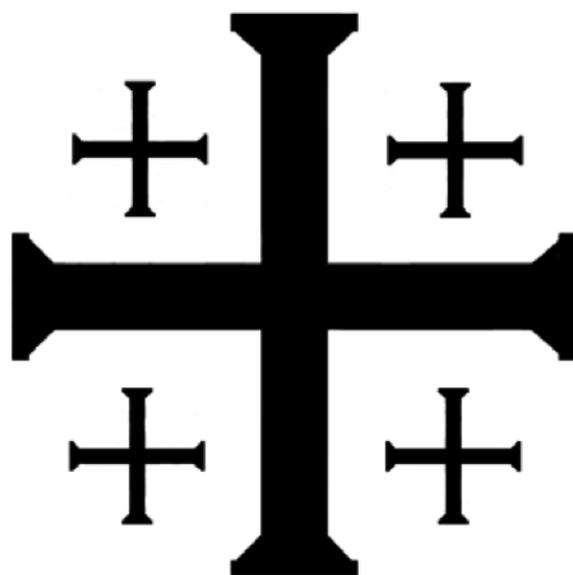


IN CELEBRATION OF AND  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF  
THE REV. CANON JOHN FLETCHER LOWE, JR.  
MARCH 11, 1932 - AUGUST 25, 2021



WEDNSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

## A NOTE ON THE SERVICE

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its 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.

*The Book of Common Prayer*

*To my family and friends. Thank you for joining in this service of thanksgiving to God for the life God has given to me. Believing as I do in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ, I know that there is life after birth and that death comes as another event in my continuing life with Christ; that, as through Baptism, I have died and risen with Christ, so my death comes as part of that Baptismal journey. Thus this memorial service speaks rather to Easter than Good Friday, to a risen Lord, not a deceased prophet.*

*To my interfaith friends: I welcome you to this, my last earthly hurrah and I thank you for being present. That this service is clearly from my Christian tradition should not surprise you. We have been at our best when we have most fully lived within our own Faith tradition- and through the strength of those commitments, we have joined together in a united voice for the God of justice. As always, Peace, Shalom and Salaam, Fletcher.*

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Aria*

*Rhosymedre from Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymns Tunes*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## ANTHEM

*The people stand for the anthem in procession as the Presider says*

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.

## THE COLLECT FOR BURIAL

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

**O** GOD OF GRACE AND GLORY, we remember before you this day our brother Fletcher. 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.**

HYMN



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, And I  
 2. I danced for the scribe and the phar - i - see, But  
 3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame: The  
 4. I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black; It's  
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I  
 they would-n't dance, and they would-n't fol - low me; I  
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They  
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They  
 I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth; At  
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; They  
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; And  
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone; But  
 live in you if you'll live in me: †



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
 came with me and the dance went on.  
 left me there on a cross to die.  
 I am the dance and I still go on.  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance then wher - ev - er you may be; I am the



Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher -



ev - er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Text: Sydney Carter, b.1915  
 Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE, Irregular; adapt. from a traditional Shaker melody by Sydney Carter, b.1915  
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*music: Lord of the Dance, Shaker tune, adapt. Sydney Carter (1915-2004)*

*text: Sydney Carter (1915-2004)*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE FIRST READING

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

ON THIS MOUNTAIN THE LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. 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, Lo, 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 139:1-17

*Domine, probasti*

*The Psalm is read responsively by half verse.*

LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME out and known me; \*  
**You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**  
You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
**and are acquainted with all my ways.**  
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
**but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**  
You press upon me behind and before \*  
**and lay your hand upon me.**  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
**it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**  
Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
**where can I flee from your presence?**  
If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
**if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**  
If I take the wings of the morning \*  
**and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**  
Even there your hand will lead me \*  
**and your right hand hold me fast.**  
If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
**and the light around me turn to night,"**  
Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \*  
**darkness and light to you are both alike.**  
For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
**you knit me together in my mother's womb.**  
I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
**your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**  
My body was not hidden from you, \*  
**while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**  
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; \*  
**they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.**  
How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
**how great is the sum of them!**  
If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
**to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

