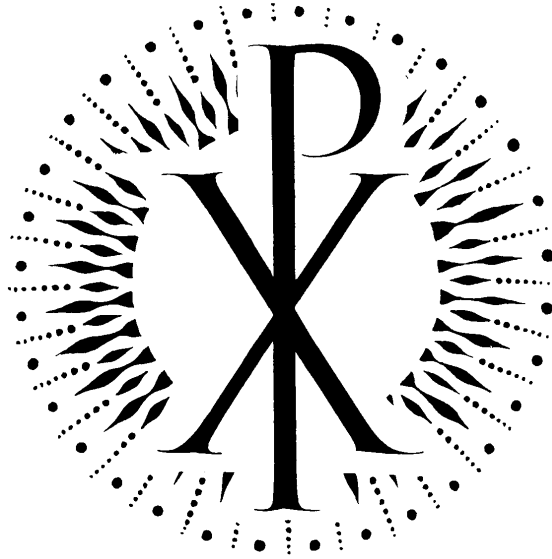


YET EVEN AT THE GRAVE
WE MAKE OUR SONG:



ALLELUIA
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A SERVICE OF THE RESURRECTION
THOMAS FREDRICK MCKNIGHT, SR.

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THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD: RITE II

From the Book of Common Prayer

BCP 507

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.

Prelude *concluding with the anthem My Eternal King*

Opening Sentences of Scripture *standing as you are comfortable*

Hymn When in our music God is glorified

Engelberg



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____



1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, _____
3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, _____
4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? _____
5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! _____



1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____



— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Collects

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 Rick, 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.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with all who loved Rick in our grief. Surround us with your love, that we may not be overwhelmed by this loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Please be seated for the reading of the scriptures.

Remembrance

Thomas Fredrick "Mac" McKnight Jr.

A reading from Second Chronicles

II Chronicles 5:11-14

Now when the priests came out of the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without regard to their divisions), all the levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, their sons and kindred, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, stood east of the altar with one hundred and twenty priests who were trumpeters, it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, 'For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever', the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

The Word of the Lord.

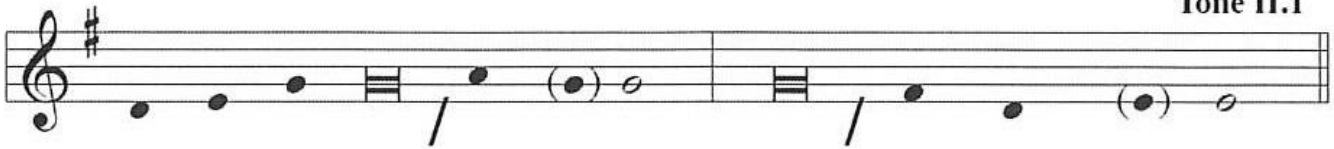
Thanks be to God.

Remembrance

Travis Wade

Psalm 57 5:11 *chanted*

Tone II.1



- 5 Be exalted, O God, above the / heavens! *
Let your glory be o/ver all the earth!
- 6 They set a net for my steps; my soul was / bowed down. *
They dug a pit in my way but they have fallen into / it themselves.
- 7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is / steadfast! *
I will sing and / make melody!
- 8 Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and / lyre! *
I will a/wake the dawn!
- 9 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the / peoples; *
I will sing praises to you among / the nations.
- 10 For your steadfast love is great to the / heavens, *
Your faithfulness / to the clouds.
- 11 Be exalted, O God, above the / heavens! *
Let your glory be over / all the earth!

Remembrance

Dr. David Lewis

A reading from the Letter to the Church at Philippi

Philippians 4:1, 4-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remembrance

Isiah Harper

Hymn 432 O praise ye the Lord!

Laudate Dominum

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
 *3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150. Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Christ

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbor as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Reverend Grace Burton-Edwards

The Apostles’ Creed *standing as you are comfortable*

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

BCP 497

For our brother Rick, 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 Rick, 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 Peace *The congregation exchanges greetings in the name of the Lord*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name,
two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them;
Alleluia, alleluia!

Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God Creator
break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia, alleluia!

So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may true disciples be.

Alleluia, alleluia!
we will serve thee faithfully.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



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.

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Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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.

Fraction Anthem

Pie Jesu

Andrew Lloyd Webber
Cristian Cantu, Hunter Mullen, *tenors*

Pie Jesu, pie Jesu, pie Jesu, pie Jesu
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem
Pie Jesu, pie Jesu, pie Jesu, pie Jesu
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem
Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem
Dona eis requiem
Sempiternam
Dona eis requiem
Sempiternam
Requiem
Sempiternam

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All are joyfully invited to share in communion. Come down the center aisle when invited by the ushers. Go to the station to the left or right. Hold out one hand to receive the bread and then dip the bread or drink from the large chalice. If you prefer not to share a common cup, hold out two hands to receive the bread and wine together. If you prefer not to receive either the bread or the cup, cross your arms across your chest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, let the server know. If you prefer to receive communion at your pew, please let the usher know.

