



THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

# Charles Holmes McCollum III, MD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

3:00 PM

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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.

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 507*



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# THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

## RITE ONE

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3:00 pm — January 16, 2026

### PRELUDE

### OPENING ANTHEMS

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 469

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;  
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;  
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,  
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,  
and no man dieth to himself.  
For if we live, we live unto the Lord;  
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.

Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

# HYMN 293

1 I sing a song of the saints of God,  
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are  
 pa - tient and brave and true, who  
 his love of made them strong; and they  
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the  
 toiled and fought and lived and died for the  
 fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus' sake, the  
 world is bright with the joy - ous saints who  
 Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doc - tor, and  
 whole of their good lives long. And one was a sold - ier, and  
 love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in school, or in  
 one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess  
 one was a priest, and one was slain by a  
 lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in  
 on the green: they were all of them saints of  
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son  
 shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just  
 God and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986); Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

## THE COLLECT

BCP 469

Celebrant: 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 thy servant Charlie, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

*Congregation seated*

The First Lesson

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Charlie McCollum

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>31</sup> For the LORD will not  
cast off forever,

<sup>32</sup> but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup> for he does not afflict from his heart  
or grieve the children of men.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 23

Elenor McCollum

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.
- <sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.

## The Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-2

Lucy McCollum

<sup>1</sup> See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Hymn 671



1 A - maz - ing\_\_ grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that\_\_ taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has\_\_ prom - ised good to me, his  
5 When we've been\_\_ there ten thou - sand years, bright  
saved a\_\_ wretch like me!\_\_\_\_\_ I once\_\_ was\_ lost but  
grace my\_\_ fears re - lieved;\_\_\_\_\_ how pre - cious did that  
word my\_\_ hope se - cures;\_\_\_\_\_ he will\_\_ my\_\_ shield and  
shin - ing\_\_ as the sun,\_\_\_\_\_ we've no\_\_ less\_ days to  
now\_\_ am\_\_ found, was blind but now I see.  
grace\_\_ ap - pear the hour I\_\_ first be - lieved.  
por - tion\_\_ be as long as\_\_ life en - dures.  
sing\_\_ God's praise, than when we'd\_ first be - gun.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790 Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831.

## The Gospel

John 6:37-40

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

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

<sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

## THE TRIBUTES

Charles Hall  
Holly Church  
John McCollum

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Richnow

## THE APOSTLES' CREED *standing*

*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.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. *Amen.*

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. *Amen.*

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Amen.*

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. *Amen.*

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. *Amen.*

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. *Amen.*

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. *Amen.*

Grant us grace to entrust Charlie to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. *Amen.*

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE COMMENDATION

BCP 482

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

*People: where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Celebrant: Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, “Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Celebrant: Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Charlie. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

## HYMN 473



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim, till



all the world a-dore his sa-cred Name.



1 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign, the  
2 Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied bears  
3 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, as  
4 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: praise

*Repeat Refrain*



hosts of God in con- quering ranks com- bine.  
on the brow the seal of him who died.  
thou hast pro- mised, draw the world to thee.  
to the Cru- ci- fied for vic- to- ry.

Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)  
Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

## POSTLUDE

*You are cordially invited to greet the family for a reception  
in Sumners Hall immediately following the service.*

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*Clergy*

The Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Richnow  
The Rev. Reagan W. Cocke

*Organist*

John Meier

## CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. R. Leigh Spruill, *Rector*  
The Rev. Reagan W. Cocke, *Senior Vice Rector*  
The Rev. John D. Sundara, *Vice Rector*  
The Rev. Louise Samuelson, *Associate Rector*  
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The Rev. Libby Garfield, *Associate Rector*  
The Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Richnow, *Priest Associate*  
The Most Rev. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, *Bishop in Residence*  
The Rev. Sutton Lowe, *Curate*  
The Rev. Dr. Charles M. Stiernberg, *Deacon*

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