**A**ND 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; 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## HYMN



1. Now we sing to praise love's bless - ing all through our lives,
2. How our wounds ache for love's heal - ing all through our days.
3. Love's the grace that makes us car - ing all through our lives,
4. Love's the clown that mocks at win - ing all through the world,
5. In God's faith - ful love we flour - ish all through our lives,



1. laugh - ter, joy, sur - prise, con-fess - ing, all though our lives.
2. How our world needs love's re - veal - ing in all its ways.
3. ur - ges us to warmth and shar - ing all through our lives,
4. mid - wife of each new be - gin - ning all through the world.
5. known and loved, each oth - er nour - ish all through our lives.



1. Love that dreamed a new cre - a - tion, love that dared an in - car - na - tion,
2. Fear - ful hears sus - pect the strang - er, hard-ened na-tions arm for dan - ger,
3. speaks in us, op - press-ion nam - ing, strives in us in - jus - tice sham-ing,
4. In the strug-gles that con - found us, in the cha-os all a-round us
5. Though the world's de-mands are press - ing, what life brings is left to guess-ing,



1. love that of - fers trans - for - ma - tion all through our lives.
2. love lives on, the power - ful chang - er all through our days.
3. lives in us true peace pro - claim - ing all through our lives.
4. love's wide arms with hope su - round us all through the world.
5. still we sing to praise love's bless - ing all through our lives.

*music: Ar Hyd y Nos, Welsh melody*

*text: Anna Briggs (b. 1947)*

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

**M**ARTHA SAID TO JESUS, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother 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.'

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

## THE HOMILY

The Reverend Julia Dorsey Loomis

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Presider* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*People* **I do.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **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.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **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.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Presider says*

**M**AY ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Presider* Let us pray to God our Creator saying, Holy One, hear us.
- Intercessor* Loving God, you have called your people together in the mystical body of Jesus Christ our Savior. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.
- People* **Holy One, hear us.**
- Intercessor* Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die daily to sin and rise to newness of life, and that we, with our Redeemer, may pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.
- People* **Holy One, hear us.**
- Intercessor* Grant to us who are still on our earthly pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.
- People* **Holy One, hear us.**
- Intercessor* Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sin and serve you with a quiet mind.
- People* **Holy One, hear us.**
- Intercessor* Grant that Fletcher, increasing in the knowledge and love of you, may go from strength to strength in a new life of perfect service.
- People* **Holy One, hear us.**
- Intercessor* Grant to all who mourn, a sure confidence in your tender mercy, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.
- People* **Holy One, hear us.**
- Intercessor* Give courage to all who are bereaved, that in the days ahead they may hold fast to the comfort of a holy hope, and joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.
- People* **Holy One, hear us.**
- Intercessor* Help us entrust Fletcher to your never-failing care and love. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people.
- People* **Holy One, hear us.**
- Bishop* Father of all, we pray to you for Fletcher, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to him eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
- People* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

- Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

text: 15th century

JESU, MY LOVE, my joy, my rest,  
Thy perfect love close in my breast.  
That I thee love and never rest;  
And make me love thee all things best,  
And wounde my heart in thy love free,  
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people stand.*

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

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

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Bishop continues*

ALL THANKS AND PRAISE are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and homophonic. The second and fourth staves feature triplet markings over groups of three notes. The text is printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

text: Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

*The people stand or kneel as the Bishop continues.*

**G**LORY AND HONOR ARE YOURS, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*The people say with the Bishop*

**D**YING, you destroyed our death.  
**R**ising, you restored our life.  
**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Bishop continues*

**S**END YOUR HOLY SPIRIT upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*The people say with the Bishop*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

*The Bishop continues*

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

**O**UR 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Bishop breaks the bread followed by silence.*

*Bishop* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Bishop* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

## THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. An usher will signal when you can go forward to receive the bread. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher and Communion will be brought to you in your pew. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a prayer; please indicate your desire for this by crossing your arms across your chest.

