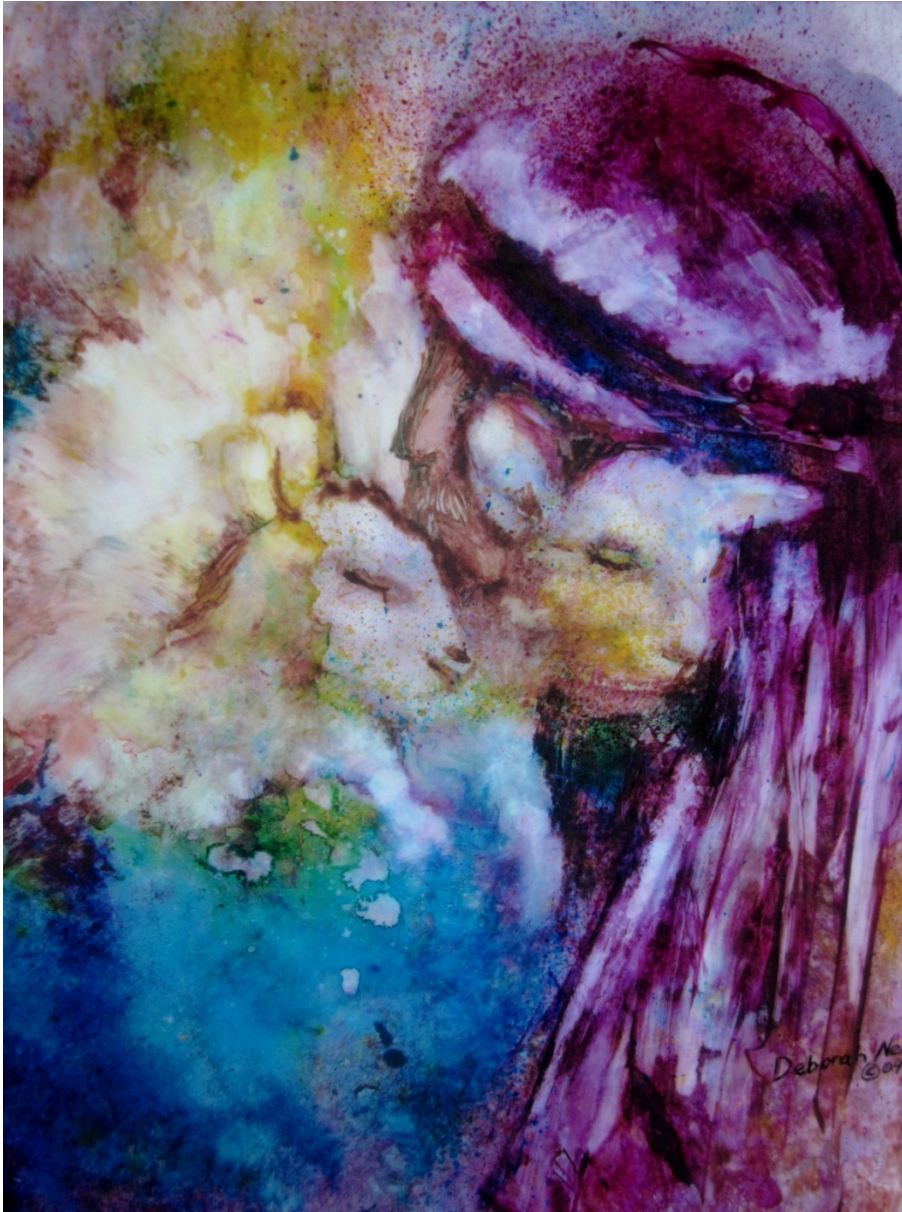


FUNERAL MASS *for* FR. JOSEPH MILLS

APRIL 8, 2020 | DIOCESE *of* OWENSBORO | ST. STEPHEN CATHEDRAL



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Introductory Rites

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

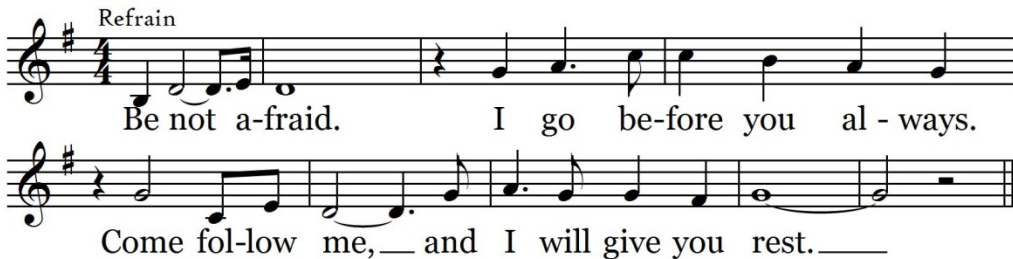
Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

