

Memorial Service in Celebration of the Life of

LEIGH W. POLAND

1948-2022



St Dunstan's Episcopal Church
Saturday, June 24, 2023
1:00pm

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

Concerning the Service:

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 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.”

Their 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 the one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we walk with sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

The congregation is encouraged to participate throughout the service. Congregational responses are printed in bold type.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude Finale (from Sonata VI in D minor)

Felix Mendelssohn

All stand at the tolling of the bell.

Scripture Anthem

Priest I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die.
And everyone who has life, and has committed themselves to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

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.

For none of us has life in ourselves,
and none become their own master when they die.
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.

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

The Collect

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Leigh.
We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love
as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion,
console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life,
so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by
your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 405 All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

Descant

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

All are seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

Reader—Hersch Loomis

Every aspect of life has its time. God has made everything suitable for its season. There is a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to seek and a time to lose. The author (who fictionally is King Solomon) refers to himself as Qobeleth, which is variously translated as Teacher, Preacher, or Philosopher. He has concluded that this is all humans can know in a mortal life that is God's gift to enjoy as long as one lives.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 A Psalm of David

Reader— Elizabeth Pasquinelli

Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

- 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.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Reader— *Arthur Pasquinelli*

Paul continues his discussion of spiritual gifts by placing them all within the context of the greatest gift of love. Unless the members of the church are anchored in the love of God found in Christ, all other gifts and expressions of the Holy Spirit are without value. The love of God is both the source and end of all spiritual gifts. Faith and hope, too, are chief among the gifts, but the measure of all things is love.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All stand

Gospel Hymn 671 Amazing Grace

New Britain

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
 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.

John 17:24-26

Jesus prays for the unity of his present and future disciples with the Father and himself. This is the closing of what has been called Jesus' high-priestly prayer. The unity for which he asks reaches deeper than outward signs or human comprehension. It is the oneness of the Father's love in the Son and of the Son in the Father. This love Jesus has made known and it indwells his followers. Their unity will be a witness to the world. Jesus prays that his disciples may behold and share in the glory given to him through the Father's love before the world began.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated

Eulogy

Mary Poland

The Homily

The Rev. Laurel Cooté

After the homily a brief silence is kept.

The Apostles' Creed

All stand

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

Priest I believe in God, the Father almighty,
and creator of heaven and earth.
People 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.

The Prayers

Reader— Beth Heston

Leader For our brother Leigh, 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 Leigh, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

Leader Comfort all who mourn, especially: Mary, Ashleigh, Austin and Leigh’s family and
friends; Let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Priest Father of all, we pray to you for Leigh, and for all those whom we love but see
no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May
him soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in
peace. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you**

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Welcome *All are seated*

Anthem The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*John Rutter
St. Dunstan's Choir*

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 the light of his countenance upon you.
And give you peace.
Amen.

Priest And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:

People **O**ur 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 Commendation *All remain standing.*

Priest **G**ive rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints.

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

Priest You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Priest Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Leigh.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Priest **T**he 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.**

The Dismissal

Priest **A**lleluia! Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Lasst uns erfreuen

All stand

Unison

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Postlude Fuga (from Sonata VI in D minor)

Felix Mendelssohn

The family will move to the columbarium for the private inurnment of Leigh.

Following the postlude, all guests are invited to move to the reception in the Parish Hall.

“Death takes the body.
Our mind holds the memories.
Our hearts keep the love.
Our faith lets us know we will meet again.”

Preacher

The Rev. Laurel Coote

Crucifer

Joe Heston

Eulogist

Mary Poland

Lectors

Hersch Loomis

Elizabeth Pasquinelli

Arthur Pasquinelli

Intercessor

Beth Heston

Organist

Nicholas Mourlam

Florals

Sally Voss

Reception

Jeffrey's Catering

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and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity,
culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability*

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