

Saint John's Anglican Church

ESTABLISHED 1924

THE
BURIAL *of the* DEAD

JUNE 6, 2024



ALAN RICHARD POTTS

AUGUST 8, 1945 – MAY 31, 2024

Prelude: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" by Karl Osterland

The People stand for the tolling of the bells.

RECEPTION OF THE BODY

The Officiant meets the body at the door of the church and says

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother Alan for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that he will raise him to perfection in the company of the saints.

Silence is kept; after which the Officiant says

O Sovereign Lord Christ, we beseech thee to deliver thy servant, Alan, from all evil, and set him free from every bond; that he may rest with all thy saints in the eternal habitations; where thou livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care upon God, and know the consolation of his love.

Silence is kept; after which the Officiant says

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of thy servants for whom we pray. Remember them, O Lord, in mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The funeral pall is draped over the casket at this time.



PROCESSION OF THE BODY

The People remain standing while the following anthems are said

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.

John 11:25-26

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though after my skin hath been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh shall I see God:
whom I shall see for myself,
and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

Job 19:25-27

For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
For whether we live, we live unto the Lord;
and whether we die, we die unto the Lord:
Whether we live therefore, or die
we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:7-9

We brought nothing into this world,
and it is certain we can carry nothing out.
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away;
blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord;
Even so, saith the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Revelation 14:13

OPENING HYMN

The People remain standing.



1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in
2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the
3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing
4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in



death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My
sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose
mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He
death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My



days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing
truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed, and feeds the
helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -
days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing



last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.
less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

THE GREETING

The People standing, the Officiant says

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel as able.

THE COLLECT

The Officiant prays

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ didst destroy death and bring life and immortality to light: Grant that thy servant Alan, being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Officiant continues

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with those who mourn. Surround them with thy love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in thy goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

Reader A reading from Isaiah, beginning with the twenty-fifth chapter, the sixth verse.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM
Psalm 23 (King James Version)



- 1 The Lord is my **shepherd**; *
I shall not **want**.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green **pastures**: *
he leadeth me beside the still **waters**.
- 3 He restoreth my **soul**: *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's **sake**.
- 4 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**.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine **enemies**: *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth **over**.
- 6 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**.

THE SECOND LESSON
Romans 8:14-19, 34-39

Reader A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, beginning with the eighth chapter, the fourteenth verse.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not

worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

The People stand.

Verses 1-3 are sung before the Gospel; verses 4-6 are sung after.



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

THE GOSPEL
John 15:9-16

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

The People sit.

THE SERMON
The Rev. Sam Wilgus

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Officiant invites the people to stand and says

Let us confess the Faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

Officiant and People

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People kneel as able.

The appointed reader says the following prayers.

Let us pray, saying, "Hear our prayer."

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in heaven and on earth, thy light and thy peace.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

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.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

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.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

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.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust Alan 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.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

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.

Reader Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

The Officiant concludes with the following prayer.

Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in thine 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, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Officiant addresses the People.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Then People may be seated for Announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Officiant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

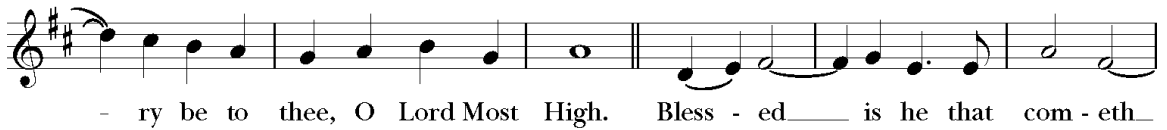
THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Our Life Has Its Seasons” by Allen Pote

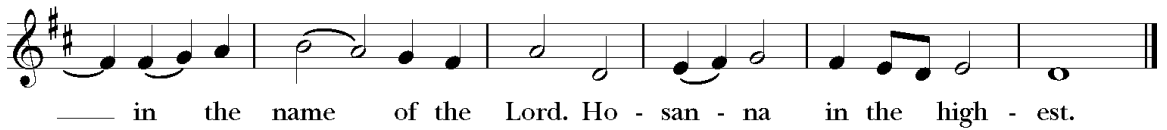
This anthem was composed in 2010 to honor Alan Potts.



Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full — of thy glo - ry. Glo -



- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed — is he that com - eth —



— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

As the Celebrant continues, the People kneel as able.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify with thy Word and Holy Spirit these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink, ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty with these, thy holy gifts, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ and through faith in his Blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

The Celebrant and People together sing

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and says

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

The People respond

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table; but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant and People

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

Facing the People, the Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All persons who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion but wish to receive a blessing, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intention.

COMMUNION HYMN

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,
 your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The people kneel as able.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION

The Officiant and other ministers take their places at the body.

Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

All **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so didst thou decree, saying, “Thou art dust, and to dust shalt thou return.” All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

The Officiant, facing the body, says

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Alan. 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 Officiant blesses the People

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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

A Deacon or other Minister dismisses the People.

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The People stand as the body is borne from the church.

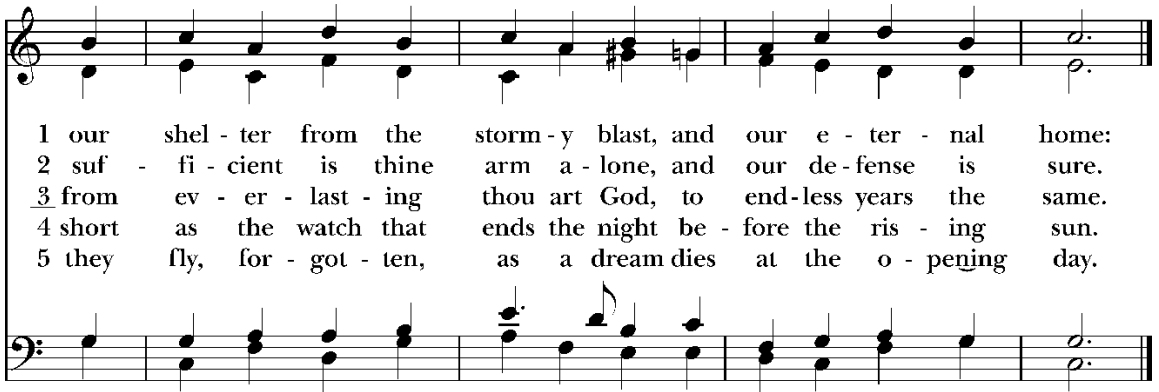
The recession begins with the solemn ringing of bells and continues with the Recessional Hymn.



RECESSIONAL HYMN



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Postlude: "La Grace" by Georg Philipp Telemann

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE,
ALL ARE INVITED TO A RECEPTION IN GREGORY HALL.