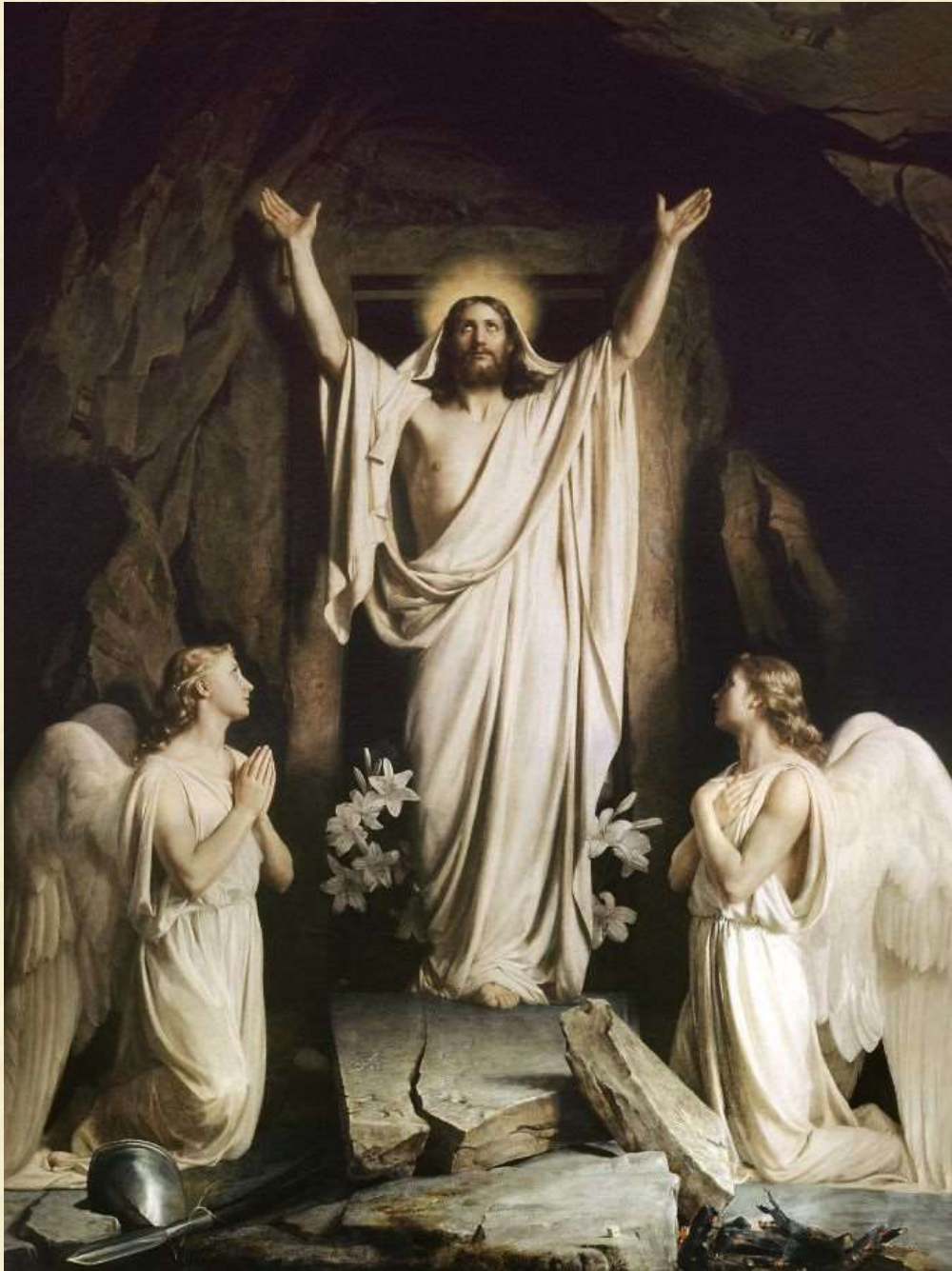


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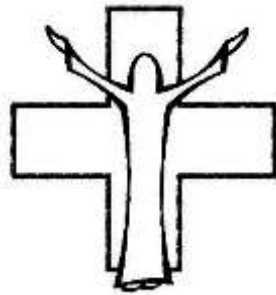
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BENJAMIN JOSHUA WHITTIER

✠ Born – August 9, 2000 ✠

✠ Baptized – December 10, 2000 ✠

✠ Confirmed – September 27, 2010 ✠

✠ Fell Asleep in Jesus – September 5, 2020 ✠



I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; he who believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25, 26

God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 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.

