

In Thanksgiving for the Life of
Scott Robinson, TSSF



May 13th, 1964 – December 19th, 2025



Saturday, December 27th, 2025

11:00 a.m.

The Third Order of the Society of St. Francis is an Anglican/Episcopal religious order for people of all kinds—single and in committed relationships, lay and ordained—who live by Franciscan principles “in the world.” This is the order founded by Francis himself for those who were drawn to his way but felt called to live it out right where they were.

PRELUDES

Offered by Kerstin Potter, and Robert Purrenhaege.

OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

OPENING ANTHEM

The Presider says the following anthem after the entrance hymn.

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,
to you be ceaseless praise outpoured,
and blessing without measure.

From you alone all creatures came;
no one is worthy to call your name.

My Lord be praised by brother sun, through whom you lighten the day.
He shines in brilliant splendor.

Be praised, my Lord, by sister moon and all the stars,
that with her soon will point the glittering heavens.

By sister water, my Lord, be blessed; most humble, useful and chaste.

Be praised, my Lord, by brother fire; robust and bright is he, and strong to lighten the night.
By mother earth my Lord be praised, whatever we need she has upraised.

Sustained by her through every hour, she brings forth fruit, herb, and flower.

My Lord be praised by those who forgive for love of you, and who bear weakness and
tribulation.

Blessed are those who peaceably endure, with you, O Lord; their reward is sure.

Be praised, my Lord, for sister death, from whom no one can flee.

Blessed are those who do your will and follow your commandments still.

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,
to you be ceaseless praise outpoured,
and blessings without measure.

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT

Celebrant May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father and Mother of all, we pray to you for Scott, and for all those whom we love but
see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his
soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Isaiah 25:6-9)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

In that day they will say,
"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72 (Sung by the Choir & Cantor)

Deus, judicium Plainsong

The Refrain is sung by the choir, then by all, then where indicated below.



All kings shall bow down be - fore him.

1 Give the King your justice, O God,*
and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously*
and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

Refrain

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

Refrain

11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Refrain

NEW TESTAMENT READING (Revelation 21:2-7)

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE MUSIC

Clare’s Song

Offered by Mandala

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Matthew 11:28-30)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(Jesus said,) “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Mary Barber

APOSTLES CREED

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

**People I believe in God, 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 buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended to 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

Linda Boyer, TSSF

Litany for a Departed Franciscan

Leader Lord, Scott was washed in the waters of baptism, strengthened by Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist, and united with us in the Franciscan Family. Hear our prayers for him whom you have called to yourself.

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, in the beginning you created brother sun to give light to all creation.

People Bring him through the darkness of death to the light of everlasting light.

Leader By the light of sister star, the wise men were led to Bethlehem.

People Lead him into the welcoming embrace of the Holy Family in heaven.

Leader By the force of brother wind, you held back the waters of the Red Sea.

People Make a pathway for him into the freedom of your kingdom.

Leader Your Son Jesus used our sister water to wash his disciples' feet.

People May he be cleansed from sin and enter the communion of saints.

Leader By the night you led the Israelites by a pillar of our brother fire.

People Be his companion into the promised land.

Leader You nourish all creatures with the fruits of our mother earth.

People Make a place for him at your feast in paradise.

Leader As the father ran to embrace the prodigal child, as Jesus forgave those who crucified him,

People Pour out upon him the grace of your forgiveness.

Leader As our Father Francis sang to us the praises of Sister Death,

People May he come into the glory of Resurrection life.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant concludes with:

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Africa

Words: Isaac Watts | Music: William Billings | Transcription: B.H. Fink

Offered by the Section Leaders of St. Martin's

Now shall my inward joys arise,
And burst into a Song;
Almighty Love inspires my Heart,
And Pleasure tunes my Tongue.

Why do we then indulge our Fears,
Suspicions and Complaints?
Is he a God, and shall his Grace
Grow weary of his saints?

