

Burial of the Dead

From the Book of Common Prayer, 1928

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Donald Elmer Smith

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THE ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

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PRELUDE

Prayer

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

All stand.

THE OPENING ANTHEM

The Minister shall say,

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.

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.

OPENING HYMN WLP 810

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



“And I 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 my hand.”

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING - PSALM XLVI.

Read By Michael Tyner

Lector A reading from the book of Psalms.

God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof rage and swell, and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her, and that right early.

Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lector Here ends the reading.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM CXXI

Read By David Jordan

Lector A reading from the book of Psalms.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; from whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Lector Here ends the reading.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING - ROMANS VIII. 14.

Read By Phyllis Richardson

Lector A reading from the book of Romans.

As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector Here ends the reading.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 * 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me to
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am - found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL - ST. JOHN XIV. 1.

Priest The Holy Gospel is written in the Fourteenth Chapter of John, beginning at the First Verse.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated.

EULOGY

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THE HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Anne Michele Turner

The people stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER

Priest And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Priest The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Priest Let us pray.

Remember thy servant, O Lord, according to the favour which thou bearest unto thy people, and 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. **Amen.**

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee our God; and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend thy servant Don, our dear brother, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Savior, beseeching thee that he may be precious in thy sight. Wash him, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that, whatsoever defilements he may have contracted in the midst of this earthly life being purged and done away, he may be presented pure and without spot before thee; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,
People **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**
Celebrant 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.
People **Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**
Celebrant Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Don. 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 BLESSING

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.**

CLOSING HYMN 8

Morning Has Broken

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!_____

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THE DISMISSAL

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

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

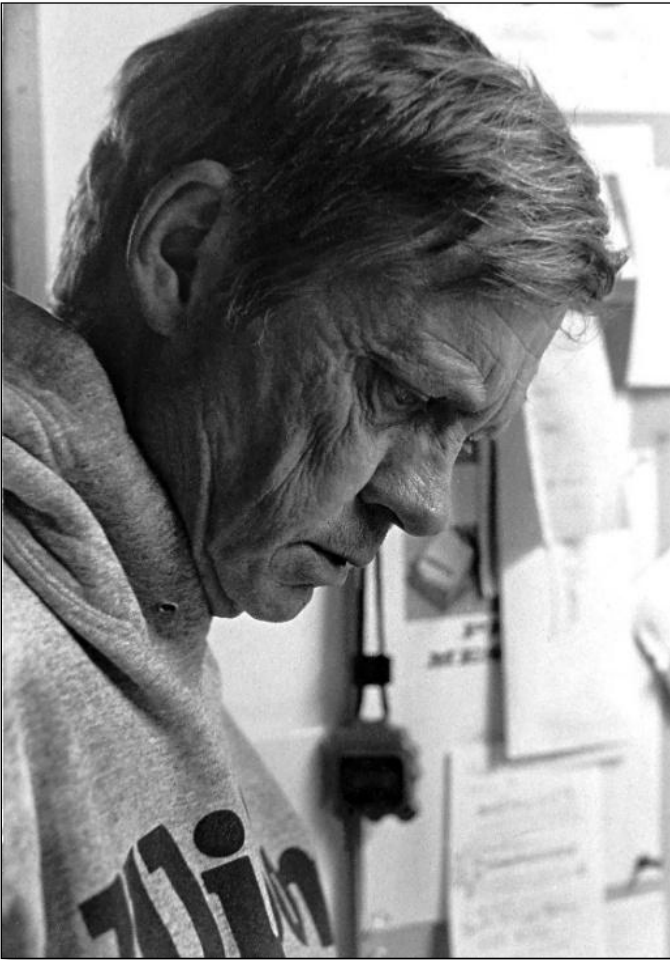
VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Donald Elmer Smith

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Don died at home from complications from a fall. He spent his childhood in Dickenson County, Virginia. Although the Smiths relocated to Richmond in the early 1950s, Don always called Southwest Virginia home.

