

Readings and Universal Prayers
Mass of Christian Burial of Lynn Lavezzi, January 20, 2026

Old Testament passage read by Robert M. Lavezzi
Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain, the Lord will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations; God will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of God's people will be removed from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

Responsorial Psalm sung by Margaret Matuska:
Psalm 25, "To You, O Lord" (Marty Haugen)

New Testament passage read by Fox W. Gansler
Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Sisters and brothers: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading proclaimed by Rev. John R. Hengle
Matthew 25:31-40

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger

and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and visit you?'

"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least sisters or brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Universal Prayers led by Megan Schuett, Erin Conley, and Elizabeth Lavezzi

In baptism Lynn received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead her over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Our sister Lynn was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The family and friends of Lynn seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those suffering from the various forms of dementia and degenerative neurological disorders, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May all people have the care and resources they need as they face healthcare challenges, and for all of the doctors, nurses, therapists, home health providers, care coordinators, family members and friends who generously and lovingly provided care and supported her and her family on their care journey, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Church of the Resurrection community, whose members have supported Lynn and her family spiritually, emotionally, and physically, with gratitude for their support, continued prayers, well wishes, and presence, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all of us assembled here who worship in faith, and for those members of our families who have died, especially Tom Lavezzi, Jane Gallegos, John Leet, Neil Carrier, and Judy Carrier, that we may gather again in God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**