



St. John's Episcopal Church

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
St. John's welcomes you.

Celebration of the Life of Dean Eugene Knox

March 8, 1937 – November 13, 2022

3 p.m. 21 November 2022

Please turn off all cell phones before the service.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
"BCP" refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

Procession..... Highland Cathedral

The Burial Anthem..... BCP 491

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Dean, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah:

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." [Isaiah 25:6-9]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (*Prayed in unison*)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from the first letter of John:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [1 John 3:1-2]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee (Stand) Hymn 376

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. [John 14:1-6]

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Eulogy Palmer Proctor

The Homily The Rev. Lonnie Lacy

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant and People
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 of the People

The Celebrant says

Dear Friends: It was our Lord Jesus himself who said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Let us pray then, for our brother Dean, that he may rest from his labors, and enter into the light of God's eternal sabbath rest.

A Reader appointed continues

Receive O Lord your servant Dean, for he returns to you.

*Into your hands, O Lord,
we commend our brother, Dean.*

Wash him in the holy font of everlasting life, and clothe him in his heavenly wedding garment.

*Into your hands, O Lord,
we commend our brother, Dean.*

May he hear your words of invitation, "Come, you blessed of my Father."

*Into your hands, O Lord,
we commend our brother, Dean.*

May he gaze upon you, Lord, face to face, and taste the blessedness of perfect rest.

*Into your hands, O Lord,
we commend our brother, Dean.*

May angels surround him, and saints welcome him in peace.

*Into your hands, O Lord,
we commend our brother, Dean.*

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, before whom live all who die in the Lord: Receive our brother Dean into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place. Let his heart and soul now ring out in joy to you, O Lord, the living God, and the God of those who live. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace & Announcements

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory (*All sing*)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty **Hymn 390**

Eucharistic Prayer A (Stand)..... **BCP 361**

The Lord's Prayer..... **BCP 364**

The Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at St. John's. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread in your hand. You may sip the wine directly from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to dip the bread in the cup and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine for any reason, fold your arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing instead.

If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter, and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.

Communion Music..... **Hymns 178, 490, 325**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

After all have received Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

The Celebrant says

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Dean with your saints,
*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.

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

The Celebrant says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Dean. 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.

Procession **Amazing grace**

After the ministers and family process out, the congregation uses all available exits to gather in the Memorial Garden for the Committal.

THE COMMITTAL

After all have gathered in the Memorial Garden, the Celebrant says an anthem. Then, while earth is cast upon the remains, the Celebrant says

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Dean, and we commit his body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. Amen.

The Celebrant may bless the people.

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

*Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.*

Tower Bells

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