

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

THE REVEREND JESS H. STRIBLING, JR.



SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

1:00 P.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

OPENING ANTHEMS

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Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop 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 Jess, 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.**

HYMN 191: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hyfrydol



1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heav'n - ward
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is
3. Christ is ri - sen, Christ, the first - fruits of the ho - ly har - vest
4. Christ is ri - sen, we are ri - sen! Shed up - on us heav'n - ly
5. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on



raise: sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a
born, glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur -
field, which will all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond
grace, rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness
high; Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the



hymn of praise. He, who on the cross a vic - tim,
- rec - tion morn. Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer
com - ing yield: then the gol - den ears of har - vest
of thy face; that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing,
vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit,

for the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus Christ, the
 by his might - y en - ter - prise: we with him to
 will their heads be - fore him wave, ri - pened by his
 we on earth may fruit - ful be, and by an - gel
 fount of love and sanc - ti - ty: Al - le - lu - ia,

King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
 glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
 hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.
 al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

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.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130 (sung by the choir)

Plainsong

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
 O LORD, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *
 more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
 for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE SECOND LESSON

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

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.

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HYMN 688: A mighty fortress is our God

Ein feste Burg

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

People 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.

THE PRAYERS

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For our brother Jess, let us pray to the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the Resurrection and I am the life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Jess, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

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 Bishop continues...

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Jess, 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

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: In my Father's house *Philip Stopford*
In my Father's house are many dwellings, and if I go to prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.
Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.
In my Father's house are many dwelling places.
If there were not, would I have told you I am going to prepare a place for you?
Where I am going, you know the way.
For I am the way the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you also know my Father. My spirit will be with you always.
The Advocate, the Spirit of Truth will remind you of all I have said.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled; Do not be afraid.
I have told you I will come back to you; have faith in me. -John 14

HYMN 337 v. 1 & 2: And now, O father, mindful of the love *Unde et memores*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S 130

Franz Schubert

The Bishop continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Bishop Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Bishop continues...

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*please be seated*)

Communion at Christ & St. Luke's:

- At the indication of the usher, please move to the center aisle and proceed up the altar rail. Move to the open spot filling in from the center of the rail to the wall.
- Kneel as you are able and place one hand over the other, palms up, to receive the bread.
- To sip from a chalice to receive the wine, consume the bread leaving your palms empty.
- To intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine, hold it between your thumb and forefinger.
- Once the chalices have passed, exit out the side and back down the side aisles to your pew.

Gluten free wafers are available, simply let the priest know you require one. If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine but would like a blessing, gently cross your arms across your chest.

A standing station is also available in front of the pulpit.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Alleluia

Randall Thompson

COMMUNION HYMN 335: I am the bread of life

I am the bread of life

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Bishop Let us pray. (*please stand*)

People 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

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

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

Bishop 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.

Bishop Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Jess. 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

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Bishop The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Bishop Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 287: For all the saints, who from their labors rest

Sine Nomine

POSTLUDE: Prelude in C major, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Following the service, a reception will be held at
Ghent United Methodist Church
531 Raleigh Avenue
Please enter through the doors to the Parish Hall located at the side parking lot.*

*Memorial gifts may be made to
Christ & St. Luke's Church
560 W. Olney Road
Norfolk, Virginia 23503
christandstlukes.org/give*

or

*Holy Cross Monastery
P.O. Box 99
West Park, New York 12493
holycrossmonastery.com*

NOTES ABOUT THIS LITURGY

This funeral service was planned in great detail by Fr. Jess. This is perhaps no surprise to those of you who knew him and his love of sacred, sacramental worship. But given that, we felt a few points were worth mentioning:

Music

Jess indicated that the music was of utmost importance. He selected all the hymns. We invite you therefore to sing them with full heart and voice. And we are grateful to the choir for being here to help lead us in such beautiful music.

Eulogy and Homily

Fr. Jess exercised the prayer book prerogative not to have a eulogy or homily as a part of this service. As he wrote (emphasis his): **“There is to be no ‘Family Remembrance,’ no eulogy, no sermon, no homily, nor slipping one in during the welcome.** As of my death, my life here is ended; any new life is a gift of God’s grace. The promise of that, which is the point of the funeral, is proclaimed in Scripture, Prayers, and Hymns. If people ask why there was no eulogy, tell them the funeral is not about my life which has ended in death, but about my life now in God’s New Creation. If they ask why there was no sermon, tell them that (with all due respect to my colleagues in the priesthood), I have never heard a preacher (certainly not me) who can begin to match the power of St. Paul in Romans 8.”

An Easter Liturgy

Most importantly, Jess wanted to make sure we included the Prayer Book rubric that states:

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.

This afternoon, may we find joy in the midst of our mourning, and hope and comfort in the never-ending promises of God.

-Fr. Noah

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant

The Rt. Reverend Susan B. Haynes

Assisting Clergy

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

The Reverend Jared Grant

The Reverend Vince Connery

Altar Party

David Phillips, *Verger*

Anders Nolan, *Crucifer*

Jackson Butler, *Acolyte*

Samuel Butler, *Acolyte*

Edmund Russell, *Acolyte*

Errol Lewis, *Eucharistic Minister*

Corey Shrontz, *Eucharistic Minister*

Lector

Tracy Reynolds

Noah Van Niel

Musicians

Kevin Kwan, *Director of Music*

Marjorie Setnicky, *Associate Organist*

The Christ & St. Luke's Choir

Ushers

Rachel Welch

Amanda Ipock

Daniel Haworth

Warren Richard

David Roberts, *Sexton*

Pallbearers

John Born

Greg Deutsch

David Durica

Errol Lewis

Norris McClain

George Pearce

Chuck Spence

George Vick

Tim Westphal



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