Romans 8:38, 39

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, henceforth, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!

Rev. 14:13

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

THE INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

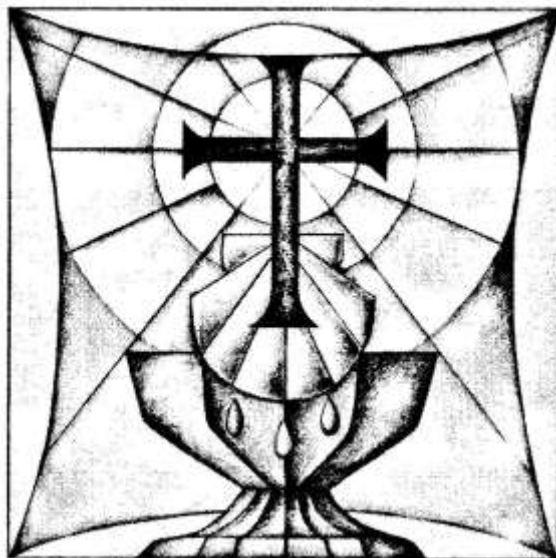
C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

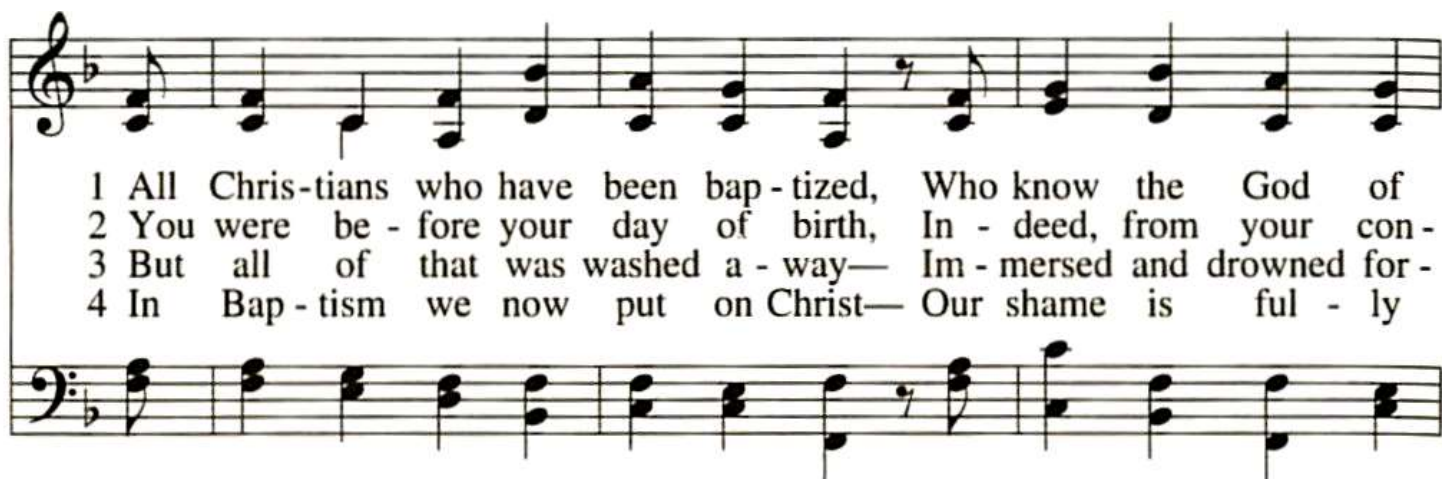
REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P: In Holy Baptism Benjamin Joshua Whittier was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

