

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD
WILLIAM ALLEN SHAFFER



SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

II:00 A.M.

All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

PRELUDE:

Prelude in E-flat, BWV 552

Johann Sebastian Bach

Air, from Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D major

The Prelude features Allen's recorded performances from over the years.

WELCOME

The Reverend Jared Grant

EULOGIES

Matthew Shaffer

Doug Weymouth

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

OPENING ANTHEMS

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OPENING 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 Allen, 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.**

HYMN 680: O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

THE 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 broken-hearted, 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (sung by the choir)

Charles Hylton Stewart

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth besides the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul,

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me, they rod and thy staff comfort me.
 Thou shalt prepare a table before me, against them that trouble me:
 thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
 But thy loving kindness 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

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 620: Jerusalem, my happy home

Land of Rest

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-6a

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Vince Connery

ANTHEM: Morning has broken

arr. Allen Shaffer

Rachel Ordaz, flute

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

-Eleanor Farjeon

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand)*

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Officiant 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 LORD'S PRAYER

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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

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Following the prayers, please be seated for the anthem.

ANTHEM: Sing me to heaven

Daniel Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers
Lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant
And my heart is mute.

In response to aching silence
Memory summons half-heard voices,
And my soul finds primal eloquence
And wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God.
Sing me a requiem, Sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion,
Pain and pleasure, touch in me,
Touch in me, grief and comfort;
Love and passion, Pain and pleasure.

Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem,
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:
Sing me a love song, Sing me to heaven.

-Jane Griner

THE COMMENDATION (*please stand*)

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

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.

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Allen. 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.**

HYMN 420: When in our music God is glorified

Engelberg

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE: Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 522

Johann Sebastian Bach

Norman Elton, organ

After the Postlude, please stand at the tolling of the bell.

Follow the family into the Lychgate Memorial Garden for the Committal.

THE COMMITTAL

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All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his Spirit that dwelleth in us. Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope. Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Allen; and we commit his ashes to their final resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious unto him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

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 Officiant offers additional prayers.

Officiant Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

People and let light perpetual shine upon him.

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION: A Welsh Blessing

John Dixon

My musick shall finde thee, and ev'ry string
Shall have his attribute to sing;
That all together may accord in thee,
And prove one God, one harmonie.

-George Herbert

THE BLESSING

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Officiant 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; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

*Following the service, a reception will be held at
The Norfolk Yacht & Country Club
7001 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23505*

*Donations may be made in Allen's memory to the **Friends of Music.**
Christ & St. Luke's Church
560 W. Olney Road, Norfolk, VA 23507
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The Reverend Jared Grant, *Officiant*

The Reverend Vince Connery, *Preacher*

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Charlie Davey, *Lector*

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