

A Service Commending to God
Carlos Paul Baker, Jr.
(April 29, 1928 - December 23, 2020)



Saturday, November 25, 2023
11:00 a.m.



The Episcopal Church of
St. John the Baptist

125 Canterbury Drive Aptos, CA 95003

A Word to Our Guests

To our Christian guests who are not Episcopalians: The Episcopal Church recognizes all baptized Christians as part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, and we encourage you to participate fully in this service (including receiving communion) as a sign of our Christian unity.

To our guests who are not Christians: We welcome you in the name of God and encourage you to participate in the service to whatever degree you feel comfortable. You are not required to say any of the responses or prayers along with us if you are not comfortable doing so. You are welcome amongst us as one of God's beloved children no matter what your level of participation in the worship service.

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

Ringing of the Bell (92 times)

The church bell is rung once for each year of the life of the deceased. This is a long-established custom of reflection on the life of the beloved, and is referred to in these words of 17th century English poet and priest John Donne: "Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

Opening Hymn: For All the Saints

Hymnal 1982 #287

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by
6
faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesus,
11
be for ever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

18

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
6. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful

24

dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are
war - riors com - eth rest; sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

29

strong. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
blest.

35

7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the saints tri - umph - ant

8. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through gates of pearl streams

41

rise in bright ar - ray; the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way. Al -

in the count - less host, sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

48

- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Anthems

BCP 491

Presider 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.

John 11:25-26

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.

Job 19:25-27

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.

Romans 14:7-8

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Revelation 14:13

Burial Collects

BCP 493

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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
Carlos, 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 Carlos's family and friends 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.**

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3

The New American Bible

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners,
To announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;
To place on those who mourn in Zion
a diadem instead of ashes,
To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.
They will be called oaks of justice,
planted by the LORD to show his glory.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.




Hymn: On Eagle's Wings

Gather #433

Verse 1



1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a -



bide in his shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My



ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the



breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and



hold you in the palm of his hand. *Last time to coda* \diamond *To verses* 2. The

Verse 2



snare of the fowl-er will nev - er cap-ture you, and



fam-ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings your

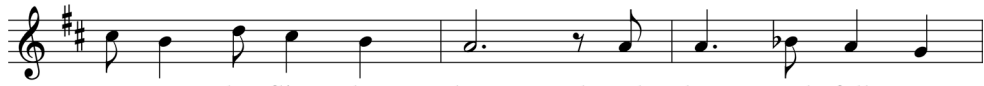


ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield. **D.S.**

Verse 3



3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the



ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -



bout you, near you it shall not come.

Verse 4



4. For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

⊕ Coda



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

The New American Bible

See what love the Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God! Yet that is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized the Son. Dearly beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall later be has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Simple Gifts

Hymnal 1982 #554

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to
bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Gospel Reading: John 11:21-27

The New American Bible

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People Glory to you, O Lord.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would never have died. Even now, I am sure that God will give you whatever you ask of him." "Your brother will rise again," Jesus assured her. "know he will rise again." Martha replied, "in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her: "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life; and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she replied. "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God: he who is to come into the world."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily: Canon Mark Hall

Affirmation of Faith

New Zealand Prayer Book p. 481

All You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
Who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

New Zealand Prayer Book

Intercessor Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for our world,
People the heavens tell of your glory;

Intercessor for our land, its beauty and its resources,
People for the rich heritage we enjoy.

Intercessor We pray:
for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
People that we may use your gifts responsibly;

Intercessor for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,
People that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation; 9

Intercessor for artists, scientists and visionaries,
People **that through their work we may see creation afresh.**

Silence

Intercessor We thank you for giving us life;
People **for all who enrich our experience.**

Intercessor We pray:
for all who through their own or others' actions are deprived
of fulness of life,

People **for prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick;**

Intercessor for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work,
and for your Church,

People **for all who seek to bring life to others.**

Silence

Intercessor We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
People **Give us reverence for life in your world.**

Intercessor We thank you for your redeeming love;
People **may your word and sacrament
strengthen us to love as you love us.**

Silence

Intercessor God, Creator, bring us new life.
People **Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.**

Intercessor Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

Intercessor blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; that has altered and
changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and
opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and
learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Because the sharing of the peace symbolizes being reconciled with one another before receiving communion, it is particularly appropriate to seek out anyone with whom you may have had a conflict recently and offer a sign of peace at this time.

† The Holy Communion †

Offertory Anthem

GATHER #485

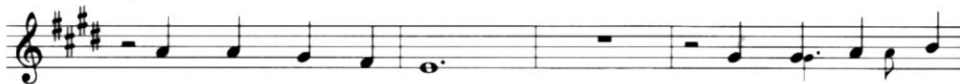
Verses 1, 2



1. A-wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your
2. We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of



sleep!
day. A new day is dawn - ing
The One who has loved us



for all those who weep. The peo - ple in
has bright-ened our way. The Lord of all



dark - ness have seen a great light. The Lord of our
kind - ness has called us to be a light for all



long - ing has con- quered the night.
peo - ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain 



Let us build the cit - y of God. May our tears be



turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our



love, has turned the night in - to day!

