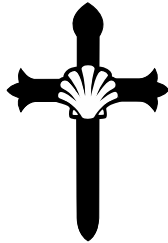


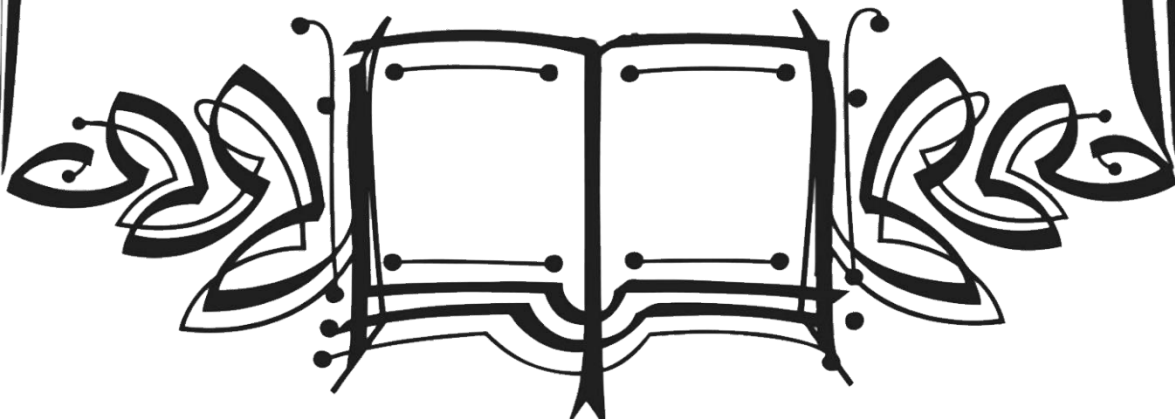


A Service in Loving Memory of
Robert Gorham Fuller, Jr.

December 28, 1938 – February 14, 2026



Wednesday, April 29, 2026
10:30 a.m.



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A Note about Today's Service

(From the Book of Common Prayer, page 507)

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy and a celebration of life. It finds its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

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Participants in Today's Service

Clergy

The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner
The Rev. Catherine Manhardt

Readers and Intercessor

Dorothy Hastings
Genevieve Morgan
Michael Hastings
Lauren Mendel

Reflection and Remarks

Frank Panopoulos
Diane Hastings

Ushers

Alexandra Hastings
Thomas Hastings

Organist

Newton Lewis

Violinist

Maximilian Jacobs

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At all times during the service, it is our custom to stand, kneel, or remain seated as one is able.

Prelude

“Méditation” from *Thaïs*
Maximilian Jacobs, violin; Newton Lewis, piano

Jules Massenet

“Sarabande”
from *Violin Partita No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1004*
Maximilian Jacobs, violin

Johann Sebastian Bach

Procession *(The congregation stands and the Celebrant says)*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
For if we live, we live unto the Lord.
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Welcome

Opening Hymn *(stand)*

“Be thou my vision”

Hymn 488

Posting of the Colors *(stand)*

The Collect *(stand)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

All **O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Bob, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson *(sit)*

Isaiah 61:1-3

Dorothy Hastings

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

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

The Psalm *(sit)*

Psalm 27:1, 5-12, 17-18

Genevieve Morgan

The leader may ask all to read in unison, or responsively by verse or breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require, *
even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD, *
and to visit his temple.
- 7 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; *
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,
and set me up upon a rock of stone.

- 8 And now shall he lift up mine head *
above mine enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling
an oblation with great gladness; *
I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.
- 10 Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; *
have mercy upon me, and hear me.
- 11 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face. *
Thy face, LORD , will I seek.
- 12 O hide not thou thy face from me, *
nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
- 17 I should utterly have fainted, *
but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
- 18 O tarry thou the LORD's leisure; *
be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart;
and put thou thy trust in the LORD.

Second Lesson (*sit*)

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Michael Hastings

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Reflections *(sit)*

Frank Panopoulos

Diane Hastings

Homily

The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner

The Apostles' Creed *(stand)*

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

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers *(stand)*

Lauren Mendel

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace.

People **Amen.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. **Amen.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Bob to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with blessed St. James and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace *(stand)*

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn *(sit)*

“The King of love my shepherd is”

Hymn 645
vss. 1, 2, 5, 6

The Great Thanksgiving *(stand)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus *(All)*

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to
thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

The Commendation *(stand)*

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

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

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Bob. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Blessing *(stand)*

Closing Hymn *(sit)*

"Eternal Father, strong to save"

Hymn 608

Postlude

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the parish hall.

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Robert Gorham Fuller, Jr.

December 28, 1938 – February 14, 2026

Robert Gorham Fuller Jr., a retired lawyer residing in Potomac, Maryland, and formerly of Winthrop, Maine, died on February 14, 2026, at Cogir Senior Living Facility of Potomac. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on December 28, 1938, the oldest son of the late Robert G. Fuller and Constance B. Fuller.

Following completion of his secondary education at Milton Academy in Milton, Massachusetts, he graduated from Princeton University in 1961, from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1964 and passed the Maine bar that same year. After practicing briefly in southern Maine, he returned to Augusta, where his father's Fuller family had resided for several generations. One Augusta ancestor was Henry Weld Fuller Jr., who built the residence in Augusta now occupied by the Kennebec Historical Society. He was also related to Brig. Gen. Seth Williams, a Civil War officer who served on the staff of Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant; Melville Weston Fuller, who was the chief justice of the United States from 1888 to 1910; and Daniel Cony, the father of public education in Augusta and for whom Cony High School is named.

