

# *Memorial Service*



Robert D. Pugatch  
December 14, 1945- November 29, 2023  
April 13, 2024  
3:00pm



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*Thanks to Bishop Bill Gohl for allowing The Rev. Dr. Ed Kay to be a part of the service. Thanks to Steve Dooley, former contemporary music leader and members of the praise team for sharing their musical talent. Thanks to the people of St. Paul who opened their hearts to Bob and made him feel at home here.*

*You are invited across the street to Twin Gates for a time of fellowship following the service. Share your memories, some food and maybe even a “Vodka Bob”.*

*Our service today is one of praise to God for the promise of resurrection to eternal life. We remember the life of Bob Pugatch, give thanks for his time with us, and look forward to our joining together in the feast that is to come.*

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Congregation responses are in **bold***

*Please feel free to sit at any time during the service.*

Welcome : Karen Pugatch- A word about why we are here, how we have tried to blend traditions, the music we will be singing and an invitation to join the family across the street where everyone is invited to share memories and enjoy the company of those who loved and knew Bob.

Greeting

Rev.Dr. Ed Kay

Gathering Song

God of Wonders

El Maleh Rahamim -Hebrew prayer for the soul of the deceased

Let us pray.

O God full of compassion, Eternal Spirit of the universe, grant perfect rest under the wings of Your Presence to our loved one, Bob who has entered eternity. Master of Mercy, let him find refuge for ever in the shadow of Your wings, and let his soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life. The Eternal God is his inheritance. May he rest in peace, and let us say, Amen **Amen.**

*We are invited to be seated.*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching.*

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup>what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Rev.Dr. Ed Kay

Song Blessed Be Your Name

*We are invited to stand, in body or spirit.*

Prayers of Comfort-Mourners Kaddish

Glorified and sanctified be God's great name throughout the world which He has created according to His will.

May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and during your days, and within the life of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon; and say, **Amen.**

May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity.

Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world; and say, **Amen.**

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and for all Israel; and say, **Amen.**

He who creates peace in His celestial heights, may He create peace for us and for all Israel; and say, **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.**

Psalm 23 The congregation is invited to read together.

A David psalm.

**1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

**2 In grass meadows He makes me lie down, by quiet waters guides me.**

**3 My life He brings back. He leads me on pathways of justice for His name's sake. Though I walk in the vale of death's shadow,**

**4 I fear no harm, for You are with me. Your rod and Your staff— it is they that console me. You set out a table before me**

**5 in the face of my foes. You moisten my head with oil, my cup overflows.**

**6 Let but goodness and kindness pursue me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for many long days.**

Alter, Robert. The Book of Psalms: A Translation with Commentary . W. W. Norton & Company.

Commendation and Blessing

Let us commend Robert Pugatch to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Gracious God, in loving care your hand has created us, and as the potter fashions the clay, you have formed us in your image. Through the Holy Spirit you breathed into Bob and into all of us the gift of life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Thanks be to you, O God,  
**Amen.**

Dismissal

Let us go forth in peace,  
In the name of the ever-living God.  
**Amen**