



A Requiem Eucharist
Celebrating the Life
of
The Right Reverend Duncan Montgomery Gray, Jr.
VII Bishop of Mississippi
September 21, 1926 - July 15, 2016

July 19, 2016
Two o'clock in the afternoon

The Cathedral Parish of St. Andrew
Jackson, Mississippi

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. 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.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude Medley of Easter Hymns

At the chiming of the bells, all stand and sing.

Opening Hymn, H-1982 (Blue Hymnal) #287 For all the saints *Sine Nomine*

Opening Anthems Book of Common Prayer (BCP), page 491

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

Salutation and Collect BCP, page 493

Celebrant 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 Duncan, 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.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Duncan's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All are now seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

First Lesson, Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139 *Read by all, in unison*

¹ LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

² You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

⁴ You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

⁶ Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

⁸ If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

⁹ Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

¹⁰ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

¹¹ Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Second Lesson, Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When

we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All now stand and sing.

Sequence Hymn, H-1982 #541 Come, labor on *Ora Labora*

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel, John 11:21-27

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother 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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily The Rev. Canon David H. Johnson

Apostles' Creed BCP, page 496

All now stand and the Celebrant says:

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

All continue together

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 BCP, page 497

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

The Celebrant then prays

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother, Duncan, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Ministry of the Table

Presentation Hymn, H-1982 #460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

All stand at the invitation of the Celebrant.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, page 361

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.

Here a Proper Preface is said, and the service continues on page 362 of the BCP.

Sanctus, H-1982 # S-129 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Robert Powell

Memorial Acclamation

The Celebrant and people say together:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer BCP, page 364

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.

Holy Communion

The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

For Holy Communion, receive the bread in the open palms. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking, placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it, or by carefully dipping the bread in the chalice. If you'd prefer not to receive Holy Communion but would instead like a blessing, please come forward and indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymns

Hymnal 1982 #469 There's a wideness in God's mercy St. Helena

Hymnal 1982 #304 I come with joy Land of Rest

Hymnal 1982 #645 The King of love St. Columba

Post Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #680 O God, our help in ages past St. Anne

Post Communion Prayer BCP, page 498

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 Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

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

The Celebrant continues

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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.

The Celebrant, facing the body, then says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Duncan. 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.

Blessing of the People

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all persons. Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn, H-1982 #347 Go forth for God

Litton

Celebrant

The Right Reverend Brian R. Seage, X Bishop of Mississippi

Preacher

The Reverend Canon David H. Johnson

Deacon

The Reverend Deacon Carol Borne Spencer

Bishop's Chaplain

The Reverend Canon Brian Ponder

Pallbearers

Duncan G. Clark

J. Elliott Clark

Shelton D. Clark, Jr.

Tillman J. Finley

Duncan M. Gray, IV

Lloyd S. Gray, Jr

Peter W. Gray

Readers

Isabel M. Gray

Lloyd S. Gray, Sr.

Mary E. Gray

Ruth Finley Knight

Oblation Bearers

Catherine Gray Clark

Anne Gray Finley

Ministers of Communion

The Reverend Hailey W. Allin

The Reverend Canon Jennifer Deaton

The Reverend David A. Elliott, III

The Reverend Ann McLemore

The Reverend Dr. Richard T. Middleton, III

The Reverend Annwn Hawkins Myers

Vergers

Mike Flannes

Margaret McLarty

Acolytes

Tabitha Agany Ajak

Susan Cain

Anne Dulske

Dawn Flannes

Andrew McLarty

Lecia Spriggs

Bob Thompson

Choirmaster

Royce Boyer

Organist

Rob Robertson

Internment will take place at the Canton Cemetery, Canton, MS