Music during Communion

If Ye Love Me

Phillip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
That he may abide with you for ever;
E'en the Spirit of Truth.

And ye know Him,
for He dwelleth with you,
and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.

Let the bright Seraphim in burning row
their loud uplifted angel trumpets blow.

Ring out, ye crystal spheres,
Once bless our human ears,
And let your silver chime
Move in melodious time.

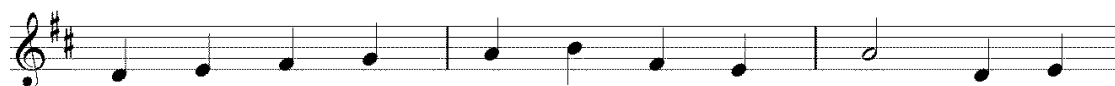
If ye have power to touch our senses so;
And let the base of heav'n's deep organ blow.

And with the cherubim and ninefold harmony
Heavenly host make consort of the angelic symphony.

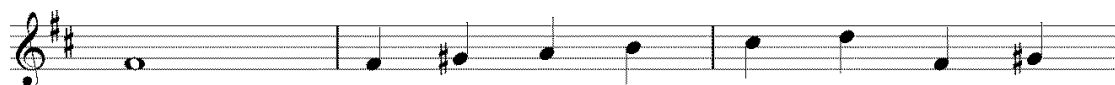
And above Him stood the seraphim,
one came to the other and said:
Christ is risen, Hallelujah!

Hymn For the fruit of all creation

East Acklam



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be
3 For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to



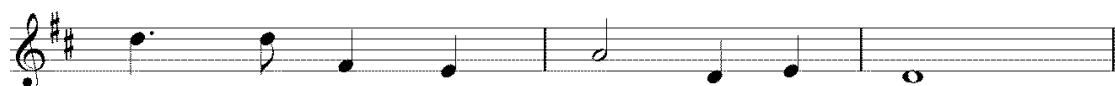
God. For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion,
done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,
God. For the good we all in - her - it,



thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
God's will be done. In our world - wide task of car - ing
thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,



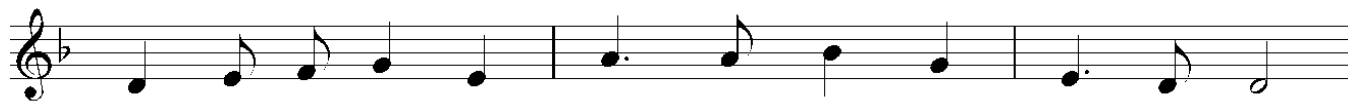
si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in
for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests
for the truths that still con - found us, most of all that



earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
love has found us, thanks be to God.

Hymn What does the Lord require

Sharptborne



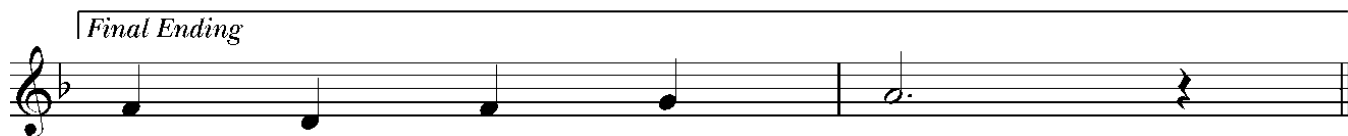
1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
 2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
 3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com - mands.
 4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum - bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

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Thou Shalt Know Him

Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know Him when He comes
 not by any din of drums,
 Nor His manners nor His airs,
 nor by anything he wears.
 Thou shalt know Him when He comes,
 not by His crown or by His gown,
 But His coming known shall be
 by the holy harmony which His coming makes in thee.
 Thou shalt know Him when He comes. Amen.

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 *standing as comfortable*

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 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.

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

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

Anthem Adoramus Te from *The Seven Last Words*

Theodore Dubois
Voices of the Valley

Adoramus Te, Christe,
et benedicimus tibi,
quia per sanctam crucem tuam
redemisti mundum.
Qui passus es pro nobis,
Domine, Domine, miserere nobis.

Blessing

Hymn For all the saints, who from their labors rest

Sine Nomine



1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, —
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine! —



thee — by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; —
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O — Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
win, with — them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are — one in thee, for all are thine.



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



*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
*6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are — brave a - gain, and arms are
war - riors com - eth rest; — sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



strong.
blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

Postlude Toccata on Amazing Grace

Christopher Pardini

Please remain seated as the family departs during the postlude.

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Thank you to St. Luke Church, the Rev. Thad Haygood, Mr. Marc Boensel, and all the staff at St. Luke for hosting this service while the worship space at St. Thomas is being renovated.

The Making Room for All vision project will improve accessibility for the choir and congregation, add seating, and expand the organ. Rick was instrumental in bringing this project to fruition.