Placing of the Pall

Procession

BE NOT AFRAID

1. You shall cross the barren desert but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live. *Refrain*



2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*
3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you. *Refrain*

Robert Dufford, SJ

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Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

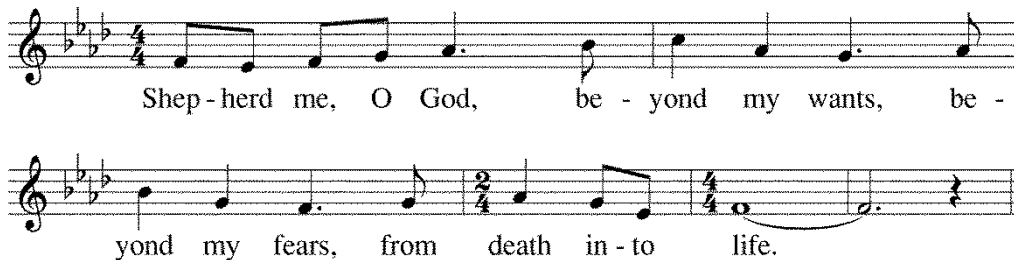
Reading

Isaiah 25:6a, 7—9

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 23)

Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain

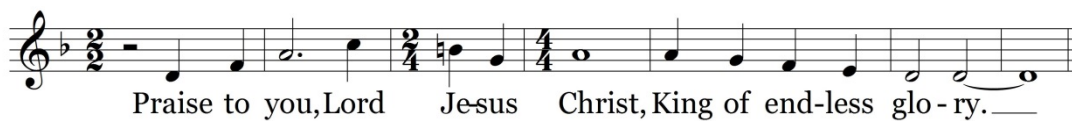


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Reading

Romans 8:31—35, 37—39

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel

John 15:9—17

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

YOU ARE MINE

VERSES



1. I will come to you in the si - lence,
2. I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3. I am strength for all the des - pair - ing,

I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light,
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and

still and know I am here. *To verse 2*
come and rest in me. *To refrain*
all will know my name. *To refrain*

REFRAIN

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you
home; I love you and you are mine.

Presider: Pray . . . the almighty Father.
Assembly: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

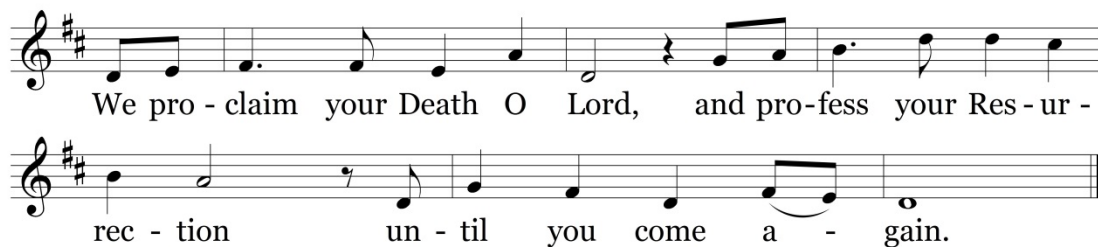
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: **And with your spirit.**
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
Assembly: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly: **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the
high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san-na in the high-est.

