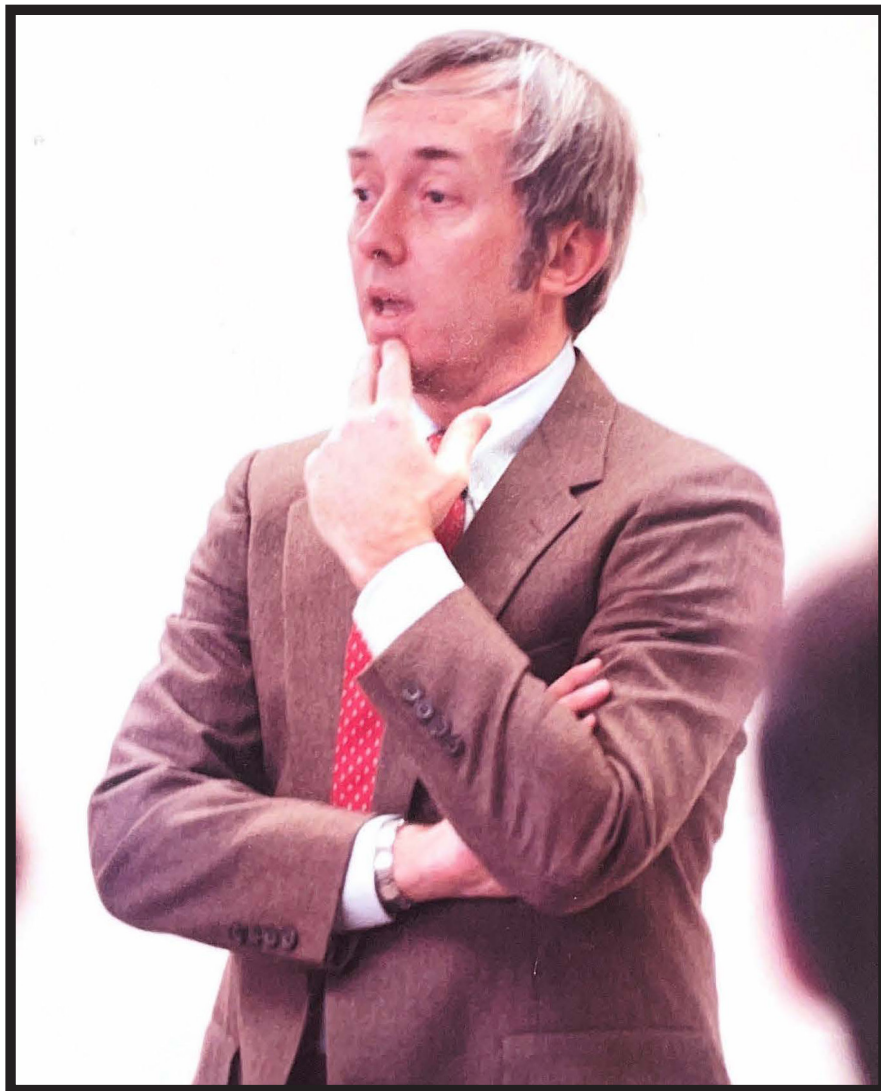

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IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
Dr. Donald Gerry Kennedy
February 23, 1936 – January 10, 2024



Burial of the Dead

May 11, 2024

1:00 PM

Please silence all electronic devices during the service.

PRELUDE

“Enigma Variations,” Op. 36, IX. Adagio (“Nimrod”)

E. Elgar (1857-1934)

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn.

OPENING HYMN 287 “For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest”



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:___
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,___
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!___



thee___ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;___
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O___ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
win, with___ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are___ one in thee, for all are thine.



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



*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
*6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are___ brave a - gain, and arms are
war - riors com - eth rest;___ sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



strong.
blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FUNERAL ANTHEM

I am resurrection and I am life says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last will stand upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see God, whom I shall see and my eyes behold, who is my friend and not a stranger.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labor.

We have come here today to remember before God our brother Don, to give thanks for his life; to commend him to God our merciful redeemer and judge; and to comfort one another in our grief.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Let us pray

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Don. 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.**

GLORIA

“Surge Illuminare”



1. A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang; your light has come the mes - sage rang.
The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way, God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
God's ris - ing sun will light the way, as peo - ple stream to dawn - ing's ray.
Your o - pen gates will ne - ver close, in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.
You will not need the sun by day nor moon by night, to light your way;
God's glo - ry and e - ter - nal might will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

Please be seated.

LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

Christopher Samuelson

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

The psalm will be read by the lector.