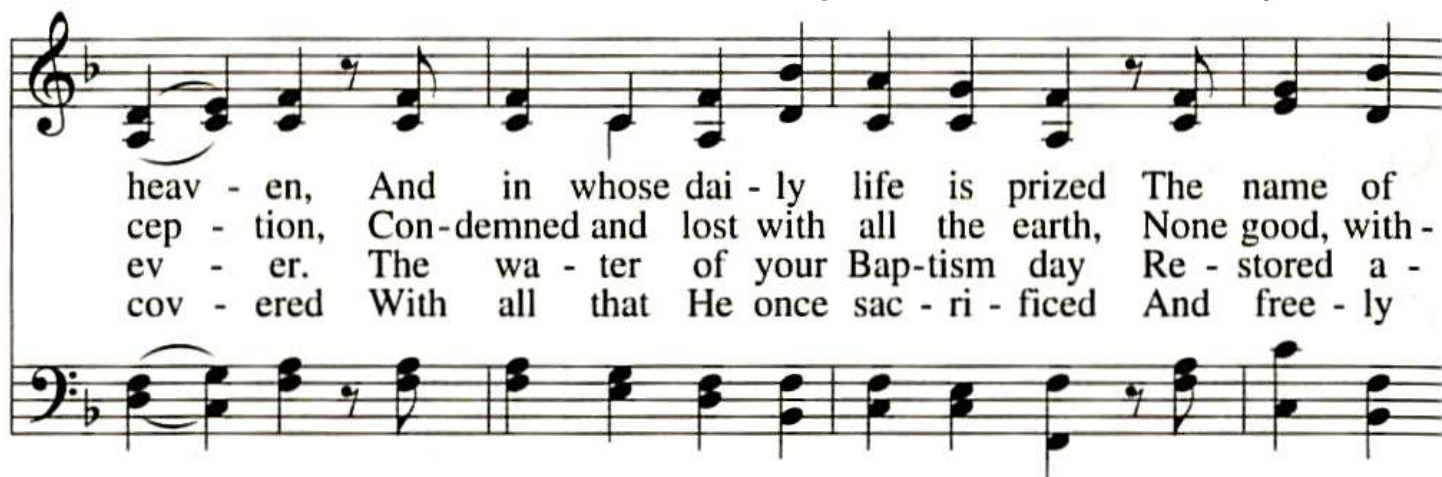
C: **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**



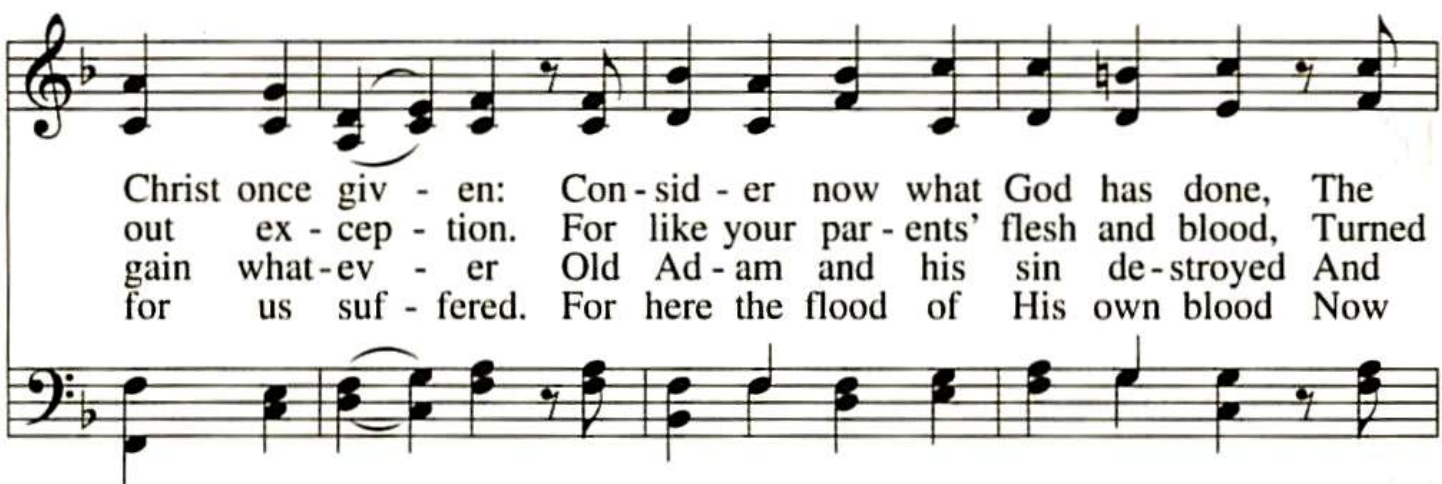
THE ENTRANCE HYMN: All Christians Who Have Been Baptized..... 596



