

IN CELEBRATION OF AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

James Gary Ulmer Jr.

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Monday, May 6, 2024
at half past eleven o'clock in the morning



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
ESTABLISHED MARCH 16, 1839

The Burial of the Dead: Rite II

Prelude

The Anthem

All stand while the anthem is said.

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.

The Word of God

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother James. 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 680 (*stanzas 1–4*)

O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

Please be seated.

Psalm 23 (KJV)

Dean Katz

Leader: *Let us now recite this Psalm in unison.*

**The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

**He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me 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;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.**

**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 First Reading

Matthew 5:1–12
Elizabeth Ulmer

Reader: A reading from the Book of Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Remarks

Ann Stout

Solo
Amazing Grace

Emily Schuck

The Homily

The Very Rev. Nathaniel Katz

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing.

**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

Officiant and People in unison.

**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 of the People

The People respond to every petition with "Hear us, Lord."

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For our brother James, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

People Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for James and dry the tears of those who weep.
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 James was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

The Officiant continues

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

The Commendation

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

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

Officiant You only art 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.**

The Officiant then says

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

Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Following the service, all are invited to a reception in
Sanders Hall, upstairs in The Latham Building.*



Clergy

The Very Reverend Nathaniel Katz, Officiant

Music

Emily Shuck, soloist
Thomas Marvil, Cathedral Organist

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.



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JAMES G. ULMER, Jr., the only child of Rev. James G. Ulmer and Minnie Bridges Ulmer, was born in Robersonville, North Carolina, and reared in Tyler, Texas. An early passion for science and engineering led him to build an amateur radio transmitter at age 16, which he still has in his beloved “radio room”. This prowess paved the way to The Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he earned a B.S. in general engineering. After serving in the Air Force in World War II as a communications, radar and electronics officer, he received a B.A. in Law at the University of Cambridge in England (1947), and a Bachelor of Laws from The University of Texas (1950). He practiced law for 40 years with the firm of Baker Botts LLP in the field of general litigation with emphasis on intellectual property, bankruptcy, and oil and gas law. He retired as a senior partner in 1990. During his career he was sought out by clients and his law firm partners for his intellect, strategic decision making, and courtroom expertise.

His recollections of his boyhood in Tyler, ham radio enthusiasm, educations in Boston, Cambridge, and Austin, military service and varied litigation experiences illustrated a life well-lived and provided rich material for countless interesting conversations over the decades. He enjoyed summer hiking trips with his family in Colorado, studying languages, traveling, and motorboating on Galveston Bay. An attentive close listener with impressive recall, he remembered the details of every conversation and legal case he ever had.

He was a member of the Houston Country Club, Texas Corinthian Yacht Club, Allegro and the Amateur Radio Relay League.