

# A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

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## Rite II and Holy Eucharist

### PRELUDE

Organ selections

Danny boy

Ave Maria

*Londonderry Aire*

Bach/Gounod

*Anne Ferguson, soloist*

### ENTRANCE RITE

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*At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.*

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

A COLLECT FOR BURIAL

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O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Roger, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

HYMNAL 1982—473

Lift high the cross

*Crucifer*

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *Refrain*

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

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Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

PSALM 121 *Prayed together*

- 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.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 8:14-19, 34-35, 34-39

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:1-6

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit.*

REFLECTION

HOMILY

THE REV. VERN CAHOON

THE REV. NANCY L.J. COX

*Following the homily, we will have a time of quiet to consider Fr. Roger's life as a gift to us.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

*All stand.*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Roger, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**



*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

HYMNAL 1982 – 293

I sing a song of the saints of God

*Grand Isle*

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
and there's not any reason no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

3 They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still,  
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,  
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

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HOLY COMMUNION

*A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is "really present" in the bread and wine provided from God's table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.*

*Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. Wine may be received by lightly dipping the bread into the small cup in the center of the plate/paten from which you received the bread. Alternatively, you may choose to drink from the larger cup/chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us.*

*Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat. If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor*

*of bringing communion to you.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer C

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation

who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

**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.**

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**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,**

**Forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### FRACTION ANTHEM

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.**

### HYMN AT COMMUNION

HYMNAL 1982 – 335

I am the bread of life

*Bread of Life*

1 I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.

*Refrain:* And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

2 The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world,  
and they who eat of this bread, they shall live for ever. *Refrain*

3 Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man

and drink of his Blood, you shall not have life within you. *Refrain*

4 I am the resurrection, I am the life.

They who believe in me, even if they die, they shall live for ever. *Refrain*

5 Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God who has come into the world. *Refrain*

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I want to walk as a child of the light

HYMNAL 1982—490

*Houston*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain:* In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.  
*Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.  
*Refrain*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant: 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.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

HYMNAL 1982 – 541

Come, labor on

*Ora Labora*

1 Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,  
while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say, “Go work today.”

2 Come, labor on. The enemy is watching night and day,  
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;  
while we in sleep our duty have forgot, he slumbered not.

3 Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
no arm so weak but may do service here:  
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill his righteous will

4 Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share –  
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear:  
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.

5 Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
till the long shadows o’er our pathway lie,  
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, “Servants, well done.”

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*The congregation is invited to follow the family and clergy to the columbarium for the Committal.*

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to the Almighty God our brother Roger, 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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

Praise, Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \***  
**to go in peace as you have promised;**  
**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \***  
**whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**  
**A Light to enlighten the nations, \***  
**and the glory of your people Israel.**

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

People: **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

Celebrant: May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting  
covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in  
you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be  
glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Tucker Hospice House.*

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*Ashes to ashes and dust to dust," calmly now the words we say.*

*Left behind we wait and trust for the Resurrection Day.*

*Father, in thy gracious keeping leave we now your servant sleeping.*

