

The Burial of the Dead and Celebration of the Holy Eucharist



In Thanksgiving for the Life
Warren Ray Blount
January 10, 1945 – July 29, 2023

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

12 August 2023
Ten o'clock in the morning

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

Tower Bells

For all the saints (*Stand*).....**Hymn 287**, vv1-4

The Burial Anthem (*Remain standing*).....**BCP 491**

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 Warren, 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.*

United States Marine Corp Honors

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from Lamentations

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

[*Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33*]

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

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.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
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.

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

The Gospel (*Remain standing*)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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 Homily **The Reverend 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 Warren, 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 Warren, 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 Warren, 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

Offertory Hymn 671 *(Stand)*..... **Amazing grace!**

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

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

The Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at St. John's. Approach the priest in a double line in the center aisle to receive the Bread in your hand. A Eucharistic minister stationed near the outside aisle will offer you the Wine. You may sip directly from the chalice or have your Bread dipped for 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 Hymns..... **293, 304**

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

All standing, the Celebrant says

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Warren 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 Warren 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 Warren. 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 and Dismissal

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

Remember that life is short, and we have but little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us; so be quick to be kind and swift to love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and forever more. *Amen.*

Celebrant 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.

O God, our help in ages past *(Stand)*..... **Hymn 680**

Voluntary

Tower Bells

All are invited to greet the family at a reception in Killeen Hall immediately following the service.

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