

An Order For The Dedication of
The Mt. Ebal Memorial Marker
Sunday, June 7, 2015

Introduction to the Order of Dedication

Thomas Griffis

For many generations, our ancestors have been laid to rest in the good earth before us. Though that eternal resting place, through which many of us walked in childhood while chasing lizards and looking in amazement at strange first names, is now closed, still there is a yearning in the heart of some to be joined with our ancestors in the earth of this sacredplace. Swannee Williams Sexton was one of these. Out of love for her and in appreciation for the place Mt. Ebal has in our lives and will have for generations to come, Stewart Sexton has given this memorial marker to the Mt. Ebal Association for engraving the names of those who wish for their cremated remains to be scattered on this holy ground.

Act of Praise

Mark Shoe

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Honor and majesty are before him; strength are in his sanctuary.

People: Blessed the name of the Lord from this time forth and forever more. Amen

(From the Service of Unveiling and Dedication of the Mt. Ebal Memorial Marker, June 5, 1955)

Presentation of Sexton Memorial Marker

Stewart and Dan Sexton

We present this memorial marker to be consecrated to the glory of almighty God at Mount Ebal Church in loving memory of Swannee Williams Sexton and as an ongoing witness to her life and faith and the life and faith of others whose cremated remains are scattered on these grounds.

Response

Thomas Griffis

Leader: Let us express our acceptance of this gift.

People: We accept this gift as an expression of love. We will guard it reverently as a sacred witness to those who choose to be joined to the earth on this ground on which we stand.

The Marker is Unveiled

Consecration of Sexton Memorial Marker

Carolyn Lovell

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit we consecrate this memorial marker to the glory of God and in loving memory of God's servant Swannee Williams Sexton and all others whose names will be engraved on it for generations to come. The memory of the righteous is ever blessed.

Prayer

Bud Sexton

Most loving God, without you no words or works of ours have meaning. Accept the gifts of our hands as symbols of our devotion. Grant us your blessing, as we have consecrated this gift to your glory, that it may be an enduring witness before all your people, and that our lives may be consecrated in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dismissal with Blessing

Thomas Griffis