



Charles Curtis Pease

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Memorial Service, Rite I

Saturday, August 3, 2024, 1:00 pm



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Memorial Service

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

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Performed by Dan Bellay

The people stand.

THE OPENING ANTHEM

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 • 608

Eternal Father, strong to save

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 Charlie, 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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

Lector A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 23

Read in unison

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

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; 10 but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN • 482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all Joy

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-12

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

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

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.'

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

THE EULOGIES

Jennifer Pease, Michael Pease, Nathan Pease

THE REMEMBRANCE SONG

O mio babbino caro

Puccini

Performed by Patricia Finn Rapejko

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 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 Charlie 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.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE BIDDING

Officiant

Go forth upon thy journey from this world, O Christian soul;

In the name of God the Father Almighty who created thee;

In the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for thee;

In the name of the Holy Ghost who strengtheneth thee.

In communion with the blessed saints,

and aided by Angels and Archangels,

and all the armies of the heavenly host,

may thy portion this day be in peace,

and thy dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem.

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.

Officiant & People:

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 people stand.

THE NAVAL BENEDICTION

Officiant May God grant Fair Winds and Following Seas to our brother Charlie.

People **May his memory be ever sacred in our hearts.**

Officiant Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.

People **And let perpetual light shine upon him.**

Officiant May he rest in peace. **Amen.**

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN • 376

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

VOLUNTARY

Grand Choer

Theodore Salome (1834-1896)

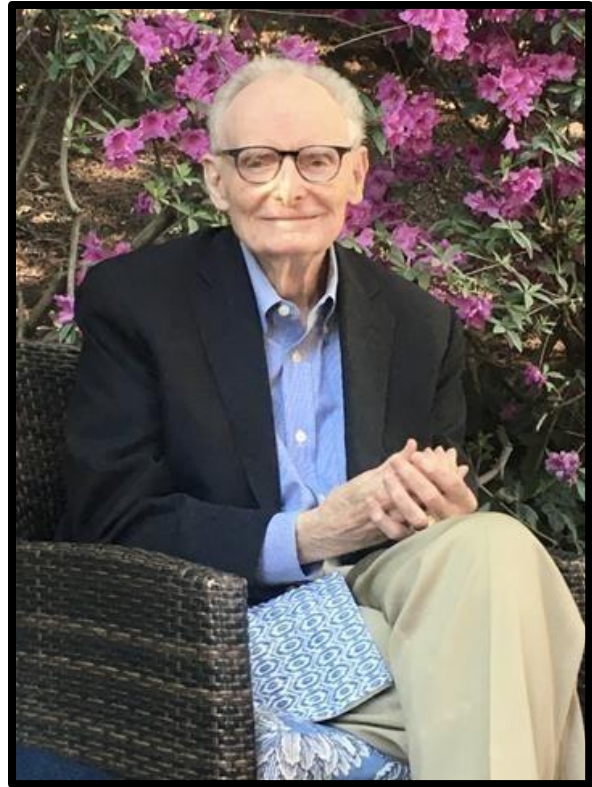
Following the service, please join us for a reception in the Merrow Hall Auditorium, located on the third floor.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

<i>Officiant & Preacher</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	Mother Jenny Montgomery
<i>Organist</i>	Dr. John Stowe
<i>Lectors</i>	Chardee Watowich, Daryl Pease
<i>Acolytes</i>	John Barker, Barry Joyner
<i>Ushers</i>	Brad Bergmann, Sherryl Dodd, Bill Eckel, Nancy Robinson
<i>Livestream Crew</i>	Geoff Whitlock

Charles “Charlie” Curtis Pease

Captain Charles (Charlie) Pease, USN (Ret.) was born on September 5th, 1936 in Worcester, Massachusetts. The son of an Episcopalian minister, the Pease family moved west to Yuma Arizona and then to San Francisco where Charlie’s father served in the Red Cross during World War II. After the war, they moved to San Clemente for two years and then settled in Fullerton, California. In 1955, he entered the Naval Academy as a member of the class of ‘59. On leave in 1958 he met his future wife, Susan (Suzi) Ray of Orinda, CA. Their romance blossomed and following graduation from the academy and flight school they were married in December 1960.



Charlie’s 26-year naval career spanned the most perilous years of the Cold War. In the early years, he served as a seaplane pilot patrolling the western Pacific, then earned a master’s degree in the new field of Operations Research. He served aboard the USS Kitty Hawk as Assistant Navigator and Preventive Maintenance Officer, then continued his aviation career as a P3 pilot, tracking Soviet nuclear submarines in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean. During this period, he flew in Patrol Squadron 45 and later commanded Patrol Squadron 16. In the late 70’s, while assigned to NATO’s southern headquarters, Charlie planned and assessed multinational exercises in the Mediterranean. His last duty assignment was at the Pentagon’s renowned Office of Net Assessment (ONA). While at ONA, Charlie and his CIA co-author wrote the lead volume of the 1983 top-secret US and Soviet Strategic Forces Net Assessment.

After retirement, Charlie continued his career as a Naval Analyst for the United Technologies Corporation Study Group, and Senior Cost Analyst for the EG&G proposal group, before starting his own cost proposal consulting business.

During his years in the Navy, the family moved frequently between coasts and overseas, including the Philippines and Naples, Italy. They lived in the Beverly Hills neighborhood of Alexandria, VA during his first assignment to the Pentagon in the mid-60’s and then returned in 1979, where

Charlie and Suzi lived until moving to Falcons Landing in 2014, which Charlie liked to say was “the cruise ship that never moves”.

Charlie and Suzi loved to travel, visiting every continent except Antarctica during their 63 year marriage. In addition to multiple European adventures, they also visited Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, India, South Africa, Israel, Syria, Egypt and Peru.

Charlie was also an avid tennis player, participating in multiple tennis groups. He had a reputation for having a “wicked underspin” and was known for his great sportsmanship on the court. He joined the walking group at Falcons and was an ambassador for the community, welcoming new residents with a smile and firm handshake. He was also known for his gentle and kind nature and was a great hugger, especially during his final months at Falcon’s memory care unit.

Charlie passed peacefully on June 12th, surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife, Suzi, his children Michael and Jennifer, their spouses Leslie and Scott, and grandsons Nathan and Ben, and sister Dorothy.

A funeral service and inurnment ceremony will be held on Friday, September 27th at 10:30 am at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

The family would like to honor his memory through donations to the Alzheimer’s Association and Insight Memory Care in Fairfax, Virginia.