After graduating from Highland Springs High School, he worked for VDOT surveying what is now Interstate 66 followed by a stint in the Virginia National Guard in 1964/'65. He attended Richmond Polytechnical Institute at night, graduating with an associate's degree in science from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1970. Don relocated to Alexandria in 1975, bringing his knowledge of construction specifications and technology to many DC area architecture firms. He used to joke that he built most of Tyson's Corners! He taught a class in construction documents at Northern Virginia Community College. He insisted that students each have a dictionary, teaching that misspelled words can cause the documents to be null and void. He retired as the Director of Technical

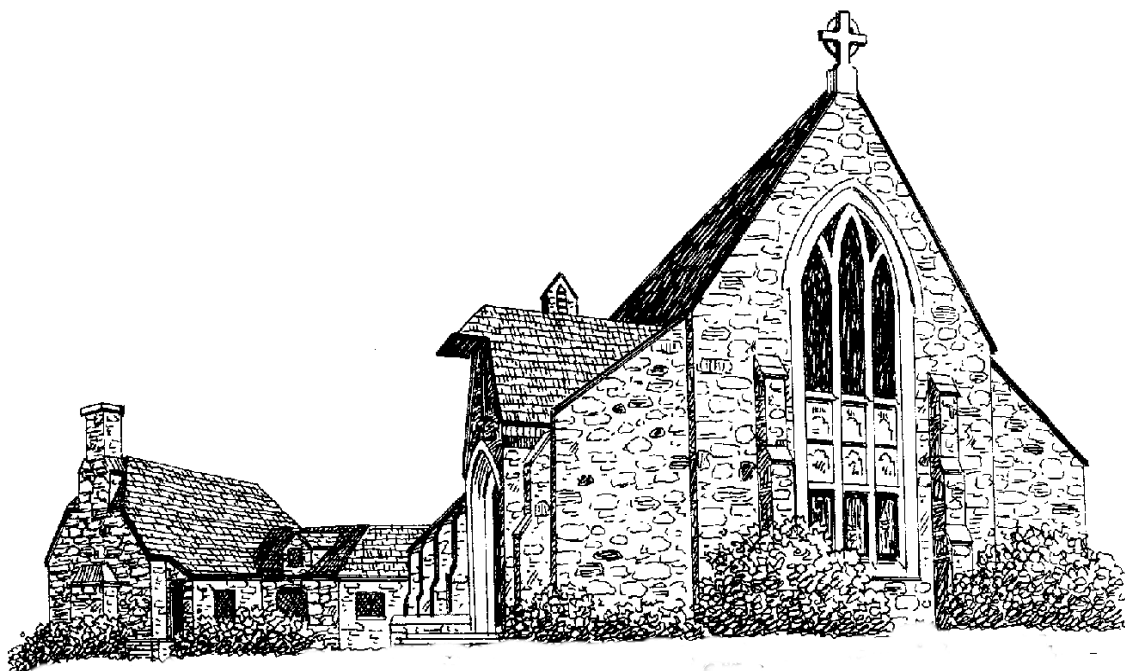
Services for the Assoc. of the Wall and Ceiling Industry in 2013. Don was responsible for leading AWCI's codes, standards, safety, and technical services efforts specific to the wall and ceiling construction industry. He also wrote technical oriented articles for the association and was the staff liaison and coordinated all activities of the Construction Technology Council (CTC), as well as any CTC committees, subcommittees, and task forces.

Don was a talented carpenter designing and building custom pieces and furniture for popular 18" dolls which he sold at crafts fairs. He shipped the woodworking plans nationwide in the 1990's & early 2000's sharing building tips with fellow fathers & grandfathers via a toll-free number. He co-chaired the building committee of the Beverly Hills Church Pre-School playground in 1984. He was not too proud to strap a tool belt around his waist and go out as an independent "handy man" and home project manager when commercial construction experienced a down turn. With his "lending library" of tools, he was well known in his neighborhood for helping/teaching younger homeowners how to do their own home repairs.

Active with the Alexandria Jaycees, he served as president in 1977-1978. He was elected a Key Man in 1979. He played the snare drum in the Alexandria Pipes and Drums band when he first came to town. He served as team representative for the Chinquapin “Wahoos” swim team in the 1990’s, and was active with Potomac Valley Swimming, helping to draft guidelines for legal starts for deaf swimmers. They were incorporated into the Official Rule Book of USA Swimming. Several deaf Olympians have benefited from these efforts. After Hurricane Isabel hit Alexandria in 2003, he was an original member of Alexandria’s Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT). He was an active volunteer supporting the annual Antiques in Alexandria show helping to raise funds for TWIG, The Athenaeum, and The Alexandria Association. A passionate “HAM”, he was active in the world of Amateur Radio: call sign KI4FON. Among other events, he helped to facilitate communications at the Marine Corps marathon. He designed and built antennae and radios.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Newbold “Newbie” Richardson, and two daughters, graduates of Grace Episcopal School: Anne “Woodie” Smith of Alexandria, Ruth Yeeling Anderson of Atlanta GA, and five grandchildren. His son, Scott, predeceased him in 2018.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to: The Foundation of the Wall and Ceiling Industry
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