

A Celebration of Life

Raymond Wayne Cox



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P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C Thanks be to God.

P When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

In the Garden

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone — While the dew is still on the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice — Is so sweet the birds hush their
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him — Though the night a - round me be

ros - es; And the voice I hear fall - ing on my ear The Son of God dis -
 sing - ing; And the me - lo dy that He gave to me With - in my heart is
 fall - ing; But He bids me go thru the voice of woe, His voice to me is

clos - es.
 ring - ing. And He walks with me and He talks with me, And He
 call - ing.

tells me I am His own. And the joy we share as we

tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Wayne. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console all who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The 23rd Psalm – spoken in unison

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he 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;

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 forever.

Remembrances of Wayne

Song *Daddy's Hands* by Holly Dunn

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Psalm 34:15-22

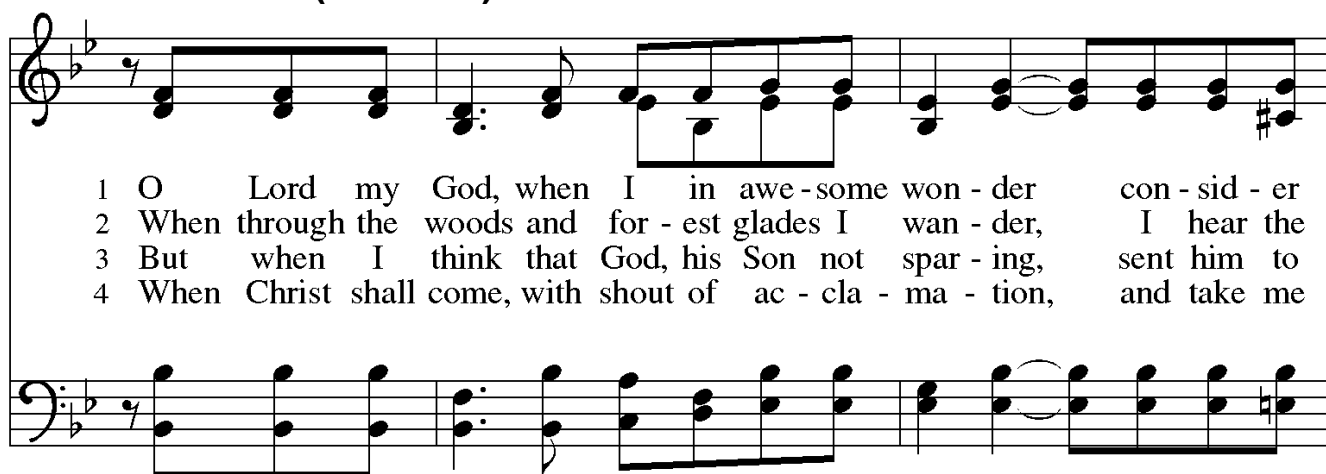
- ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
- ¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.
- ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.
- ²⁰ He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.
- ²¹ Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- ²² The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Matthew 5:3-12

- ³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Homily

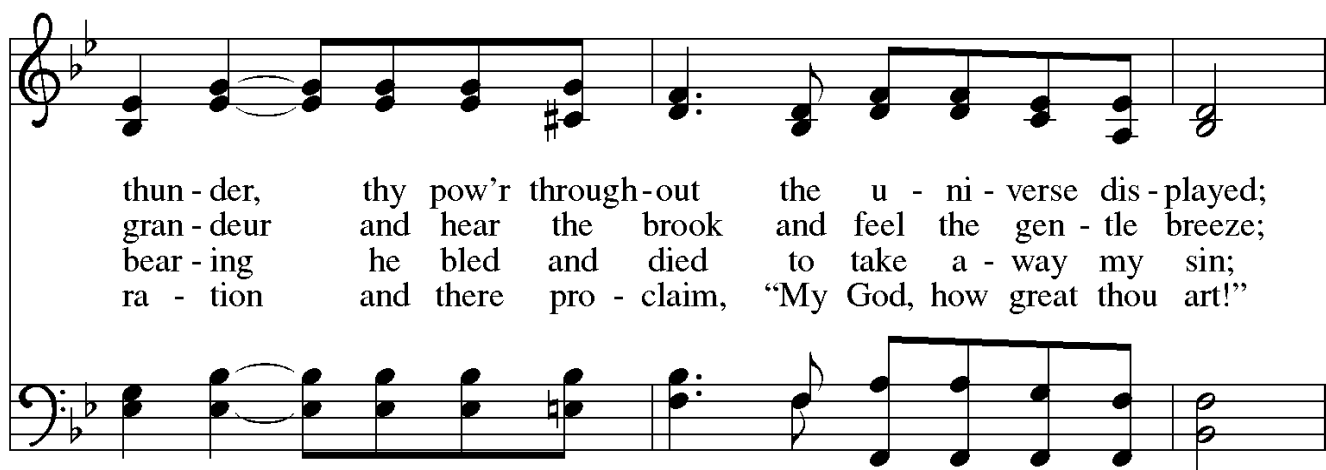
How Great Thou Art (ELW 856)



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Refrain
Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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The Creed

- P** We confess the faith of the church throughout the ages, the faith Wayne lived and the faith in which he died.
- C** **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 into hell. 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

- P Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you**
- P Lift up your hearts
- C We lift them to the Lord**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Holy Communion

The Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen.

The Commendation

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Wayne. 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.

C Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem. May a choir of angels welcome you, and, where Lazarus is poor no more, may you have everlasting rest.

I'll Fly Away

1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er,
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, I'll fly a- way;
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then,

to a home on God's ce - les - tial shore,
like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a- way.
to a land where joys shall nev - er end.

Refrain

I'll fly a - way, Oh, glo - ry I'll fly a - way.
when I die, hal - le - lu - jah by and by, I'll fly a - way.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp). It consists of four staves. The first staff contains the first three lines of the verse, with lyrics 1, 2, and 3. The second staff continues the verse with lyrics 4, 5, and 6. The third staff is the refrain, starting with 'I'll fly a-way, Oh, glo-ry'. The fourth staff concludes the refrain with 'when I die, hal-le-lu-jah by and by, I'll fly a-way.' Chord symbols (G, C, Em, D, D7, G7) are placed above the notes to indicate the harmonic accompaniment.

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The Reverend Phillip Heinze
The Reverend Kyle Rouze
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Raymond Wayne Cox, age 82, passed away surrounded by family on January 26, 2023. He was the son of Chris and Mildred Cox. He was born in Coleman County, TX. He was married to Mary Jo Clemons from 1959 to 1992. They raised four children together. He married Mary Jo Stubblefield Cox in 1995. Wayne drove a truck for Merchants Fast Motor Line for 35 years with over 3 million safe driving miles. He was the president of the Union of Transportation Employees for 6 years. After Merchants closed, he drove for 10 years at BestWay before retiring. He was preceded in death by his parents, niece, step-daughter and great-grandson. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Jo Cox, Brother- Roy and Henrietta Cox, son- Ricky and Kellie Cox, daughters – Debbie Cory, Lea Ann and Carl Hopkins, Darla and Chris Palin, stepson – David and Robin Stubblefield, stepdaughter – Kathy Saenz, 11 grandkids, 15 great grandkids, niece – Christi Hickman and family and his best friend Sheba.