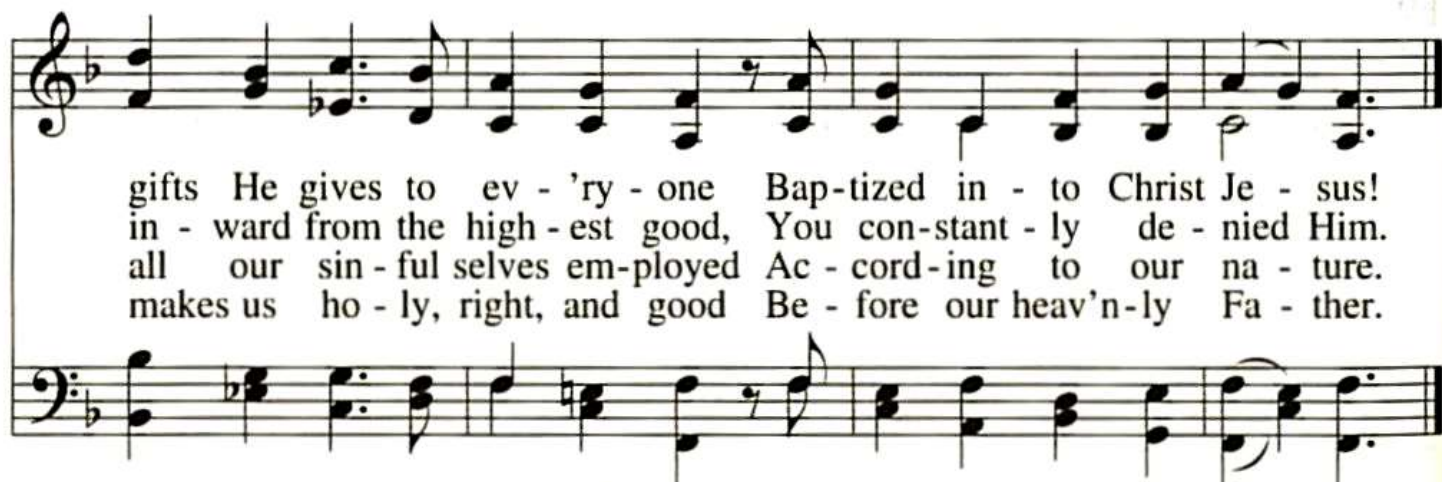
1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
out ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

PSALM 23

P: The Lord is my shepherd;

C: **I shall not want.**

P: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

C: **he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

P: He restoreth my soul:

C: **he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

P: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;

C: **for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me**

P: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

C: **thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

C: **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Ben and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

After the reading:

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSORY

P: Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep or to grieve like the rest of men who have no hope.

C: **We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.**

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:19-25

After the reading:

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSORY

P: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last He shall stand upon the earth.

C: **And in my flesh shall I see God.**

P: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold and not another.

C: **And in my flesh shall I see God.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life (✠) everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFICE HYMN: I Am Jesus' Little LambLSB-740

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

THE SERMON

THE CANTICLE

P: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

**C: Lord, now let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

THE PRAYERS

P: O God, the Father in heaven:

C: Have mercy.

P: O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C: Have mercy.

P: O God, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C: Have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

P: Lord, hear our prayer,

C: Let our cry come unto Thee.

P: Let us pray:

P: O BLESSED SAVIOR, who died and now lives forever, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, and who has knit all Your saints in one communion unto life eternal in that mystical body of which You are the glorious and everliving Head: Grant us grace so to follow Your blessed saints who have gone before us, in the faith and fellowship of Your holy church, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for all who love You, from the foundation of the world.

C: Amen.

P: O GOD OF ALL GRACE, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light: We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