### ANTHEM

*music: Old 113th, melody from Strassburger Kirchenamt, 1525*

*text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); alt. by John Wesley (1703-1791), alt.; based on Psalm 146*

I'LL PRAISE MY MAKER while I've breath;  
and when my voice is lost in death,  
praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
while life and thought and being last,  
or immortality endures.

How happy they whose hopes rely  
on Israel's God, who made the sky  
and earth and seas with all their train;  
whose truth for ever stands secure,  
who saves the oppressed, and feeds the poor.  
And none shall find his promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;  
the Lord supports the fainting mind  
and sends the laboring conscience peace.  
He helps the stranger in distress,  
the widowed and the fatherless,  
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

I'll praise him while he lends me breath;  
and when my voice is lost in death,  
praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
while life and thought and being last,  
or immortality endures.

### HYMN



- 1, 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as Christ to you;  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers on the road;  
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear;  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such har - mo - ny,



- 1, 6. Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant, too.  
2. We are here to help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear — the load.  
3. I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long — to hear.  
4. I will share your joy and sor - row 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.  
5. Born of all we've known to - geth - er Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

*music: The Servant Song, Richard Gillard (b. 1957)*

*text: Richard Gillard (b. 1957)*

<p><b>W</b>HAT WONDROUS LOVE is this,          O my soul, O my soul!          What wondrous love is this,          O my soul!          What wondrous love is this          that caused the Lord of bliss          to lay aside his crown          for my soul, for my soul,          to lay aside his crown          for my soul.</p>	<p>To God and to the Lamb,          I will sing, I will sing,          to God and to the Lamb,          I will sing.          To God and to the Lamb          who is the great I AM,          while millions join the theme,          I will sing, I will sing,          while millions join the theme          I will sing.</p>
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And when from death I'm free,  
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
 and when from death I'm free,  
 I'll sing on.  
 And when from death I'm free  
 I'll sing and joyful be,  
 and through eternity  
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
 and through eternity  
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

**THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*The people stand, saying together*

**A**LMIGHTY 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**

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

*Presider* You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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.**

*Presider* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Fletcher. 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## HYMN



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
2 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
3 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
4 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
2 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
3 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
4 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
2 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
3 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
4 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 123;*  
*adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*  
*text: St. Francis of Assisi (1882-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.*

## THE BLESSING

*attrib. to The Right Reverend Frank Vest*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Hallelujah Chorus*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

## THE COMMITTAL

*The Presider begins with the following words*

**E**VERYONE 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.

*Then the Presider says these words*

**I**N sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Fletcher, and we commit his body to the ground; 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 Presider then says*

**F**ATHER of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **Amen.**

*Presider* Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

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

*Presider* May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

**PIPE SOLO**

*Amazing Grace*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*The Presider dismisses the people with these words*

**T**he 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.**

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The Reverend Benjamin P. Campbell, *Pastoral Associate*

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### *Homilist*

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### *Lectors*

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Fay King, *Piper*

### *Crucifer*

Stephan Peple

## POEM FOR GRANDPERE

In the middle of the lacrosse cage you stood  
And I watched as you blocked shots  
I called out  
But you did not turn away from the ball  
You smiled  
I noticed you were young, about 20  
Moving nimbly between the posts  
Floating like gravity could not hold you down  
I felt sadness, knowing the end of something was near  
I sat there holding onto the moment  
You turned to walk away and I watched until I couldn't see you anymore  
I felt a faint tap on my shoulder  
I turned to see a butterfly sitting there, unmoving  
I nodded and we had an understanding that he wouldn't stay long  
But in that moment, everything was perfect.

- Jordan Costello, Fletcher's granddaughter,  
written from Half Dome, Yosemite National Park



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