

The 23rd Psalm

<i>The Lord is my Shepherd –</i>	<i>That's Relationship</i>
<i>I shall not want –</i>	<i>That's Supply</i>
<i>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures –</i>	<i>That's Rest</i>
<i>He leadeth me beside still waters –</i>	<i>That's Refreshment</i>
<i>He restoreth my soul –</i>	<i>That's Healing</i>
<i>He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness –</i>	<i>That's Guidance</i>
<i>For His Name sake –</i>	<i>That's Purpose</i>
<i>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death –</i>	<i>That's Testing</i>
<i>I will fear no evil –</i>	<i>That's Protection</i>
<i>For Thou art with me –</i>	<i>That's Faithfulness</i>
<i>Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me –</i>	<i>That's Discipline</i>
<i>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies –</i>	<i>That's Hope</i>
<i>Thou anointest my head with oil –</i>	<i>That's Consecration</i>
<i>My cup runneth over –</i>	<i>That's Abundance</i>
<i>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life –</i>	<i>That's Blessing</i>
<i>And I will dwell in the house of the Lord –</i>	<i>That's Security</i>
<i>Forever –</i>	<i>That's Eternity</i>

A Service in Celebration of the Life of Stephen Hollyday Rosser

June 29, 1954 – January 18, 2024



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Tampa, Florida
April 27, 2024 at Two O'Clock

The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two

Hymns may be found in the blue hymnals in the pew racks.

Prelude

Choral Introit *John Goss (1800-1880)*

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,
Write, From henceforth, blessed are the dead which die in
the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit: for they rest from their
labours; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 14:13

Hymn 657 *stand Love divine, all loves excelling Hyfrydol*

Anthems S-381

(Ant.) 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. (Ant.)

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. (Ant.)

Anthem *sit*

Barry Mann & Cynthia Weil

There's a new world comin'. and it's just around the bend.
There's a new world comin', this one's comin' to an end.
There's a new voice callin', you can hear it if you try.
And its growin' stronger with each day that passes by.
There's a brand new mornin', rising clear and sweet and
free.

There's a new day dawnin', that belongs to you and me.
Yes, a new world's comin', the one we've had visions of

Hymn 356 *stand May choirs of angels lead you to Paradise on high*

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to a reception in the parish hall immediately following the service

Celebrant

The Rev. Canon Thomas Williams

Assisting Priest

The Rev. John Reese

Organist

Dwight Thomas

Choral Director

Coleman Flentge

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Wallace Dixon

Paula Stewart

Acolyte

Joe Scheuer

As the hart longs for the water springs,
So longs my soul for thee, O God.
My soul has thirsted for the living God:
When shall I come and appear before the face of my God?
My tears have been my bread by day and by night,
While it is said to me daily: Where is your God?

Psalm 42

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

The people kneel

Celebrant and People: 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 Priest may bless the people.

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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. (Ant.)

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

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 Stephen, 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.**

The people sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Psalm 23 *Sung by the choir* *C. Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)*

The LORD is my shepherd; *
Therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture; *
And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul; *
And bring me forth 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 shalt prepare a table before me, against them that
trouble me; *
Thou has anointed my head with oil;
And my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost, *
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Agnus Dei

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Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in
remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in
your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion

Anthem

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour,
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

From the Burial Office of the Book of Common Prayer

Anthem

G.P. Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.
Sitiivit anima mea ad Deum fortem vivum:
quando veniam et apparebo ante faciem Dei?
Fuerunt mihi lacrymae meae panes die ac nocte,
dum dicitur mihi quotidie: Ubi est Deus tuus?*

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Epistle

Revelation 7:9-17

Betsy Scheuer, *lector*

A Reading from the Revelation to John

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 458 (St. 1,2,7) *stand* *My song is love unknown*

The Gospel

John 11:21-27

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

According to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother, Lazarus, would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflections *sit*

Aubrey J. Rosser, Jr.

Maureen McCarthy

Irene Baker

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Thomas Williams

The people kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Great Thanksgiving *stand*

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S-130

**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.

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

**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

George Western

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

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us Lord.

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

Hear us Lord.

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

Celebrant: Father of all, we pray to you for Stephen 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.

Greetings *sit*

The Holy Communion

Anthem

Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city,
new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor
crying, neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:1-4