We Proclaim Your Death



Great Amen



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The Lord's Prayer

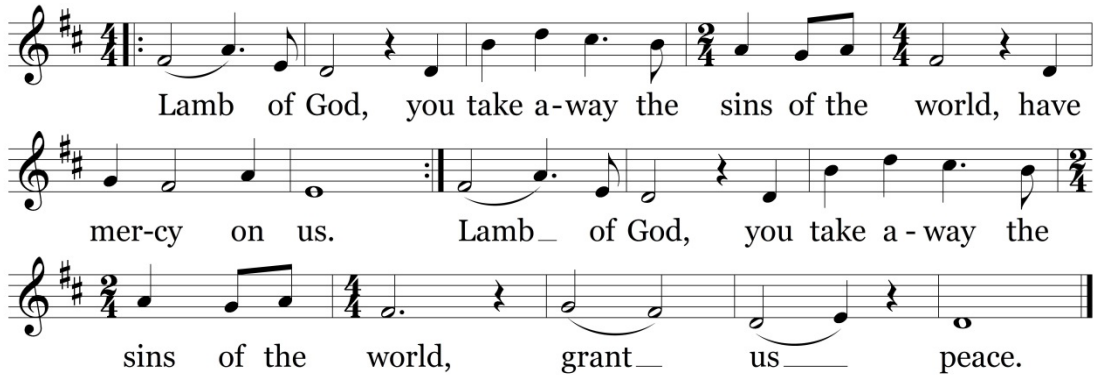
Sign of Peace

Invitation to Holy Communion

Presider: Behold . . . supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Lamb of God



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Communion

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

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!"

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.

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.

And he will raise you up...

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.

And he will raise you up...

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.

And he will raise you up...

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Rite of Commendation

SONG OF FAREWELL

Come to his aid, O saints of God; Come, meet him, angels of the Lord.

Receive his soul, O holy ones;

present him now to God, Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you home,

and angels lead you to Abraham. **Receive his soul...**

Give him eternal rest, O Lord. May light unending shine on him.

Receive his soul...

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Concluding Hymn

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your



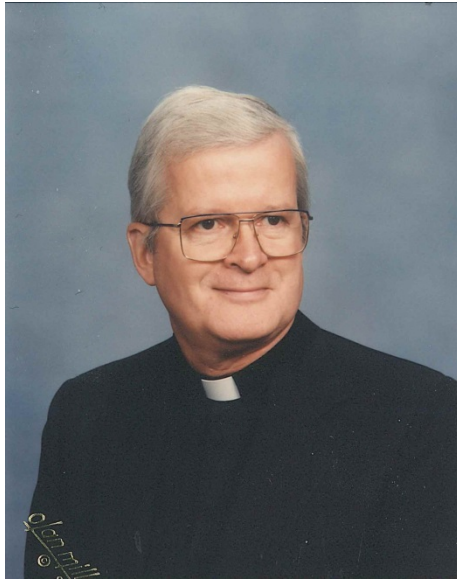
trust, ev - er child - like no cares could de - stroy: Be
strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be
hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace: Be



there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your
there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, your
there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.



THE REV. JOSEPH M. MILLS

Owensboro, passed away at the Carmel Home on Saturday, April 4, 2020. He was 92 years old.

Fr. Mills, son of the late L.K. and Helen Mills, was born in Owensboro on September 6, 1927. He attended St. Francis Academy for nine years, prior to entering the minor seminary at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana in 1942, where he studied for four years.

Fr. Mills continued his studies at the Theological College at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., until his ordination by Bishop Francis R. Cotton at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro on May 26, 1953. He served as assistant pastor at St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown, and was then sent to Rome to pursue studies in canon law. Returning to Owensboro in 1961, Bishop Henry Soenneker assigned Fr. Mills to Brescia College where he taught theology for 12 years. In 1973 he was transferred to Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green where he served as pastor for nine years. Following a brief pastorate at Precious Blood Parish, Bishop John McRaith appointed him judicial vicar in 1983 and moved him to St. Anthony Parish, Browns Valley, as pastor. In 1992, Bishop McRaith appointed him vicar general, a post he held for nine years. In 1989, he became pastor of St. Martin Parish, Rome. After 11 years, Fr. Mills

became chaplain to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in Maple Mount. Upon his retirement on January 1, 2004, Fr. Mills continued to minister to the Ursuline Sisters at the Mount.

Besides his multiple years as a pastor, Fr. Mills served on the Priests' Council, the Priest Personnel Committee, and the Diocesan Review Board. He worked with Cursillo, the charismatic renewal, RENEW, Marriage Encounter, Jesus Caritas, and the Serra Club as chaplain. He was a member of the Board of Overseers at St. Meinrad, as well as a board member of the Alumni Association at St. Meinrad. He was a member of the Brescia University Board of Trustees, an Ursuline Associate, and a Passionist Oblate. Fr. Mills was a member of the Canon Law Society of America since he assumed the role of judicial vicar. Besides his seminary training, and his studies in Rome, Fr. Mills attended Loyola University, and did a sabbatical at Notre Dame University.

He was preceded in death by his siblings Randall; Kay; Sister Miriam Ann, CP; and Mollie. He is survived by his brothers Jack and Bill, as well as several nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Fr. Mills may be made to the Retired Priests Fund, 600 Locust St. Owensboro, KY, 42301.

