

Service of Remembrance and Celebration

for the life of

Richard P. Anderson

*November 20, 1934 – April 5, 2026*



Saturday, May 9, 2026  
11:00 AM

The Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal)

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## **The Prelude**

### **The Burial of the Dead**

*Please stand as you are able as the following words are spoken.*

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 Greeting**

The Opening Hymn 608 Eternal Father, strong to save

Melita

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging  
 3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peacc; O hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Richard and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

**A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus (6:14-27)**

Stefanie Anderson Krieger

A faithful friend is a secure shelter;  
whoever finds one has found a treasure.

A faithful friend is beyond price;  
his worth is more than money can buy.

A faithful friend is an elixir of life,  
found only by those who fear the Lord.

The man who fears the Lord keeps his friendships in repair,  
for he treats his neighbor as himself.

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

**Psalm 121** (*prayed responsively by half verse*)

Isabela Anderson

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
**from where is my help to come?**

My help comes from the Lord, \*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved \*  
**and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
**the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
**nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
**it is he who shall keep you safe.**

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

**A reading from the Revelation to John (21:2-7)**

Ashley Anderson Harbach

I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”

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

**The Remembrances**

James Anderson, John Anderson

*Please stand as you are able.*

The Sequence Hymn 516 Come down, O Love divine

*Down Ampney*

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

## The Gospel

*People* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### John 15:15-17

I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Homily

The Reverend Patrick C. Ward

## The Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Almighty God, who knits us together in communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Christ: Grant to all people in paradise and on earth your light and your peace. **Amen.**

Grant that those we love and see no longer may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may come with Christ to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that the Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that casting all their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love. **Amen.**

Give courage and faith to all who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead with the comfort of reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Dick to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy. Increasing in knowledge and love, may he go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of Heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears or hopes, but one equal possession; no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity, in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. **Amen.**

## The Peace

## The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

*Abide with me*

arr. Raymond Haan

The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

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

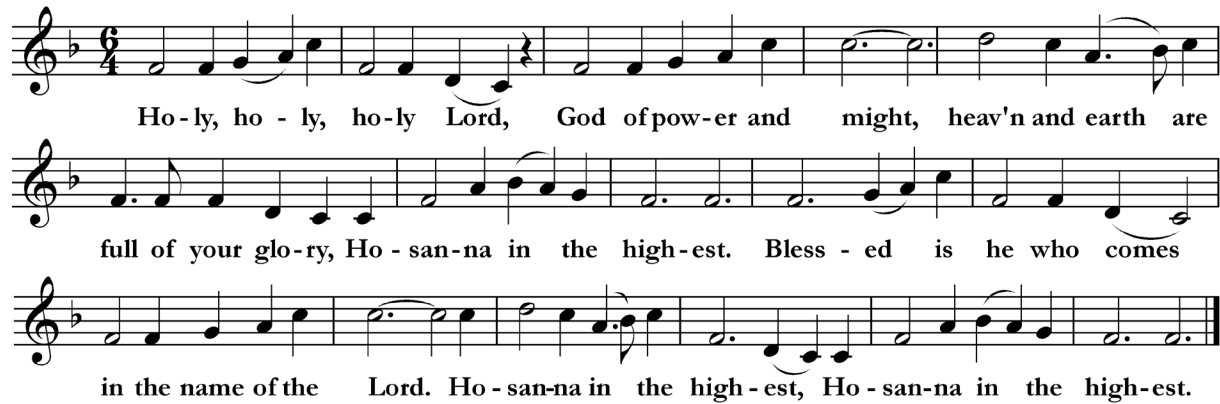
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
**Have mercy, God, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
**By his blood, he reconciled us.**  
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

*You may remain standing, sit or kneel for the continuation of the Eucharistic prayer.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, *“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, *“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Christ, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are invited to come forward for communion or to receive a blessing. You may stand or kneel to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available; simply make your needs known to those serving.*

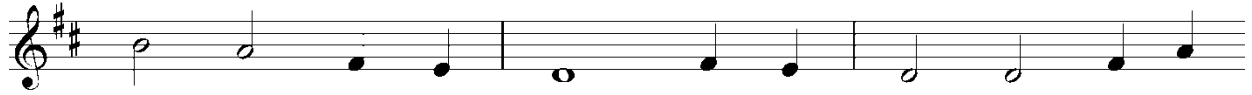
# The Communion Hymn

Hymn 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

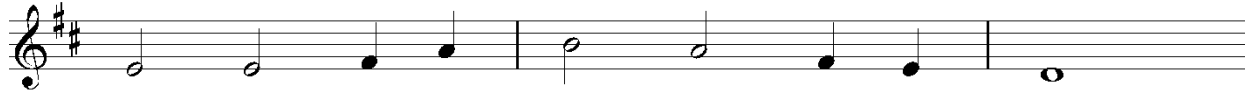
*Nettleton*



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

**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.**

# Hymn 208 The Strife is o'er, the battle done

Victory

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

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

*Ped.* ↑

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yaw - ning gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

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

*Ped.* ↑

## **The Commendation**

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

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.

**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 Dick. 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**

The Closing Hymn 376 Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee

*Hymn to Joy*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## The Postlude

*Joyful, Joyful*

Beethoven, arr. Archer

## The Committal

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;  
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead  
will also give new life to our mortal bodies  
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*The ashes are interred.*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother, Dick, and we commit his body to the columbarium; 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 to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

*People*      The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;  
**And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

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

*Celebrant*      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People*      Thanks be to God.

## Ministers of the Liturgy

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Reverend Patrick C. Ward
<i>Musicians</i>	Joan Kirchner and The CHS Choir Members
<i>Readers</i>	Stefanie Anderson Krieger, Isabela Anderson, Ashley Anderson Harbach
<i>Remembrances</i>	James Anderson, John Anderson
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Celia Calhoun, Priscilla Isner
<i>Usbers</i>	Phil Suraci, Sue and Jack Sasso
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jean Gatzkiewicz
<i>Altar Flower Guild</i>	Cynthia Murray
<i>Audio/Video</i>	John Harter

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***Following the liturgy today, all  
are invited to a reception in the  
Parish Hall.***

### **An Easter Psalm**

“Christ is risen, Alleluia!”  
cries out the chorus of creation.  
“Christ is risen, “Alleluia!”  
sing the supple winds of spring.  
“Christ is risen, Alleluia!”  
ring out lilies in silent splendor.  
The feast of feasts,  
the festival of hope,  
the mother of all Sundays,  
luminous in the full moon of spring,  
radiant in the rising of the sun,  
Easter dances upon my rooftop  
and plays like a newborn child  
in the cradle of my heart  
I rejoice like all of creation  
sailing on springtime’s seed-bearing breezes  
and like the lily’s trumpet,  
I open wide my throat and my heart  
to join with all of heaven and earth  
in singing out the symphony of joy  
at Easter’s annual return.  
I take hope in Christ’s victory over death,  
hope that, one with him,  
I will also have my Easter morning  
when I will be freed from the prison,  
the decaying dusty tomb,  
of my narrow and stony spirit.  
I trust that I too will, spring-like, arise  
to a fullness of living and loving,  
to a life beyond all time and space,  
to a life one with you, my God.  
“Christ is risen, Alleluia!”  
I soon will be next,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From *Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim* by Edward Hays



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