



Bruce Alderink Birkeland

June 14, 2023

August 23, 1963
birth

November 1963
baptism

June 2, 2023
death

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Debussy Danseuses De Delphes"

Claude Debussy

GREETING AND WELCOME

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

AU And also with you.

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.

AU 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.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Unclouded Day"

J. K. Alwood

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you today our brother, Bruce Alderink.
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 us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may
see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course
on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with
those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord.

AU Amen.

WORD

READINGS

Each reading will end, "Word of God. Word of life."

Please respond "Thanks be to God."

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

POEM

"Untitled #23"

by Soren Birkeland

Second Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15

Gospel

John 2:1-11

SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Thomas A. Dorsey

CREED

A We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

AU I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

*Each petition will end "God of mercy,"
Please respond "hear our prayer."*

LORD'S PRAYER (1789)

All 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.

REMEMBRANCES

SENDING

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

African American spiritual

FAREWELL AND COMMENDATION

- P** Bruce, our companion in faith,
we entrust you to God.
Go forth from this world in the love of God who created you,
in the mercy of Jesus who died for you,
in the power of the Holy Spirit who receives and protects you.
- All** May you rest in peace and rise in glory,
where pain and grief are banished,
and life and joy are yours forever.
- P** Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant, Bruce Alderink.
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.

- P** Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;
All and let light perpetual shine upon him.

BLESSING

- P** The risen Christ give you all joy and peace in believing
that you may abound in hope.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.
- All** Amen.
- P** Let us go forth in peace.
- All** In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Amazing Grace"

Isaac Drewes

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THANK YOU

The family is eternally grateful and thankful to all friends and family that have given us so much love and support these recent months.

A final thank you to the entire care staff at Abbott Northwestern Hospital who continuously went above and beyond for Bruce's care.

Please join the family for a reception following the service at the Minneapolis Event Center
212 2nd Street SE, Minneapolis starting at 4:30pm.



SERVING TODAY

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presiding</i>
Zee Gregerson	<i>assisting minister</i>
Katie Birkeland, <i>daughter-in-law</i>	
Soren Birkeland, <i>son</i>	
Alek Birkeland, <i>nephew</i>	<i>reading</i>
Bruce Singer, <i>brother-in-law</i>	
Matt Baker, <i>friend</i>	
Dane Birkeland, <i>son</i>	<i>remembrances</i>
Thomasina Petrus	<i>soloist</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist/pianist</i>
Martial Besombes	<i>pianist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>sound operator</i>

MEMORIALS may be directed to:

Kenwood Elementary School
Project for Pride in Living
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Bruce A. Birkeland

1963 – 2023



When Bruce A. Birkeland, 59, lifelong Minneapolis champion and resident, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on June 2, 2023, the world became hushed and lost some of its captivating charm. He lived life to the fullest with infectious joy and vigor. He met everyone with the same enthusiasm and respect; no matter if you were a childhood friend, neighbor, struggling stranger, or person of import. He was a friend to all and always generous with his time, talk, and talent. Self-made and self-taught, he used his larger-than-life personality, perseverance, and wit to succeed.

He found infinite joy uniting families with homes over his 35-year realty career working with his stellar team of Scott Acker and Amanda Johnson. In his personal life, he was a music aficionado, accomplished chef, a true-believer Minnesota sports fan, and a community mainstay. He always made time to reminisce about the early days, First Avenue days, restaurant days, and Coldwell Banker days. He entertained multitudes and he lived life thoroughly. He will be missed immensely.

Privileged to carry his legacy are his devoted and loving wife of 30 years, Di, and his beloved sons and daughter-in-law, Dane (Katie) and Soren, all of whom he was incredibly proud of. He is deeply missed by his brother Sigvard (Holly) with children Alek (Dawn), Hans (Kalli), and Berit (Josh), sisters Celeste Birkeland (John Black) and Karin Birkeland (Lee Mitau) with children Birk Mitau and Alida Mitau, and brother-in-law Bruce Singer. He also leaves behind cherished childhood friends as well as hundreds of others who will remember him as a loyal confidant, the life of every party, and generous friend, role-model, brother, and father-figure.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Florence and Sigvard, and sister Linda Singer. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



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