

Service of Remembrance for Bob Gallagher

Greetings from Brother Ken

Ecclesiastes

To every thing there is a season
And a time to every purpose under heaven;
A time to be born, a time to die;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
 where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD,
 the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip—
 he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD watches over you—
 the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
 nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all harm—
 he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going
 both now and forevermore.

“Here I Am, Lord” verses from a song by Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make your darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Who shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have bourned my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide. Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Sharing Memories of Bob

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray.

Give to your people in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life.
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us, 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.
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray as our Lord has taught us:

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.

John 14: 1-3

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God: believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many mansions. If not, I would have told you: because I go to prepare a place for you. And if I shall go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself: that where I am, you also may be.

Brother Ken

We commend to almighty God, this husband, father, son, brother, cousin, uncle, friend, and lover of life, Bob.

May the Lord bless him and keep him.

The Lord's face shine on him with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon him with favor

and ✝ give him peace. Amen.

Departing words from the family

Blessing

May Almighty God,

Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless us now and forever. Amen.