Mr. Fuller was an assistant attorney general in Maine from 1968 to 1970. He then left to start his own law firm and later joined the Augusta office of the Portland firm Pierce Atwood LLP, from which he retired in 1991. Following his retirement from the practice of law, Mr. Fuller managed certain family investments, including timberlands, with his late father until the latter's death in 2010. In his later years he turned to philanthropy and gave generously to many Maine charitable organizations and institutions, often with no desire for recognition. In Augusta, he was a major donor to Howard Hill Historical Park and provided the funds for the veterans' study area and lounge at the University of Maine at Augusta. He helped to build a shelter for women veterans, the Sisters in Arms Center on Summer Street. A family foundation he headed funded the children's reading room at

Lithgow Public Library and he personally funded the rehabilitation section at Maine General Medical Center's Alford Center for Health in honor of his wife of 23 years, Moira Hastings Fuller, in 2015. The foyer of the Kennebec Valley YMCA is also named in honor of Mr. Fuller and his (late) wife.

Mr. Fuller endowed a professorship at the University of Pennsylvania law school that bears his name. He and other family members have supported both the Benjamin A.G. Fuller and Harriet Williams Fuller Fund and the Horace Williams Fund, established by Fuller family members and relatives in the 19th-century to assist and support worthy and deserving college-bound students from Augusta. The statue of Daniel Cony in the lobby of Cony High School and the statue of Melville Weston Fuller that stood for several years in Augusta were both given by Mr. Fuller. He donated most of the funds to resurface the multi-sport athletic field at Cony High School, now named "Fuller Field." He became a major donor to the Friends of the Erben Organ in New York City and was most recently involved in supporting academic and private organizations promoting ethical and critical thinking, which he believed to be the foundation of a good character and a civil society.

Mr. Fuller spoke fluent French and had many friends among Augusta's Franco-American community. Le Club Calumet gave him its Augusta's 2021 Citizen of the Year award.

Mr. Fuller served briefly as an enlisted Marine and then as a reserve officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Navy, counting among his duty stations Naval Air Station Jacksonville and Naval Station Mayport, both in Florida, as well as the now-decommissioned Naval Air Station in Brunswick. He commanded two reserve units and retired with the rank of captain.

Fuller was a serious outdoorsman. Before, as he put it, "the warranty on my knees expired," he often overnight-hiked portions of the Appalachian Trail in New Hampshire and Maine in the company of like-minded friends, staying at huts managed by the Appalachian Trail Club. He also explored the foothills of the Atlas Mountains of Morocco with his cousin Henry Weld Fuller, of Baddeck, Nova Scotia. He hiked through the Cotswold countryside in England on foot and spent two weeks traveling in the company of others largely on foot as well in Iceland. He climbed Mount Katahdin, which he said every good Mainer fit to do so should do as well.

Believing that Maine writers had devoted insufficient attention to Franco-Americans and their vibrant culture, he wrote a crime novel, *Unnatural Deaths*, featuring Franco-American law enforcement officers and a Franco-American lawyer, which found publication and favorable reviews. He worked with noted historian and author Douglas Rooks on a comprehensive biography of Melville Weston Fuller, entitled *Calm Command*, that provides a balanced perspective on a frequently misunderstood public figure. He also wrote a graphic short story, "Flashback Morning," describing a Maine National Guardsman's combat experience in Iraq. The Milspeak Foundation included it in a 1999 anthology of the best military-themed short stories published that year. His piece "The Christmas Contract" appeared in the *Maine Bar Association Journal*.

While residing in Maine, Mr. Fuller was a stalwart member of the Winthrop Lions Club. He was named Lion of the Year, received the President's Service Award and was selected as a Melvin Jones Fellow. Universally admired and loved for his intelligence, fair-mindedness, and indefatigable spirit, Fuller's commitment to family, community, and country can best be summed up by his inscription on the plinth of the Melville Weston Fuller statue: Justice is the guardian of liberty. He often signed his emails "from my keyboard to God's inbox" and left every phone conversation with an exuberant "Onward!"

He relocated to the Cogir Senior Living Facility in 2024 after the death of his wife, Moira, to whom he was married for 23 years. He settled into an apartment he affectionately named "Wit's End." His lifelong friend, Linda L. Buttrick, joined him and together they enjoyed the care and companionship of many helpers, family, and friends who are now bereft of 'The Captain.' Mr. Fuller was maintaining a daily active routine, working full days at his computer, attending meetings and sporting events while conducting research for a new book, when his life was tragically cut short.

He is survived and sorely missed by his partner Linda and her children, Suzanne Caron of Augusta, Maine and Jonathan Buttrick of Woonsocket, Rhode Island; several step-children from his prior marriage, including Diane Hastings and her husband, Frank Panopoulos, Esq., of Potomac, Maryland; Linda Frost and her husband, Clifford, Winthrop, Maine; Thomas Hastings and his wife, Karen, of Rochester, New Hampshire; as well as seven step-grandchildren. He is also survived by a younger brother, Randolph J. Fuller, of Boston; six Fuller cousins; and several extended Fuller family nephews and nieces.

Due to the profound impact that Fuller has made on the lives of so many, he will be honored in both Maryland and Maine. A graveside service will be held in Augusta in early June followed by a reception for all who knew and loved him.

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In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to

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