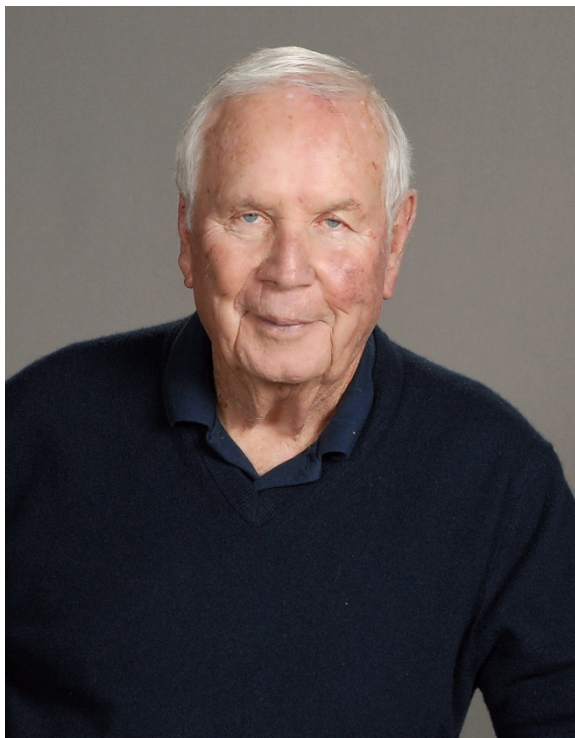


A Celebration of the Life of
Ray Woodson Wolfe

April 9, 1933 - December 8, 2023



Saturday, January 27, 2024
11 a.m.



The Episcopal Church of
St. John the Baptist

125 Canterbury Drive Aptos, CA 95003

“No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend’s or of thine own were; *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.*”

~John Donne

Prelude: Summertime

Gershwin, arr Andrew Carter

Played by Andrew Carter

Ringing of the Bell (90 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 the above words of 17th century English poet and priest John Donne.

Opening Anthems

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All stand while the following anthems are sung or said.

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.

Burial Collect

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. (Silence) O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered:
Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Ray,
and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy,
in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

† The Liturgy of the Word †

From the Old Testament

A reading from the Isaiah

Isaiah 25:6-9

New Revised Standard Version

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Psalm: Yahweh, I know You Are Near


GATHER #428

Refrain



Yah-weh, I know you are near, stand-ing al - ways
at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you
lead me in ways ev - er - last - ing.

Verses



1. Lord, you have searched my heart, and you
2. Where can I run from your love? If I
3. You know my heart and its ways, you who
4. Mar - vel - ous to me are your works; how pro -
know when I sit and when I stand. Your
climb to the heav - ens you are there; if I
formed me be - fore I was born in the
found are your thoughts, my Lord. E - ven
hand is up - on me pro - tect - ing me from death,
fly to the sun - rise or sail be - yond the sea,
se - cret of dark - ness be - fore I saw the sun
if I could count them, they num - ber as the stars. **D.C.**
keep - ing me from harm.
still I'd find you there.
in my moth - er's womb.
you would still be there.

Epistle Reading

A reading from Revelation.

Revelation 21:2-7

New Revised Standard Version

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

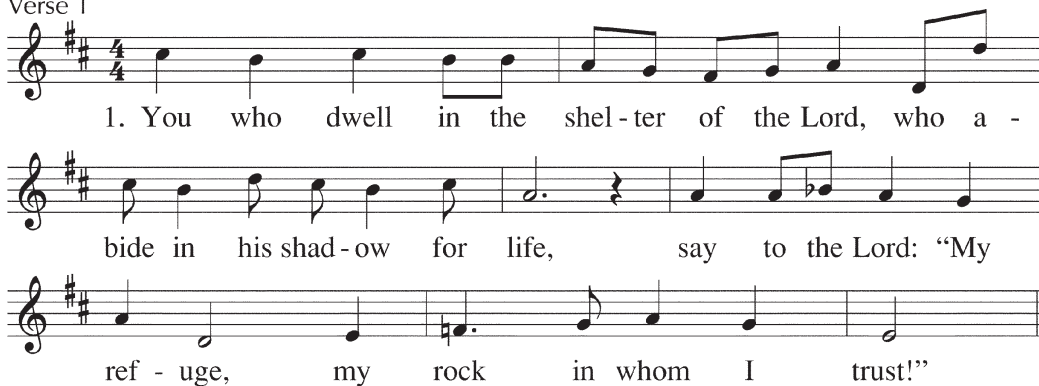
People Thanks be to God.

