

**A Service of Thanksgiving  
for the Life of  
Vincent Cassel Adamson, Jr.**

**January 12, 1943 – December 12, 2025**



**December 22, 2025  
2:00 p.m.**

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



# The Burial of the Dead

*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 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 680** O God, our help in ages past *Sung by all.*

*St. Anne*

### The Collect

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And with thy spirit.**  
**Celebrant** Let us pray.

*A period of silence is kept.*

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant, Cassel, 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.**

*Please sit.*

### The First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.  
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.  
For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.  
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

*Following the reading, the reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

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 defense 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.

**Hymn 482** Lord of all hopefulness *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

*Slane*

**The Second Reading: John 6:37-40** *Please be seated.*

Jesus said, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 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. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

*Following the reading, the reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

The Rev. John D. Rohrs

**Music for Meditation** *Oh, Shenandoah*

American Folk Melody, arr. Jay Althouse

**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**                      *Remain standing.*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

**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 Prayers of the People**

*You may stand or kneel.*

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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 Cassel 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.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Celebrant** Father of all, we pray to you for Cassel 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 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.**

### *The Celebrant says*

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Cassel. 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.**

### **Blessing**

**Celebrant** The peace of God, which passeth 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.

### **Dismissal**

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

**Hymn 287 (stanzas 1-4)** For all the saints

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Sine Nomine*



The family invites you to join them for a reception at

Huntley  
6510 Three Chopt Road  
Immediately following the service



**Participants**

**Clergy:** The Rev. John D. Rohrs, The Rev. William S. Stanley

**Crucifer:** Abigail Dandridge Moore

**First Reading:** Alexander Spotswood Moore, Abigail Dandridge Moore, and Pearl Adamson Moore

**Psalm 121:** Annie Laurie Adamson, Ella Riggan Adamson, Vincent Cassel Adamson IV, Margaret Perrow Adamson

**Second Reading:** Katherine Perrow Adamson, Sarah Shepard Adamson, Caroline McCaskey Adamson, Carson Perrow Adamson, Turner Fast Adamson, and Avery Lane Adamson

**Musicians:** Neal Campbell, *organist* ; William Ferguson, *soloist*





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