restore you and make you strong,
firm and steadfast.

1 Peter 5:10