

A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of
John Franklin Bain, Jr.

June 1, 1945 – September 12, 2024



September 26, 2024
11:00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Richmond, Virginia

The Burial of the Dead

Greetings and welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

The Episcopal 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." Thus, the color for the altar hangings and vestments is white, the color of Easter and celebration of new life

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian or unacknowledged. 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 bear the grief and pain of mourning.

In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, please observe silence upon entering the worship space and ensure that electronic devices have been silenced.

*All hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982, the **blue book** in your pew rack.*

Prelude

Opening Anthem

The Book of Common Prayer, page 491

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 688 A mighty fortress is our God

Sung by all, standing, as you are able.

Ein feste Burg

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

A period of silence is kept.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother, John. We thank you for giving him to us, him 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.**

Remembrance

Please sit.

Jed Donaldson

The First Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Read by Mary Donaldson and James Donaldson

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

Following each reading, the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 *King James Version*

Read in unison.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills;

from whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the LORD,

who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved,

and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel

shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD himself is thy keeper;

the LORD is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day,

neither the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil;

yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in,

from this time forth for evermore.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

Following each reading, the reader says
The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 405 All things bright and beautiful Sung by all, standing, as you are able. Royal Oak

Homily The Rev. William L. Sachs

Hymn And did those feet in ancient time Sung by all, standing, as you are able. Jerusalem

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn "And did those feet in ancient time".

1. And did those feet in ancient time walk upon

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn.

England's mountains green? And was the holy Lamb of God on England's pleasant pastures

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn.

seen? And did the countenance divine shine forth upon our clouded hills? And was Je-

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn.

ru-salem builded here among those dark satanic mills?

Musical notation for the fifth line of the hymn.

2. Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire! Bring me my

Musical notation for the sixth line of the hymn.

spear! O clouds unfold! Bring me my chariot of fire! I will not cease from men-tal

Musical notation for the seventh line of the hymn.

fight, nor shall my sword sleep in my hand, till we have built Je-ru-sa-lem in England's

Musical notation for the eighth line of the hymn.

green and pleasant land.

The Apostles' Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

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

**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, dead, and buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on 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

Led by Mary Hope Rhodes

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

Leader Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for John, and dry the tears of those who weep.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

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

All **Hear us, Lord.**

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

All **Hear us, Lord.**

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

All **Hear us, Lord.**

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

All **Hear us, Lord.**

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

All **Hear us, Lord.**

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

Officiant Father of all, we pray to you for John, 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 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. All we 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, John. 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 your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 473 Lift high the cross **Sung by all, as you are able.** *Crucifer*

Postlude

Following the service, all are invited to a reception with the family at the Country Club of Virginia (Westhampton). The family will meet you there.



Participants

Clergy: The Rev. William S. Stanley, the Rev. William L. Sachs
Crucifer: Barbara Massey
Readers: Mary Donaldson, James Donaldson, David Endom
Intercessor: Mary Hope Rhodes
Remembrance: Jed Donaldson
Organist: Diana Chou

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