

**A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of
Reed Russell Henderson, Jr.**

March 5, 1940 - October 7, 2024



**Friday, November 15, 2024
2:00 p.m.**

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

The Burial of the Dead and Holy Eucharist

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

Prelude

Opening Anthems

Please stand as you are able.

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 *Sung by all, standing.*

Ein feste Burg

The Collect

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

A period of silence is kept.

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

Remembrances *Please sit.*

Rachel Henderson, Benjamin Henderson, Gretchen Henderson

The First Reading Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

Rebecca Adams

Following the reading, the reader says
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *King James Version*

The Rev. David Knight

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.

Hymn 286 Who are these like stars appearing *Sung by all, standing.*

Zeuch mich, zeuch mich

The Gospel John 10:11-16 *Remain standing.*

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily *Please sit.*

William L. Sachs

The Prayers of the People *Please stand.*

Leader For our brother Reed, 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 Reed 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

Life is a Journey

Rabbi Alvin Fine

Read by Millie Milhiser Heltzer

Birth is a beginning
And death a destination
And life is a journey:
From childhood to maturity
And youth to age;
From innocence to awareness
And ignorance to knowing;
From foolishness to discretion
And then perhaps to wisdom.

From weakness to strength or
From strength to weakness
And often back again;
From health to sickness,
And we pray to health again.

From offence to forgiveness,
From loneliness to love,
From joy to gratitude,
From pain to compassion,
From grief to understanding,
From fear to faith.

From defeat to defeat to defeat
Until, not looking backwards or ahead,
We see that victory lies not
At some high point along the way
But in having made the journey
Step by step,
A sacred pilgrimage.
Birth is a beginning
And death a destination
And life is a journey.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Father of all, we pray to you for Reed, 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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.
After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant The Lord is with us.

All **God's Spirit is here.**

Celebrant Look with kindness, O God, on your people gathered here before you. Send forth the power of your Spirit so that these gifts may become for us the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus, the Christ, in whom we have become your own.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Loving God, you are always thinking about your people. You never forget us. You sent your son, Jesus, who gave his life for us and who came to forgive us and taught us to forgive each other. On the very night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

All "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Celebrant In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them, saying,

All "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in your tender mercy,
send us the Spirit of the Lamb. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.**

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

At the Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. When you are given the consecrated bread, you may consume it and then drink the wine from the first or larger chalice. If you wish, you may "intinct" or touch the tip of your bread to the wine. For this, a smaller cup will be available just beyond the chalice. You may also choose to receive Communion in only one kind. Either the bread or the wine alone is a full Communion. We also offer gluten-free wafers. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the minister.

After Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. *Please kneel.*

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim**

your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

The Commendation *Please stand.*

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 all; 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 you servant with you saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

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

Blessing

Paraphrase of Henri Frederic Amiel

Celebrant 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 287 For all the saints, vv 1-4

Sung by all, standing.

Sine nomine

Nunc dimittis

Prayer Book, page 120

Postlude



*Please join the family for a reception in the Large Fellowship Hall
immediately after the service.*





Participants in the service

Clergy

The Rev. John Rohrs
The Rev. Cate Anthony
The Rev. William L. Sachs

Chalice bearers

Mary Ball
Scott Finn
Laurie Rogers
Anne Townsend

Crucifer

Scott Finn

Musician

Brent te Velde, *organ*

Readers and Remembrancers

Rachel Henderson
Rebecca Adams
Millie Milhiser Heltzer
Benjamin Henderson
Gretchen Henderson
The Rev. David Knight



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