

A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE
THE LIFE OF



William D. Booth

DECEMBER 29, 1935 – NOVEMBER 24, 2023

11:00 IN THE MORNING
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

BURIAL OFFICE

RITE II

PRELUDE

Nettleton

Prelude on *Land of Rest*

Aria

Jerusalem

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)
George Shearing (1919-2011)
Charles Callahan (b. 1951)
Charles Parry (1848-1918)

OPENING ANTHEM

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.

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCES

HYMN 405 All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

THE COLLECTS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother William. 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.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with William's family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

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-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged 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 forever. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

- 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

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 have 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, in fact, we 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 Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 680 O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Joshua A. Hoover

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 LORD'S PRAYER

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,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our brother, William, 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 William, 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.

Almighty God Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn for William; that, casting all their care on you. They may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 662 Abide with me

Eventide

THE PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

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

The Officiant 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.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN O when the saints go marching in



1. O when the saints go march - ing in,
2. O when the sun re - fused to shine,
3. O when the trum - pet sounds its call,
4. And when they crown you Lord of all,



O when the saints go march - ing in,
O when the sun re - fused to shine,
O when the trum - pet sounds its call,
O when they crown you Lord of all,



O Lord, I want to be in that num - ber
O Lord, I want to be in that num - ber
Lord, how I want to be in that num - ber
O Lord, I want to be in that num - ber



when the saints go march - ing in.
when the sun re - fused to shine.
when the trum - pet sounds its call.
when they crown you Lord of all.

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POSTLUDE Postlude on *Cwm Rhondda*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

*Bill's family invite you to a luncheon following the service at the Community House, 380 S. Bates St.
The Community House is a 2 block walk from St. James.
Shuttle buses for those in need are available on Chester St.*



Memorial donations may be made to:

*St. James Episcopal Church
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Sundays 8:00 a.m. in person

10:00 a.m. in person and on [Facebook](#) and our [Website](#) and via [Zoom](#)

Weekdays Compline 7:50 p.m. on [Zoom](#)

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