



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

## The Burial of the Dead and Celebration of the Holy Eucharist



In Thanksgiving for the Life of  
**Kevin John Carroll**  
April 16, 1955 – March 15, 2023

**Please silence all cell phones before the service.**

*Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.  
BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer.*

March 22, 2023  
Three o'clock in the afternoon

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

**Voluntary**

**Tower Bells**

**The Procession & Burial Anthem** *(Stand)*

**A mighty fortress** *(Remain standing)*..... **Hymn 688**

**The Collect** *(Remain standing)*

*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 Kevin, 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.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**A Reading from the book of Isaiah**

*Read by Mr. Brian "Pooh Bear" Lawrence*

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 brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, 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. *[Isaiah 61:1-3]*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 106:1-5** *(Prayed in unison by all, seated)*

- 1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD \*  
or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice \*  
and always do what is right!

- 4 Remember me, O LORD,  
with the favor you have for your people, \*  
and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.

**A Reading from the Revelation to John**

*Read by Mr. Bob "Bubba" Pierce*

I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children." *[Revelation 21:2-7]*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**How lovely is thy dwelling place** *(Stand)* ..... **Hymn 517**

**The Gospel** *(Remain standing)*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother, Lazarus, would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." *[John 14:1-6]*

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Eulogies** ..... **Mr. Gary Carroll**  
**The Hon. Francis J. Allman**

**The Homily** ..... **The Rev. Lonnie Lacy**

## The Apostles' Creed *(Stand)*

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 *(Kneel)*

For our brother Kevin, 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 Kevin, 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*

Father of all, we pray to you for Kevin, and for all those  
whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest.  
Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the  
souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in  
peace. *Amen.*

## The Peace & Announcements

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Come, thou fount of every blessing *(Stand)*..... Hymn 686**

**Eucharistic Prayer A *(Remain standing)*.....BCP 361**

## The Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at St. John's.  
Approach the ministers in a double line in the center aisle and receive the  
bread in your hands, palms facing up. You may sip the wine directly  
from the common cup, or you may allow the minister to dip the bread in  
the cup for you. If you do not wish to receive for any reason, fold your  
arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing instead.*

**Communion Hymns.....304, 482**

## Swing low, sweet chariot

*Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home. (x2)*

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| <p>1 I looked over Jordan, and what did<br/>I see coming for to carry me home?<br/>A band of angels coming after me,<br/>coming for to carry me home.</p> <p>2 If you get there before I do,<br/>coming for to carry me home;<br/>tell all my friends I'm coming too,<br/>coming for to carry me home.</p> | <p>3 The brightest day that ever I saw<br/>coming for to carry me home;<br/>when Jesus wash'd my sins away,<br/>coming for to carry me home.</p> <p>4 I'm sometimes up and sometimes<br/>down, coming for to carry me<br/>home; but still my soul feels<br/>heavenly bound, coming for to<br/>carry me home.</p> |
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## Will the circle be unbroken?

*Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?  
Is a better home awaiting in the sky, Lord, in the sky?*

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| <p>1 There are loved ones in the glory<br/>whose dear forms you often miss.<br/>When you close your earthly story,<br/>will you join them in their bliss?</p> <p>2 In the joyous days of childhood<br/>oft they told of wondrous love<br/>pointed to the dying Saviour;<br/>now they dwell with him above.</p> | <p>3 You can picture happy gath' rings<br/>round the fireside long ago, and<br/>you think of tearful partings<br/>when they left you here below.</p> <p>4 One by one their seats were<br/>emptied. One by one they went<br/>away. Now the family is parted.<br/>Will it be complete one day?</p> |
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## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*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 says*

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Kevin 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 your servant Kevin 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 Kevin. 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 & Dismissal

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

## The Procession: I'll fly away

- 1 Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away; to a home on  
God's celestial shore, I'll fly away. *I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;  
when I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.*
- 2 When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away; like a bird from  
prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. *Refrain*
- 3 Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away; to a land where joy  
shall never end, I'll fly away. *Refrain*

## Tower Bells