Verse 3



3. God is light; in him there is no

dark-ness. Let us walk in his light, his
 chil - dren, one and all.
 O com-fort my peo-ple; make gen-tle your
 words. Pro-claim to my cit-y
 the day of her birth. **D.S.**

Verse 4
 4. O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your
 voice. Pro-claim the good tid-ings
 that all may re - joice! **D.S.**

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369-372

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982 S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Presider And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread. Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Great Amen

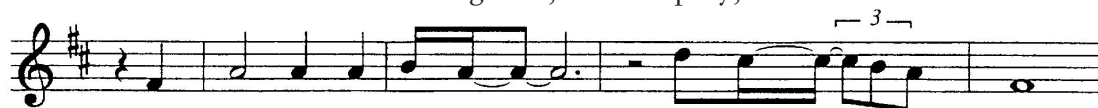
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The Lord's Prayer

Jack N. White

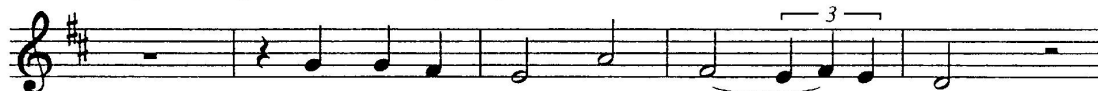
Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



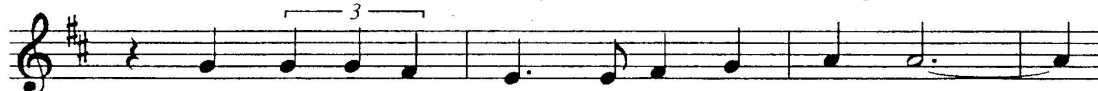
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven _ _ Hal - lowed be your name;



your king - dom come; your will be done on earth_ as in heav'n.



Give us to - day our dai - - ly bread.



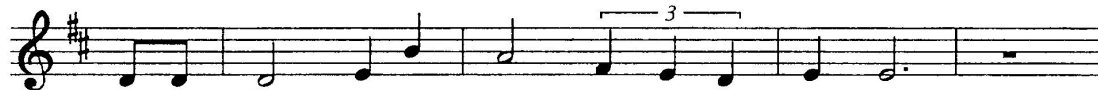
For - give us our sins as we for - give those _____



who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial_ _ _



and de - li - ver us from e - vil. _ _ for the king - dom the po - wer _ _



and the glo - ry are yours now and for - ev - er.



A - men, A - men, A - - men, A - men, A - men.

The celebrant breaks the bread.

The Fraction Anthem

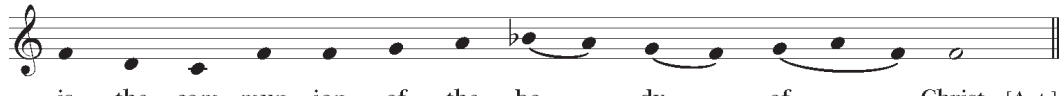
Hymnal 1982: S-171



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving communion is an act of renewing one's commitment to Christ and receiving grace to continue to follow him. Please join us in the circle, even if you choose not to receive communion, which you can indicate by crossing your arms over your chest as the servers come by. If you choose not to receive, the priest will say a blessing over you instead.

Distribution of Communion

The bread is distributed first. Please hold out your hands to indicate your desire to receive; the priest will place the bread in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available if needed; they are in a separate gold container on the paten (plate) with the bread.

The wine will be served in the common cup (chalice) and from a flagon (pitcher) that is not shared with others. To receive from the non-shared flagon, you must have brought a cup from home; hold out that cup as the servers come around so they can see that you would like to receive from the flagon instead of the chalice. At this time we are not allowing intinction, dipping the bread into the wine chalice. If you would like to abstain from the wine entirely, cross your arms over your chest when the wine comes by.

Communion Hymn: Morning Has Broken

Hymnal 1982 #8

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Communion Hymn: Dona Nobis Pacem

Hymnal 1982 #712

1
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis
2
pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
3
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na
no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a first ending bracket over the first two measures. The second staff begins with a second ending bracket over the first two measures. The third staff begins with a third ending bracket over the first two measures. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 498

Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Commendation

Presider Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Carlos with your saints,

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

Presider 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 Carlos with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Presider Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Carlos. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own

flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her 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

Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Come Away

Hymnal 1982: # 213



1. Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed a - rise — and re -
2. Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, — by our
3. For the glo - ry we were — first cre - a - ted to share, both the
4. We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love — which hath



5
joice in the day thou wast born; — on this me - mo - ri - al day, come ex -
heaven - ly Cre - a - tor be - stowed, — while full grace — we - re - ceive from God's
na - ture and king - dom di - vine! — Now cre - a - ted a - gain that our
joined us to Je - sus! — Name; — so u - ni - ted in heart, let us



11
ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn. —
boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God. —
lives — may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine. —
nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb. —

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Please join us for a reception
immediately following the service

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher:

The Rev. Canon Mark Hall

Assisting Priest:

The Rev. Eliza Linley, Interim Pastor

Organ & Piano:

William Visscher

First Reading:

Catherine Rowen

Second Reading:

Elizabeth Rowen

Chalice Bearers:

Debra Spencer, Jon Showalter

Altar Guild:

Kathy Butler, Lise Crowley, Andrew Pudan

Sexton:

Matt McCabe

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