Remembrances by family and friends

Gradual 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



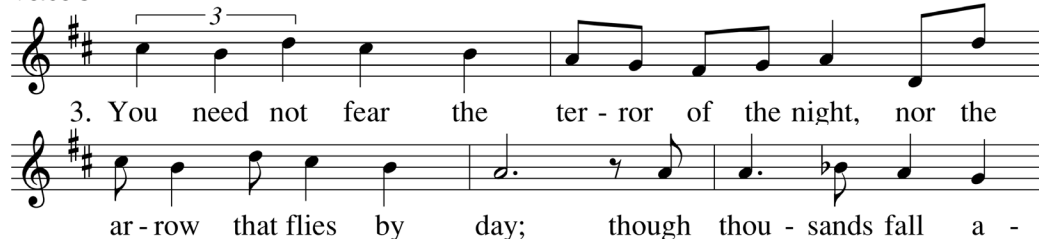
And he will raise you up on ea- gle's wings, bear you on the
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and
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hold you in the palm of his hand. 2. The

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 -

D.S.

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

D.S.

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

⊕ Coda

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

The Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

John 2:1-9

New Revised Standard Version

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily - The Rev. Laurel Johnston

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 496

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

All 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, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at 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.

Prayers of the People

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

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

Presider Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Ray, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

† The Holy Communion †

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
(Ephesians 5:2)

The Offertory

During the offertory portion of the service, we offer our gifts to God. At St. John's, that takes the form of both financial gifts and gifts of our time. Time donated is documented on a form and put in the offering plate along with financial offerings. If you're participating online, you can find links to donate on the Virtual Worship page of our website: www.st-john-aptos.org/virtual-worship.html.

Offertory Song: What a Wonderful World

George David Weiss / Robert Thiele

I see trees of green

Red roses too

I see them bloom

For me and you

And I think to myself

What a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue

And clouds of white

The bright blessed day

The dark sacred night

And I think to myself

What a wonderful world.

The colors of the rainbow

So pretty in the sky

Are also on the faces

Of people going by

I see friends shaking hands

Saying, "How do you do?"

They're really saying I love you.

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow

They'll learn much more

Than I'll ever know

And I think to myself

What a wonderful world.

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 367

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:

Santo, Santo Santo

WLP #785

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

The musical score is written for a four-part choir in 4/4 time. The top staff is the soprano line, and the bottom staff is the bass line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the word 'Santo'.

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel; 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.

People: **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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The celebrant breaks the bread.

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

For Online Participants: Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those not physically present to receive communion can say this prayer while communion is being distributed: "In union, O Lord, with the faithful of St. John's, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen." If you live in Santa Cruz County and would like someone to bring you communion at home, please contact the church office at 831-708-2278 or email LEVs@st-john-aptos.org.

Communion Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life

Hymnal 1982 #335

1 I am the bread of life; they who
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the
 4 I am the re-sur-rec-tion,
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be-lieve that

1 come to me shall not hun-ger; they who be-
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
 4 I am the life. They who be-
 5 you are the Christ, the

1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with-
 4 lieve in me, e-ven if they
 5 Son of God who has

1 me un-less the Fa-ther draw them.
 2 ev-er. they shall live for ev-er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with-in you.
 4 die, they shall live for ev-er.
 5 come in-to the world.

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them
up, and I will raise them up on the
last day.

1-4

Final Ending

2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes,

Communion Hymn: I am the Bread of Life

Hymnal 1982 #335

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.
Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Post-Communion Prayer

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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 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 everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Let's Go Fly a Kite

Richard Sherman / Robert Sherman

With tuppence for paper and strings
You can have your own set of wings
With your feet on the ground
You're a bird in a flight
With your fist holding tight
To the string of your kite
Oh, oh, oh!

Let's go fly a kite
Up to the highest height!
Let's go fly a kite and send it soaring
Up through the atmosphere
Up where the air is clear
Oh, let's go fly a kite!

When you send it flyin' up there
All at once you're lighter than air
You can dance on the breeze
Over 'ouses and trees
With your first 'olding tight
To the string of your kite
Oh, oh, oh!

Let's go fly a kite
Up to the highest height!
Let's go fly a kite and send it soaring
Up through the atmosphere
Up where the air is clear
Oh, let's go fly a kite!

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Serving Today at 10:30

Presider: The Rev. Eliza Linley, Interim Pastor
Preacher: The Rev. Laurel Johnston
Clergy: The Rev. John Duncan, Assisting Priest
Music: Andrew Carter, Director of Music Ministries
Acolyte: Andrew Pudan
Hebrew Scripture: Charles Greenleaf
Epistle: Janet Duncan
Intercessor: Karen Greenleaf
Psalms Leader/ LEM: Debra Spencer
Ushers: John Melvin, Jeanne O'Grady and Jon Showalter
Altar Guild: Cindy Phillips, Wilma Staver, Eileen Fernald, Tina Grubbe, Andrew Pudan
Flowers arranged by: Andrew Pudan

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