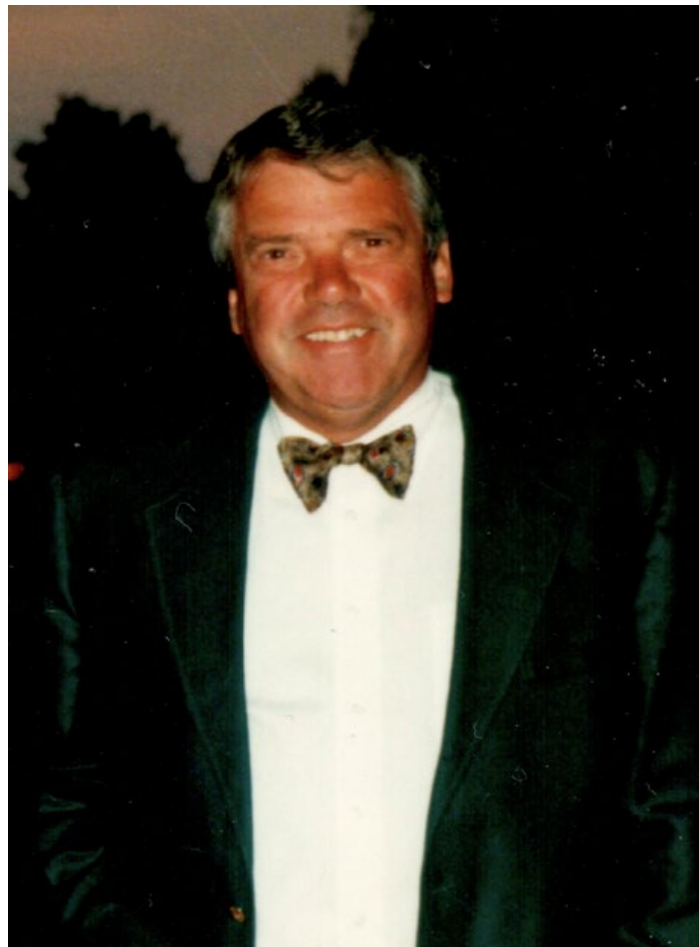


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## *A Celebration of Life*



**William (Starch) Thompson Bacon, III**  
*January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1943- March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

## **Prelude**

### **Opening Procession**

*The Celebrant says,*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though they die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed themselves 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 have life in ourselves,  
and none becomes our own master when we die.  
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.

Onward, Christian soldiers

(Verses 1, 2 & 5 only)

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,  
\*2 At the sign of tri - umph Sa - tan's host doth flee;  
\*3 Like a might - y ar - my moves the Church of God;  
4 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,  
5 On - ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap - py throng;

1 with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!  
2 on, then, Chris - tian sol - diers, on to vic - to - ry!  
3 Chris - tians, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod;  
4 but the Church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;  
5 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song;

1 Christ, the roy - al Mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;  
2 Hell's foun - da - tions quiv - er at the shout of praise;  
3 we are not di - vid - ed, all one bo - dy we,  
4 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that Church pre - vail;  
5 glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, un - to Christ the King;

1 for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go.  
2 Chris - tians, lift your voic - es, loud your an - thems raise.  
3 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.  
4 we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.  
5 this through count - less a - ges we with an - gels sing.

*Refrain*

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,

with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!

*The Celebrant says,*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### **Collects for Burial**

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother William. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with the Bacon 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.***

*All sit.*

**First Reading**

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            ***Thanks be to God.***

*All sit.*

*Cabin Porch*

Gary Soto

*I stand on the porch of my cabin, looking out  
On the trees that sway gently in the breeze,  
And I feel a sense of peace wash over me,  
A feeling of contentment that comes from being  
In this quiet place, surrounded by nature's beauty.*

*The porch is made of rough-hewn wood,  
And the steps creak softly beneath my feet  
As I walk back and forth, lost in thought,  
Watching the sun dip below the horizon  
And the stars begin to twinkle in the darkening sky.  
I listen to the sounds of the forest,  
The rustle of leaves, the chirping of birds,  
The distant murmur of a stream,  
And I feel a sense of belonging,  
A connection to this place that fills me with joy.*

*I breathe in the clean, crisp air,  
And I am grateful for this moment,  
For the peace and tranquility it brings,  
For the chance to escape the hustle and bustle  
Of the world and find solace in nature's embrace.*

*So I stand on the porch of my cabin,  
Looking out on the trees that sway gently in the breeze,  
And I feel a sense of gratitude,  
A sense of wonder at the beauty of the world,  
And I know that I am home.*

### **Special Music**

Pat Hamilton

### **Psalm 23**

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

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
***and leads me beside still waters.***

3 He revives my soul \*  
***and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.***

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
***for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort  
me.***

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who  
trouble me; \*  
***you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running  
over.***

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of  
my life, \*  
***and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.***

## **Eulogies & Homily**

### **Apostles' Creed**

*All stand as the Celebrant says*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say together,

***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 Celebrant then continues*

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

***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.***

### **Prayers of the People**

For our brother, William, 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 William, 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 William eternal life.  
***Hear us, Lord.***



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

***Hear us, Lord.***

Our brother William 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 William; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

## **Peace**

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

*People* ***And also with you.***

## **Commendation**

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant William with your saints,

*People* ***where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

*Celebrant* You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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.

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

*The Celebrants then says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant William. 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.**

*Now the day is over*

1. Now the day is o - ver, night is draw-ing nigh,  
2. Je - sus, give the wea - ry calm and sweet re - pose;  
3. Grant to lit - tle chil - dren vi - sions bright of thee;  
4. Com-fort ev - 'ry suf - frer watching late in pain;

shad-ows of the eve - ning steal a-cross the sky.  
with thy ten-d'rest bless - ing may our eye - lids close.  
guard the sail - ors, toss - ing on the deep blue sea.  
those who plan some e - vil from their sin re - strain.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system covers lines 1-4, and the second system covers lines 5-8.

**5.** Through the long night watches  
may thine angels spread  
their white wings above me,  
watching round my bed.

**6.** Glory to the Father,  
glory to the Son,  
and to thee, blest Spirit,  
whilst all ages run.

Trinity Hymnal 406  
TEXT: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1865  
TUNE (MERRIAL 6.5.6.5.): Joseph Barnby, 1868

## **Blessing**

May the Holy and Undivided Trinity guard your soul, guide your feet into the way of peace, and receive you into that place where there is no pain or grief but life eternal, and may the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

*The Celebrant says,*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

# Closing Processional

## *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the  
 2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a  
 3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - et that shall  
 4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was

1. com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the  
 2. hund - red cir - cling camps, They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the  
 3. nev - er sound re - treat, He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be -  
 4. born a - cross the sea, With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans -

1. grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His  
 2. eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His right - eous sent - ence by the  
 3. fore His judge - ment seat; O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! be  
 4. fig - ures you and me; As He died to make men ho - ly, let us

1. ter - ri - ble swift sword, His truth is march - ing on.  
 2. dim and flar - ing lamps, His day is march - ing on.  
 3. ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.  
 4. live to make all free, While God is march - ing on.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le

lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

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*Immediately following the service the family invites everyone to join them in celebrating William's life at the Colorado Ski Museum, 231 S. Frontage Rd E, Vail, CO 81657*

*In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of William T. Bacon III can be made to Northwoods Land Trust - <https://northwoodslandtrust.org>*

## Worship Leaders

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