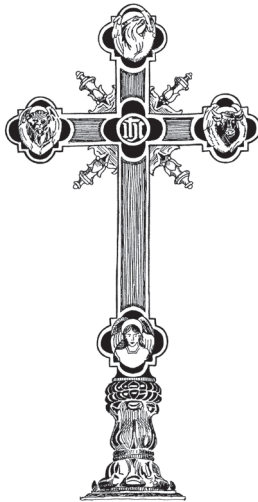


The Memorial Service
for
Gregory James Buffone



Saturday, May 6, 2023

11:00 a.m.

The Church of St. John the Divine

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

SOLO

Pie Jesu

Gabriel Fauré

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem
dona eis requiem
sempiternam requiem

*Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them rest
grant them rest,
eternal rest.*

OPENING ANTHEMS

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.

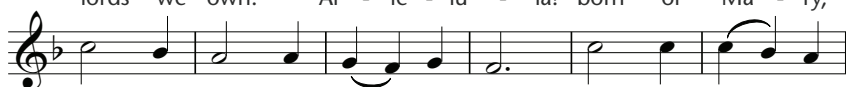
HYMN 460

Hyfydol

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph,
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us,
 food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful
 lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry,



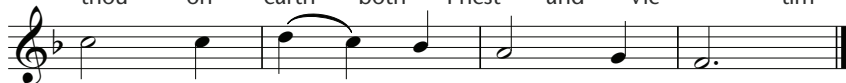
his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the songs of
 faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the cloud from
 flee to thee from day to day: In - ter - ces - sor,
 earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with - in the



peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;
 sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,
 friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,
 veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:



Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion
 shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise,
 where the songs of all the sin - less
 thou on earth both Priest and Vic - tim



hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 sweep a - cross the cry - stal sea.
 in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

THE COLLECTS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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 Greg, 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 the friends and family of Greg 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 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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

Revelation 21:2-7

And I saw the holy city, 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, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And 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 from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:21-27

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 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. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE TRIBUTES

David Buffone

Carlos Vega

The Rev. Louise Samuelson

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. R. Leigh Spruill

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.*

SOLO The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: For our brother Greg, 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 Greg and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother Greg; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

People: *Hear us, Lord*

Silence may be kept

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Greg, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

THE COMMENDATION

Officiant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

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

Officiant: 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.

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

Officiant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Greg. 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. Alleluia. Alleluia*

HYMN 376

Hymn to Joy



- 1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing ev-er blest,



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
well spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;
field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,
Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re-joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); aapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

THE PIPING

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.

Clergy

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle
The Rev. Dr. R. Leigh Spruill
The Rev. Reagan W. Cocke
The Rev. Louise Samuelson
The Rev. Neal S. McGowan
The Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Richnow
The Most Rev. Josiah Idowu-Fearon

Musicians

Steven A. Newberry, *organ*
Renée Rybolt, *soprano*
Stanley Fontenot, *bagpipes*

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