



# St. John's Episcopal Church

THE  
BURIAL OF THE DEAD AND  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
RITE II  
APRIL 23, 2021  
3:00 PM

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*The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised.*

*The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

*This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.*

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.*

## **Voluntary**

## **Tower Bells**

## **The Entrance Rite**

### **Anthems** *(Standing)*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

### Entrance Hymn 608, vv. 1 & 4

*Eternal Father, strong to save*

*(Sung by the choir)*

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
thy children shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

### The Collect

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Tom. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The First Reading Isaiah 61:1-3 *(Seated)*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
    from where is my help to come?  
2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
    the maker of heaven and earth.  
3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
    and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
    shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
    the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
    nor the moon by night.  
7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
    it is he who shall keep you safe.  
8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
    from this time forth for evermore.

## The Second Reading Acts 4:33-37

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn 488 (*Sung by the choir*)

*Be thou my vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

## The Holy Gospel John 10:11-16 (*Standing*)

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not

belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Words of Remembrance** (*Seated*)

#### **The Homily**

The Reverend David C. Killeen

#### **The Apostles' Creed** (*Said by all, standing*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **The Prayers**

For our brother Tom, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Tom, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

**Hear us, Lord.**

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*The celebrant concludes with a prayer.*

#### **The Peace** (*Standing*)

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Then the Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. During the exchange of the Peace, we ask that people show signs of peace that do not involve physical contact.*

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

*Ave Maria*

Franz Schubert

## **The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A** *(Standing)*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus** *(Said by all)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*(The congregation may kneel or remain standing.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Priest and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

## **The Lord's Prayer** *(Said by all)*

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Priest:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*All:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Invitation to Communion:** *All baptized people are welcome to receive the consecrated bread of the Eucharist. Please come forward to the priest to receive, or ask a greeter to have a priest bring the Sacrament to you. Please receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Please know that the Episcopal Church maintains that the full blessing of the Eucharist is available in only one element. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those not receiving the bread are invited to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

## **Communion Solo**

*Panis angelicus*

Cèsar Franck

## **Postcommunion Prayer** *(Standing)*

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*People:* Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **The Commendation**

*Priest:* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

*People:* **where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing,  
but life everlasting.**

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Tom. 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 Dismissal**

*Priest* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn** (*Sung by the choir*)

*On eagle's wings*

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

*Refrain* "And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand."

For to the angels God'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. *Refrain*

**Voluntary**

**Tower Bells**

**Serving in the Liturgy**

*Clergy*

The Rev. David C. Killeen

The Rev. Timothy Holeda, Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

*Organist*

Roger Ponder

*Choir*

Emilie O'Connor, Mia Pesta, Ava Bratic, Anders Namestnik

*Tower Bells*

Lynn Bannister

*Lectors*

Bill Fergus, T. J. Fergus, Jack Sgan

*Oblationers*

Avery Fergus, Ella Fergus, Madeline Sgan