Celebrant The Sufi poet Jalāl ad-Dīn Rūmī said, "Come, come, whoever you are. Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. It doesn't matter. Ours is not a caravan of despair. Come. Even if you have broken your vows a thousand times, come; yet again, come." Please remember that whoever you are, and wherever you are on your faith journey, all are welcome at this table.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Savior; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O God, 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:

SANCTUS (Said by all)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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, according to his command, O God,
**People We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary and Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

If you would like to receive communion, please proceed to the altar rail via the center aisle when invited by an usher. If you'd like a blessing instead of either the bread or wine, place your hands across your chest. Gluten free bread is available, just let the priest know.

COMMUNION MOTET

If Ye Love Me

Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another comforter,
That He may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.

COMMUNION HYMN

All Shall be Well

Scott Robinson

All shall be well, all shall be well, all shall be well, oh, all shall be well.
All shall be well, all shall be well, all shall be well, oh, all shall be well.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 body.

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) 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 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.

People Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) 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 Scott. 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 BLESSING

Celebrant Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

All Creatures of our God and King (omit *verses)



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O— praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O— praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O— sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O— praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O— praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

1 sun with gold - en beams, pale
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you
 4 fruits that in you grow, let
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise
 6 home the child of God, for
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and
 sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 give to us both warmth and light,
 them his glo - ry al - so show:
 God, and cast on him your care:
 Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Sophie's Song

Offered by Mandala



The Committal follows in the Columbarium. All are invited to a reception in the Parish Hall.

Scott Christopher Robinson

May 13, 1964 — December 19, 2025

Scott Christopher Robinson, age 61, died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family on December 19, 2025. His life - rooted in faith and community, lit by music, and driven by a keen sense of justice - was brought to an early end by an aggressive form of Parkinson's disease.

Born on May 13, 1964, Scott grew up outside Syracuse, New York. He earned his undergraduate degree from Le Moyne College, followed by a Master of Music degree from Binghamton University (SUNY Binghamton) and a Doctor of Music degree from the University of Minnesota. Later in life, he earned a divinity degree from The New Seminary for Interfaith Studies in New York City, reflecting his deep and enduring commitment to both intellectual and spiritual growth.

Throughout his life, the constants of music and spirituality shaped Scott's professional path. He enjoyed a distinguished career as a musician, composer, and college professor, and later served as a hospice chaplain. He was also a devoted member of the Third Order of St. Francis and the Episcopal Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, living his faith through both action and spirit.

Known for his intellectual rigor, Scott read every footnote, studied every historic plaque, and questioned any offhand ascertain. His remarkable depth of knowledge and ability to synthesize information made him a formidable advocate for causes that mattered deeply to him, particularly those addressing injustice and inequity. His familiar sense of humor, sharp and occasionally dark, showed through in his social media post on the day he was enrolled in hospice: the iconic "Looney Tunes" clip, "Oh, we're the boys of the chorus, we hope you like our show, we know you're rooting for us, but now we have to go-o-o-o-o-o-o-o!"

Scott is survived by his wife, Allison Ballantine; his two daughters, Clare and Sophie Robinson; and his brother, Mark Robinson. Through his love and actions, he instilled in his daughters the same deep sense of justice that guided his own life, and he was immensely proud of them. Even as Parkinson's disease limited his mobility, Scott continued to march for the causes he believed in, showing up with fearless integrity and inspiring others to do the same.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Clare Project <https://diopa.org/clareproject>, a street outreach ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. Members walk the streets, providing compassionate pastoral care, medical care/referrals, harm reduction items, and creature comforts to our unhoused siblings in the Kensington section of Philadelphia.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Mary Barber

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Luke Selles

Deacon: The Rev. Phil Geliebter, TSSF

Director of Music & Arts and Organist: Tyrone Whiting

Members of the Choir of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Section Leaders of St. Martin's: Lisa Wooldridge, Marisa Miller, Aaron Scarberry

Prelude Music: Kerstin Potter & Robert Purrenhage.

Guest Cantor: Sierra Fox

Mandala Ensemble: Andi Hunt, Alfred Goodrich, Abbie Palmer

Volunteer Tech Assistant: Sean Nesselrode Moncada

Lectors: Carolyn Green, Emily Law

Intercessor: Linda Boyer, TSSF

Ushers: Clare and Sophie Robinson

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