

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE  
*-EPISCOPAL-*

MARCH 17, 2025

11:00 A.M.



Requiem Eucharist and Rite of Christian Burial  
for the repose of the soul of

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# THE GATHERING OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

*Coming together to remember our beloved brother in Christ, and to pray for the repose of his soul,  
we ready ourselves to worship God.*

## Organ Prelude

O world, I now must leave thee  
Kyrie, God the Father  
Salem Sonata: Hallowed be Thy name

*Johannes Brahms  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
Dan Locklair*

## Remembrances

*Please stand at the entrance of the ministers.*

## Hymn

Give thanks for life

*Sine Nomine*



1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,  
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light  
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,  
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain



mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet  
caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who  
thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a  
ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in



sing to God our hope, our love, our praise, )  
touched the truth, who burned for what is right, ) Al -  
love not changed by time or death or dread, )  
res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain. )



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

**Introit** *sung by the choir*

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.

**Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy

*Franz Peter Schubert*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, —

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, —  
Christ, —

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, —

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant then sings*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant William, 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*In scripture and preaching, the Lord assures us that after death  
the faithful will rise again to an everlasting life of joy with Him.*

*In this promise, we pray for our beloved brother.*

### First Lesson

Wisdom 3:1-9

*Reader* A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
 LORD, hear my voice; \*  
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.  
 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
 O LORD, who could stand?  
 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
 therefore you shall be feared.  
 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
 in his word is my hope.  
 My soul waits for the LORD,  
 more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
 more than watchmen for the morning.  
 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
 for with the LORD there is mercy;  
 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Second Lesson**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*Reader* A reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the hymn.*

**Hymn 429**

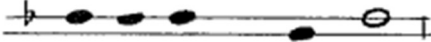
I'll praise my maker while I've breath

*Old 113th*

## The Gospel

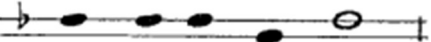
John 5:24-27

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

*People*   
Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*   
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Homily

The Rector

## Apostles' Creed

*Please stand.*

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
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

*Please kneel.*

*Deacon*

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

*Intercessor*

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Bill, 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, anointed with the Holy Spirit, and set apart to be a pastor and priest to your people; 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. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Father of all, we pray to you for Bill, 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**

*All stand.*

*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 Sentence**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*This Holy Eucharist is offered for the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving for his Son's saving death and resurrection. We plead the eternal sacrifice of Christ at the altar today for the repose of the soul of William Duffey, Priest and our beloved brother in Christ, that he may rest in peace and at the last day be admitted to the presence of God with the Saints in light. We offer the holy sacrifice also for his family in their sorrow, that they may receive the consolation of the Holy Spirit.*

## **Offertory Anthem**

Do not stand at my grave and weep

*Michael Connelly*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am a diamond glint on snow. I am sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awake in the morning hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet bird in circling flight. I am the soft starlight at night.*

*Please stand as our monetary gifts are brought forward and all sing,*

## **The Doxology**

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Presentation of the Gifts of the People**

*Celebrant* Pray, brothers and sisters, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*People* **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at our hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. Amen.**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Gracious and righteous Lord, we are united in the love of Jesus Christ. Accept all we offer you this day, and bring us, with all your faithful people who have gone before us, into his eternal glory; who is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface for the Commemoration of the Dead**



