

The Graveside Service of
PAUL BERTRAM KISSINGER

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PASTOR: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

ALL SAY: **Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

O God, who heals the broken heart, and binds up their wounds: Look in tender pity and compassion upon this family whose joy has been turned into mourning. Leave them not comfortless, but grant that they may be drawn closer to you and one another by their common sorrow.

Fill them with the light and comfort of your presence. Grant to them such a vision of that life wherein all mysteries shall be revealed, and all tears be wiped away, that they may persevere in your grace.

So dwell with them and be their God, until the day breaks and the shadows flee away; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

THE LESSONS

I Corinthians 15:51-57

John 12:23-26

THE COMMITTAL

Lord God, we acknowledge that all that we have received, and call our own, comes from your gracious hand. You have given Paul to this family to know and love. We now commit his body to the ground, its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Grant to us, your servants, so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake in your likeness; to you the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

(The Lord's Prayer is said by all)

THE COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Paul. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. 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. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

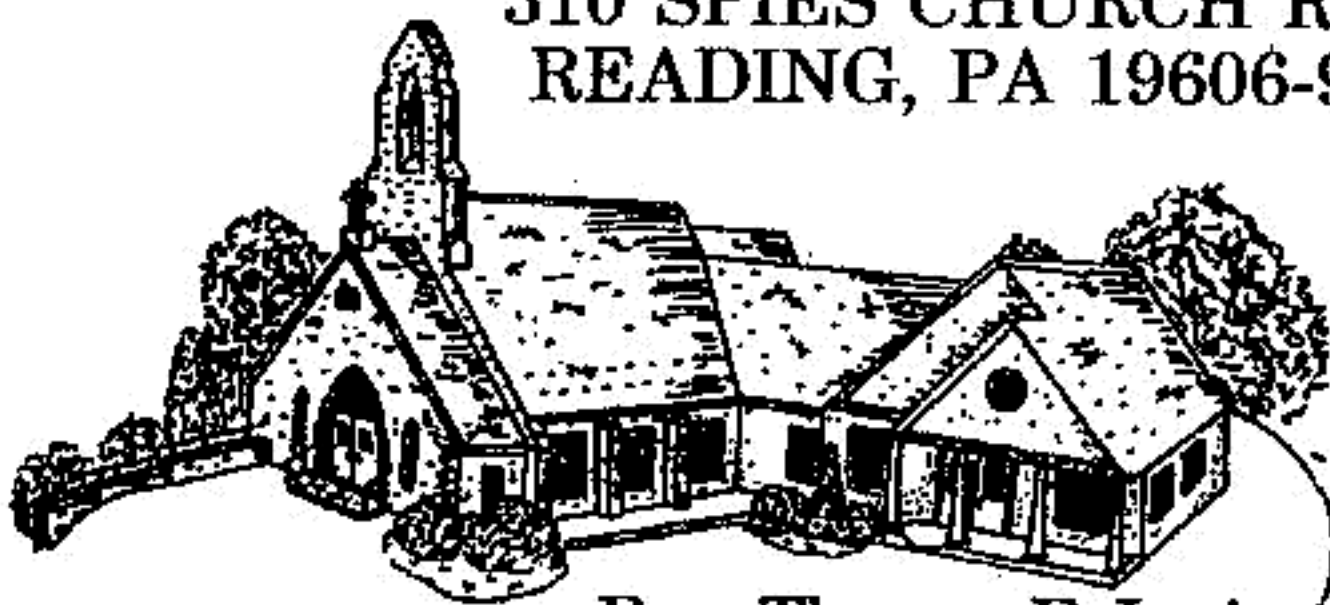
The God of peace - who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant - make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace.

In The Name of Christ. **Amen.**

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