CEMETERY VISITATION
National Cemetery
Tucson, Arizona

Sunday, November 5, 2006
Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas
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GATHERING
The people gather in silence

GREETING
BISHOP: The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be with you alway:
ALL: And also with you.

INTRODUCTION
WORD OF GOD
2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

READER: THE WORD OF THE LORD
ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

PSALM 23—Cantor

SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

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

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.
PRAYER

BISHOP: With Christ there is mercy and fullness of redemption, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father.....

All Powerful God, .....We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord

ALL: And let perpetual light shine upon them

May they rest in peace.

ALL: Amen.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ALL: Amen.

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SONG

May the Angels Lead You into Paradise

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

May the choirs of angels welcome you where Lazarus is poor no longer. May you have eternal rest.
On Eagles Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

REFRAIN: And He will raise you up in eagle’s wings, bear you on
the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the
palm of his hand.
The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

For to his angels he’s given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.


SANTA MARÍA DEL CAMINO

1. Mientras recorres la vida
   tú nunca solo estás;
   contigo por el camino
   Santa María va.
   Ven con nosotros al caminar;
   Santa María, ven. (bis)

2. Aunque te digan algunos
   que nada puede cambiar,
   lucha por un mundo nuevo,
   lucha por la verdad.

3. Si por el mundo los hombres
   sin conocerse van,
   no niegues nunca tu mano
   al que contigo está.

4. Aunque parezcan tus pasos
   inútil caminar,
   tú vas haciendo caminos:
   otros los seguirán