Liturgy of Christian Burial

✠ John Howard Sehon, Jr.
January 9, 1931 - July 1, 2018

Thursday, July 5, 2018    2:00 p.m
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica
Beaumont, Texas
“Never let anything so fill you with sorrow that you forget the joy of the resurrection.”

Mother Teresa
Gathering Rites

Reception at the Cathedral Door

John was baptized in Christ. His body is now received at the door of the Cathedral, sprinkled with holy water and covered with the white pall as a reminder of his baptism. We pray that as John died and rose with Christ, that he may now be clothed in the radiance of Christ’s eternal glory.

Procession

Gathering Hymn

On Eagle’s Wings

Opening Prayer
Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31

Responsorial Psalm

Shepherd Me O God- Psalm 23

Refrain
Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful
Liturgical Preparation of the Gifts

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
   That saved a wretch like me!
   I once was lost, but now am found,
   Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
   Grace my fears relieved;
   The hour I first believed!
   Portion be as long as life endures.

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
   How precious did that word my hope secures;
   As long as life endures.
   Safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I
   Have already come;
   And grace will lead me home.
   Sing God's praise

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
   Shining as the sun,
   When we'd first begun.
   Breaking of the Bread Litany (Lamb of God)
Reception of Holy Communion

For Catholics: As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity of confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible. (Code of Canon Law, Canon 916). A frequent reception of the sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For other Christians: We welcome all Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us “that they all may be one” (John 17:21). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own churches. According to the Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Holy Communion by Christians of these churches. (Canon 844§3).

Canon law provides Eucharistic sharing by other Christians who do not have full communion with the Catholic Church only when the diocesan bishop deems there is an exceptional circumstance and the following conditions are present: the other Christian on their own asks for the sacrament, they manifest a Catholic faith in the sacrament, are properly disposed and cannot approach a minister of their own community (Canon 844§4).

For non-Christians: We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. We have high regard for their traditions, friendship, and join them in promoting unity among all peoples. It is our joy to unite with them in praying for the peace and unity of the human family while respecting our common traditions, which do not include Eucharist sharing.

For all not receiving Communion: All who are not receiving Holy Communion are invited to express their prayerful desire for unity with God and with one another by approaching the altar at communion time with their hands crossed over their hearts. The minister will pray for this unity at the front of the Cathedral with all those in the communion line who have their hands crossed over their hearts.

Communion Hymn

Eye Has Not Seen

Prayer after Communion
Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Song of Farewell

May songs of the angels welcome you and guide you along your way. May the smiles of the martyrs greet your own as darkness turns into day. Every fear will be undone and death will be no more, as songs of the angels bring you home before the face of God.

Prayer of Commendation

Song of Commendation

Songs of the Angels

John owned and operated White Blue Print Company until his retirement. He enjoyed spending time playing cards and dominos with friends. John was a former President of the B.P.M. Club.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Sehon; son, John Sehon III and his wife Debbie, of Houston; stepchildren, Jeff Corbet, Jim Corbet, Jenni Sherrod, Joe Ayo, Jim Ayo, Jane Ayo and Jeff Ayo; twenty-four grandchildren; sisters, Sandra Dugas and Beverly Hebert; and brother, Lynwood Sehon.

He is preceded in death by a previous wife, Mary Faye Sehon; sons, Larry Thomas Sehon and Ronald Dale Sehon; brother, James “Uncle Ronald” Sehon; and half-brother, Ellis Goe.
Celebrant: Reverend Monsignor Jeremiah J. McGrath
Con-Celebrant: Reverend Monsignor Michael Jamail
Placing the Pall: John Sehon III
Gift Bearers: Provided by St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica
Servers: Provided by St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica
Lector: Jim Corbet
Eucharistic Ministers: Provided by St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica
Cantor: Pam Bemis
Organist: Paul Holliday
Pallbearers: Nicholas Greenroy, Ronald Max Sehon
             John H. Sehon IV, Ed Burke, Lynwood Sehon
             Trenton Tubbs, Lee Johnson

Interment:
Forest Lawn Memorial Park
Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions:
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Organization of One’s Choice

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