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

... Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

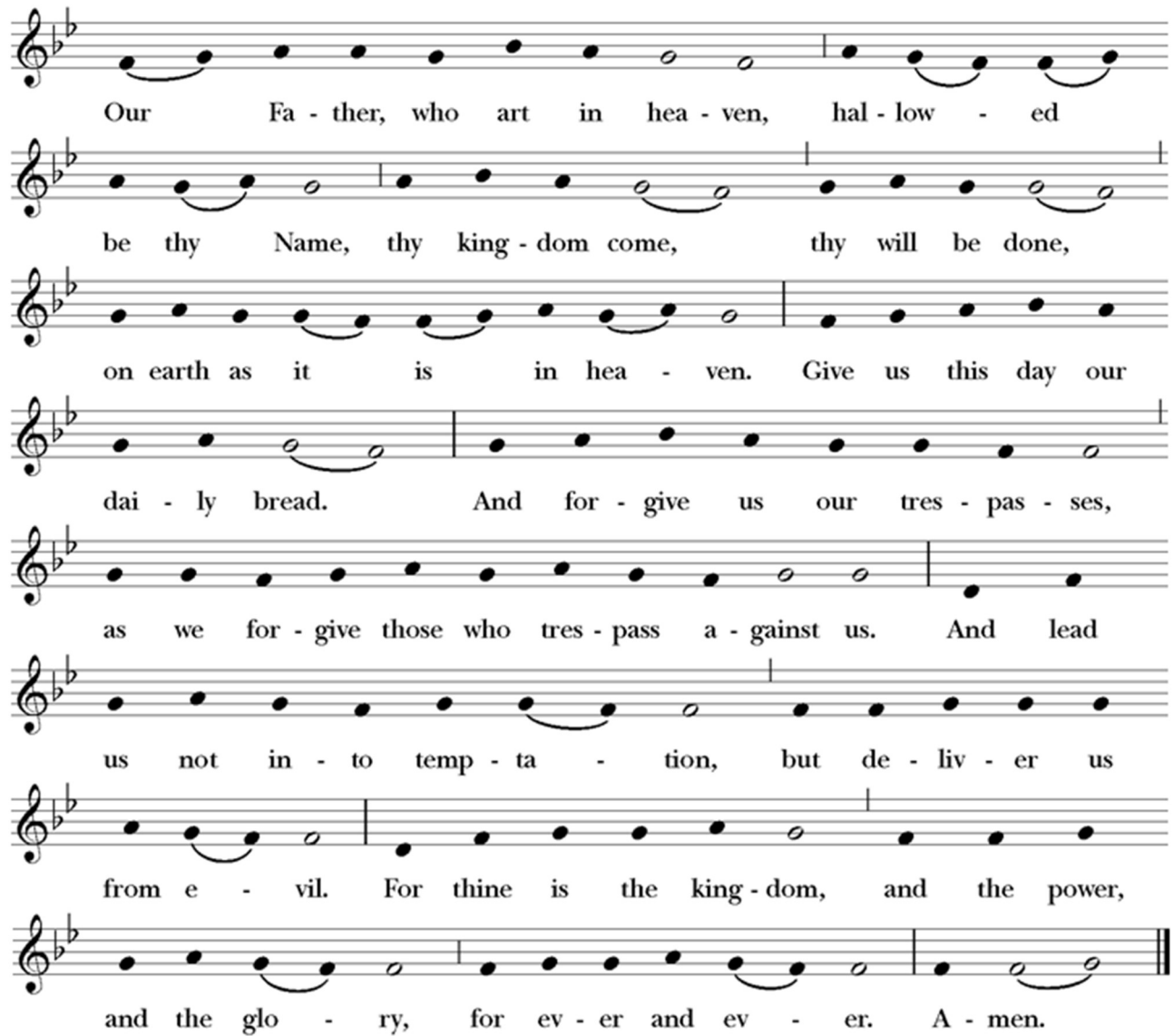
**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**The Great Amen** *in unison*

A - men. A - men. A - men.



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence follows.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score for 'Christ our Passover' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of the 'Alleluia' chorus. The second staff contains the main text: 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;'. The third staff contains the phrase 'there - fore let us keep the feast.'. The fourth staff contains the second line of the 'Alleluia' chorus. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score for 'Agnus Dei' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is for the text 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.'. The second system is for 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.'. The third system is for 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:'. The fourth system is for 'give us your peace, give us your peace.'. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords and single notes, providing a simple harmonic support for the vocal line.

## Invitation to Communion

*Baptized communicants of other churches celebrating Bill's life with us today and praying for the repose of his soul are invited to join us in receiving Holy Communion, recognizing in it our Lord's real and objective presence.*

### Communion Anthem

The King of love my Shepherd is

Robert Lee

*The King of love my shepherd is whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth. Foolish and stubborn oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. And so throughout the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise within thy house forever; I sing thy praise forever!*

### Hymn 335

I am the bread of life

*I Am the Bread of Life*

## THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

*Releasing Bill's ashes to return to the elements, we commend his soul to God's loving care, and we go back into the world rejoicing, for in this eucharistic banquet the Lord has given us a foretaste of his heavenly banquet which awaits us after death and which Bill now enjoys.*

### Postcommunion Prayer *in unison*

*Please kneel.*

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

### Hymn 623

O what their joy and their glory must be

*O quanta qualia*

*The Celebrant says*

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

### Blessing

### Dismissal

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Anthem**

*Requiem: In Paradisum*

*Gabriel Faure*

In paradisum deducant angeli: in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,  
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem. Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,  
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere aeternam habeas requiem.

*Into paradise may the angels lead you; and at your coming may the martyrs receive you,  
and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem. May the choirs of angels receive you,  
and may you with Lazarus once poor, have everlasting rest.*

**Organ Postlude**

Now thank we all our God

*Bach*

*A reception follows in the Parish Hall; all are welcome.*





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

- *Book of Common Prayer*



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