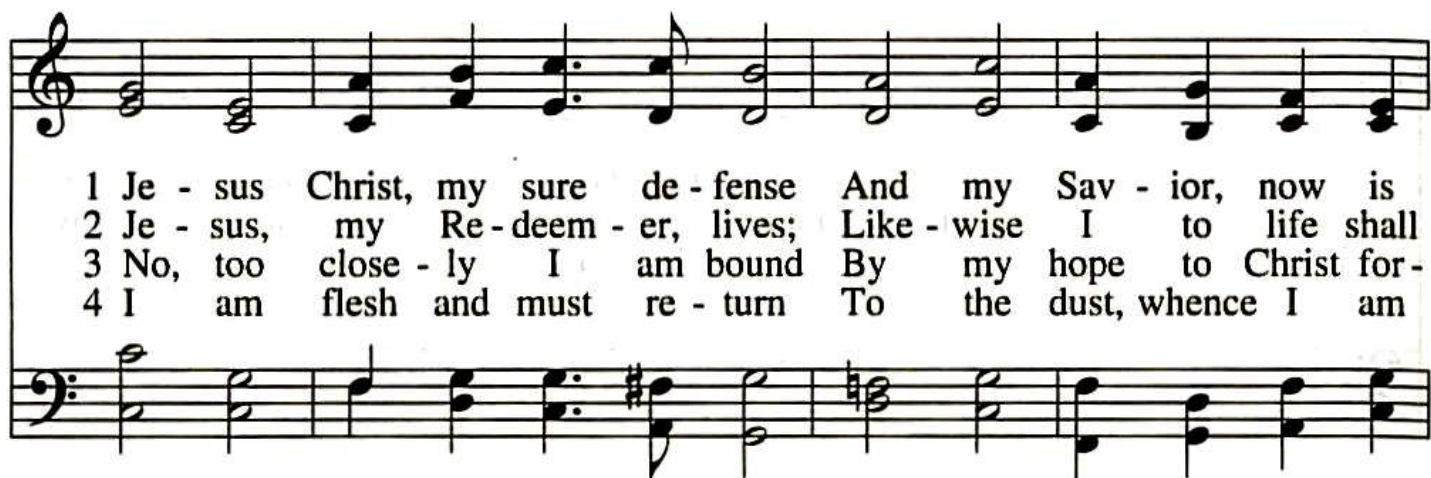
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (✠) and the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace:

C: In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HYMN TO DEPART: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense 741



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall
 3 No, too close - ly I am bound By my hope to Christ for -
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am



liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
 wak - en. He will bring me where He is;
 ev - er; Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
 tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern



Rests up - on the hope here giv - en, Though the
 Shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
 Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er; E - ven
 That from death I shall a - wak - en With my



night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
 fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?
 death now can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.
 Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.

5. **Glorified, I shall anew
With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.**
6. **Then take comfort and rejoice,
For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice;
Dying, they will never perish;
For the very grave is stirred
When the trumpet's blast is heard.**
7. **Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave
And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save
Will at last His own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet,
Treading death beneath their feet.**
8. **O, then, draw away your hearts
From all pleasures base and hollow;
Strive to share what He imparts
While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise,
Fix your hearts beyond the skies!**



There will be a graveside service at Hermosa Garden Cemetery, 900 Meridian Street in Colton to follow. Friends of the family are invited to pay their respects to the bereaved at Linda's aunt's home, 1547 W. Goodlett Street in San Bernardino.

BENJAMIN JOSHUA WHITTIER

AUGUST 8, 2000 - September 5, 2020

Benjamin Joshua Whittier was born on August 9, 2000, in Redlands, CA. He was called to his Heavenly home on September 5, 2020. Ben was hiking with his friends at Joshua Tree and was overcome by the heat. Ben was baptized by Pastor Don Wiley on December 10, 2000 at St. John in Colton. On September 26, 2010, Ben was confirmed by Pastor Don Wiley in Colton. Ben was an acolyte, a book bearer, and a crucifier in our Divine Service.

Ben attended St. John Preschool, Packinghouse Christian Academy, Arrowhead Christian Academy, Redlands East Valley High School and most recently San Diego State University (SDSU). Academically Ben did well and he was undecided about a career choice. Last year, he joined Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed community service fraternity. Their principles included leadership, friendship and service. In August 2020, Ben began his third year at SDSU and was hired to be a peer educator for Aztecs Reaching Aztecs which is a part of the Counseling and Psychological Services offered at the university. The program helps students enrich their college experience by making connections with other students. Ben also worked part-time at the YMCA in Redlands during his summer and winter breaks from school. He worked as a life guard and as support staff with the kids and other staff at Camp Edwards.

While growing up, Ben participated in T-ball, basketball, soccer, cross country, and 3 years of water polo while in high school. Ben enjoyed reading, writing, listening to music, video games and playing his saxophone. Ben became scuba certified when he was ten years old and enjoyed numerous dives with his dad in Florida. Many summers were spent with his dad in Montana, Utah and Florida where they fished, camped, kayaked, rappelled and competed in shooting competitions over the years. Ben shot a .22 and a 9mm handgun and was becoming quite competitive in the ranks. Ben was also a very good fly fisherman.

Family and friends will remember his smile, humor and thoughtfulness. He is survived by his mom, dad, two grandmothers, one grandfather, aunts, uncles, and many cousins.