



IN CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING OF THE LIFE OF

David B. J. Adams

October 17, 1941 - May 1, 2024

Burial of the Dead, Rite I

Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 1:00 pm



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From the *Book of Common Prayer*

The Liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the Resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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.

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Settings on 'Hymn to Joy'

Robert Hobby (b. 1962), Benjamin Culli (b. 1975)

The people stand.

THE OPENING ANTHEM

Officiant

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.

THE OPENING HYMN • 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

William Williams

THE COLLECT

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 46

Read in unison

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,
and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved:
he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,
what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;
he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;
he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The people stand.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN • 439

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 5:24-27

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, “ Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

REMEMBRANCE SONG

Come unto me from 'Messiah'

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

EULOGIES

Patti McGill Peterson, and Tom Willis

THE HOMILY

Father Santiago Rodriguez

The people stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

**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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

All

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

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.**

Grant us grace to entrust David 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.**

REQUIEM HYMN

Pie Jesu from 'Requiem'

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

THE COMMENDATION

Officiant

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.

Officiant

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant, David. 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 people stand.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

CLOSING HYMN • 645

The King of love my shepherd is

Henry William Baker

VOLUNTARY

Chorale

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

Please join us for a reception following the service in the Merrow Hall Auditorium on the Third Floor. Also, please join us for an interment of ashes service on Tuesday, April 28, 2025 at the memorial garden of William & Mary (121 Ukrop Way, Williamsburg, VA 23185).

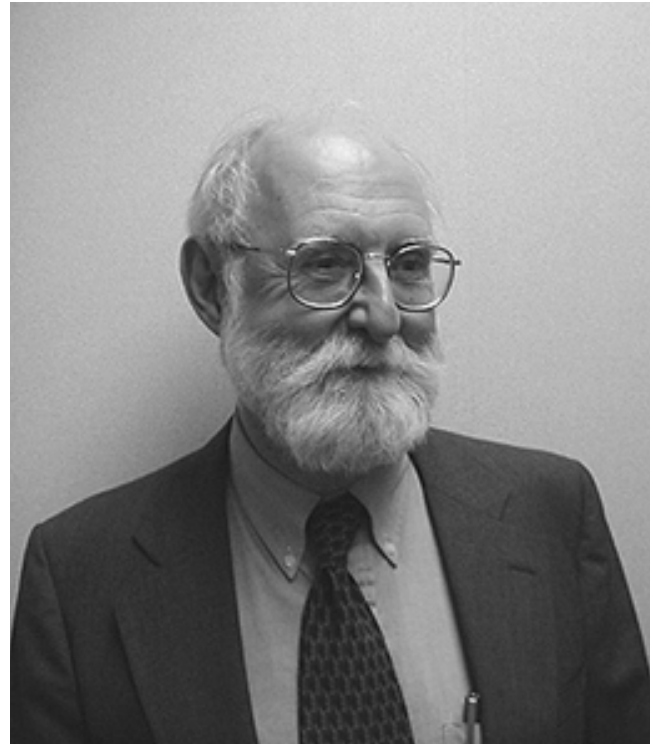
THOSE SERVING TODAY

<i>Officiant & Preacher</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Organist</i>	Alain Truche
<i>Soloist</i>	Reba Winstead, Soprano
<i>Acolyte</i>	Stephanie Reed
<i>Lector</i>	Anne Boris
<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris



David B. J. Adams

David B. J. Adams, 82, died Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 at St. Peter Providence hospital in Olympia, WA. He was born October 17, 1941 in Key West, FL. David received his baccalaureate degree from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA in 1963 and his doctorate in political science from the University of Chicago in 1977.



David was a specialist in the history of Thailand and taught political science before becoming Area Chief for East Asia and the Pacific for the Fulbright Scholarship

Program at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars in Washington, D.C. David was especially proud of his lifetime achievement award from the Association for Asian Studies.

David was a devout Episcopalian. His faith in God sustained him. His hope that knowledge dispels darkness drove him. His love was a gift he gave freely to all.

The interment of his remains will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2025 at the memorial garden of William & Mary.