

**A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of
Marion Douglas Hargrove, Jr.**

August 4, 1930 – September 9, 2024



**Monday, September 16, 2024
2:00 p.m.**

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Richmond, Virginia**

The Burial of the Dead: Rite One

*In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer,
please observe silence upon entering the nave.*

Prelude

“Panis Angelicus” by César Franck
William Ferguson, *Tenor*

Opening Anthems

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 I sing a song of the saints of God *Sung by all.*

Grand Isle

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

A period of silence is kept.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before thee this day our brother Marion. We thank thee for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In thy 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 thy call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remembrance

Scott Putney

The First Reading Ephesians 1:3-14 *Please sit.*

Read by Katherine Williamson

Following each reading, the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 103:1-13

Read by Thomas Williamson

The Second Reading John 14:23-29

Read by Sara Douglas Williamson

Hymn 482 Lord of all hopefulness *Sung by all, standing.*

Slane

Homily

The Rev. William S. Stanley

A Musical Offering

Please remain seated.

“The Lord’s Prayer” by Albert Hay Malotte
William Ferguson, *Tenor*

The Apostles’ Creed

Please stand.

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

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Remain standing.

Led by Elisabeth Putney Mygatt

We thank thee, O God, for all the goodness and courage which have passed from the life of this thy servant, Marion, into the lives of others, and have left the world richer for his presence—for a life’s task faithfully and honorably discharged; for good humor, gracious affection, and kindly generosity; for sadness met without surrender, and weakness endured without defeat; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

The Commendation

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

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.

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

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant, Marion. 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

Paraphrase of Henri Frederic Amiel

Officiant Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 473 Lift high the cross **Sung by all.** *Crucifer*

*The family invites you to a reception in the Large Fellowship Hall immediately after the service.
The family will meet you there.*

*In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial gift to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Virginia Home,
or Holy Angels School, 10450 Ellerbe Road, Shreveport, La. 71106.*

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Participants

Clergy: The Rev. John D. Rohrs, the Rev. William S. Stanley, the Rev. William L. Sachs

Crucifer: Barbara Massey

Organist: Brent te Velde

Soloist: William Ferguson, *Tenor*

Choir: Members of the St. Stephen's Choir

Remembrance: Scott Putney

Readers: Katherine Williamson, Thomas Williamson, Sara Douglas Williamson

Intervenor: Elisabeth Putney Mygatt

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