Funeral Mass for William "Bill" Maixner

May 17, 1952 - November 2, 2020

Thursday, November 5, 2020
St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Chapel Hill, NC
Entrance Hymn:

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Verse 1

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Verse 2

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.
Verse 3

3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

Verse 4

4. For to his angels he’s given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Ω Coda

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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First Reading – Wisdom 3:1-6, 9  

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.
But they are in peace.
For if before men, indeed they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them  
and found them worthy of himself.
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,  
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 35

Refrain

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**  “Celtic Alleluia”

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A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to the crowds:
“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me.
And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day.
For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

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

**Homily**  *Fr. Scott McCue*

**Prayer of the Faithful**  *Ann Fisher*
Preparation of the Gifts  “Here I Am, Lord”

Verses

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people’s cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have wept for love of them.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night,
They turn away. I will make their darkness bright.
My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide.

hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen

Amen, amen, amen.
Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist. Thank you for being here with us today. Central to Catholic belief is that of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We believe that in the Eucharistic celebration, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the action of Christ, within the celebrating community, signifying a oneness of faith, life, and worship. It is our hope and prayer that one day, we may realize Christ’s prayer: “that all may be one.”

Until that day, we are unable to offer the Eucharist to those who join us today from other faith traditions that are not in communion with the Catholic Church. Those Catholics who are prepared to receive Holy Communion today are invited to come forward. Those present not receiving Holy Communion today are invited to join with us in prayer and song at this time.
Prayer After Communion

Words of Remembrance  Dylan Maixner

Song of Farewell

“Saints of God”

Refrain

Cantor or choir: Receive his/her soul, receive his/her soul,

All: and present him/her to God the Most High,

and present him/her to God the Most High.

Verses

1. Saints of God, come to his/her aid!
   Hasten to meet him/her, angels of the Lord!

2. May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
   may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

3. Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord,
   and let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

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Concluding Rite

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn  “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in

there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.
there is darkness, only light, And where there’s sadness, ever joy.
giving of ourselves that we receive, And dying that we’re born to eternal life.

Verse 3

3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console.

To be understood as to understand.

To be loved as to love with all my soul.

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Family
Viravan Maixner
William David and Natalie Maixner, Maren
Dylan and Lauren Maixner, Anne Carlisle
Ann and Dennis Fisher, and family
John Maixner
Jim and Maria Maixner, and family
Paul Maixner and Cecil Manley
Jean Maixner and Stuart Mitchell
William “Bill” Maixner (deceased)
Elizabeth “Bette” Maixner (deceased)
Mark Maixner (deceased)

Pallbearers
Will Maixner  John Maixner  Dennis Fisher
Dylan Maixner  Jim Maixner  Sam Rogers

Celebrant
Fr. Scott McCue

Cantor
Lynn Blakey

Accompanist
Sarah Franco

Thank You
The family of William Maixner is grateful for your love and support at this time.
In support of his life-long mission, his family has asked donations to be made to the
DREAM Campaign through the Department of Anesthesiology at Duke University in
support of research through innovation grants.
Memorial gifts can be made by calling 919-684-8524 or visiting
https://anesthesiology.duke.edu and selecting the “Duke DREAM Campaign”.

A reception to celebrate Bill will be held at a later date due to precautions
and safety of family and friends.

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