PSALM 121

“Levavi oculos” from the New Zealand Prayer Book

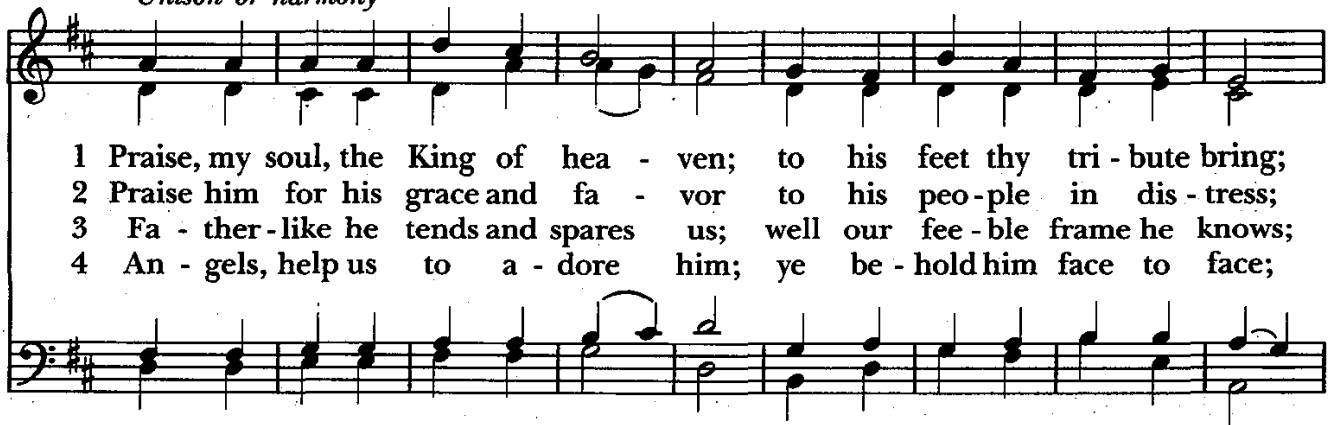
Christie Wyman

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
but where shall I look for help?
2. My help comes from the Lord: *
who has made heaven and earth.
3. The Lord will not let your foot stumble: *
the one who guards you will not sleep.
4. The one who keeps watch over his people: *
shall neither doze nor sleep.
5. The Lord is the one who will guard you: *
the Lord at your right hand will be your defence,
6. So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor yet the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe.
8. The Lord shall take care of your going out, and your coming in: *
from this time forth and for ever.

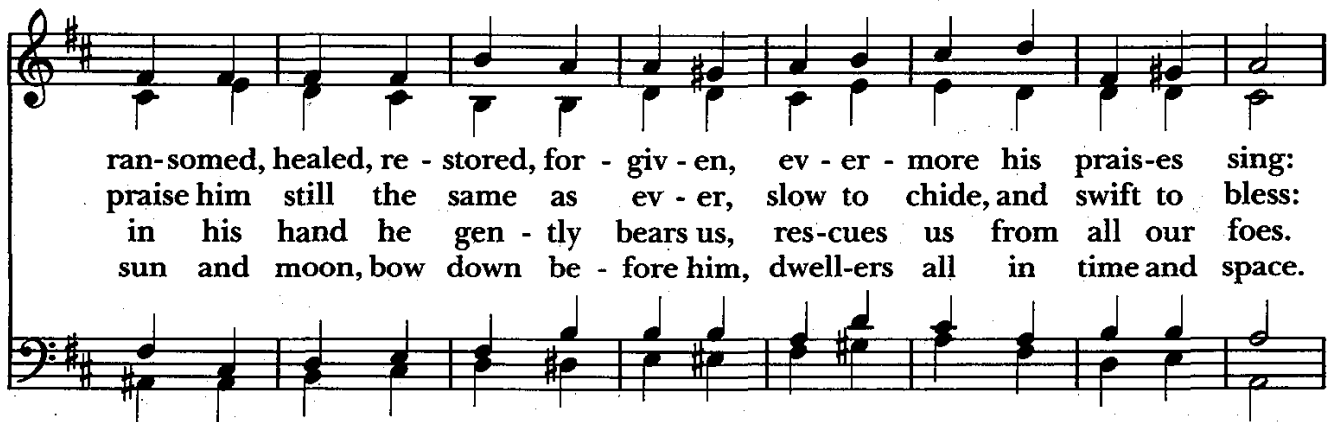
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GOSPEL HYMN H 410 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

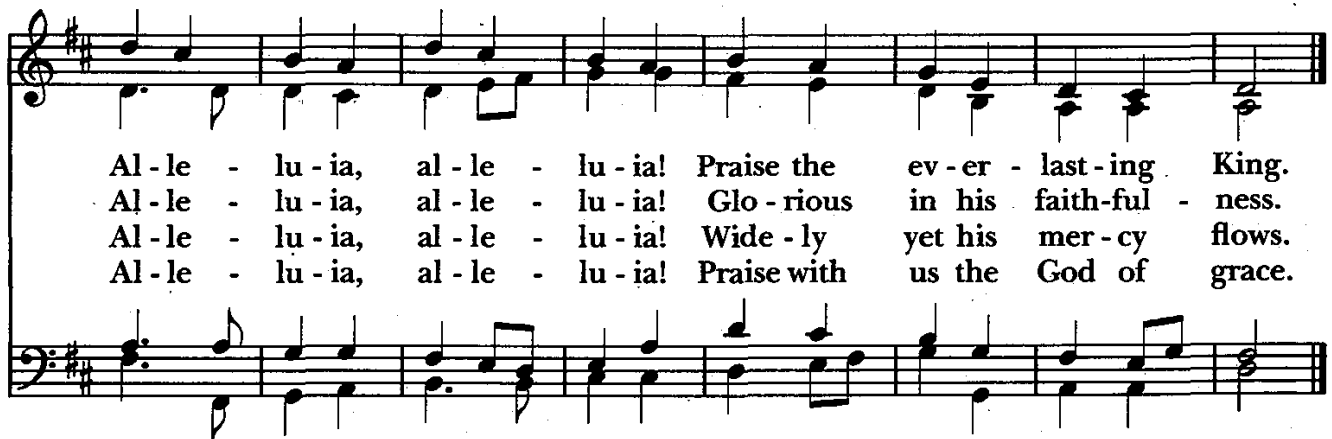
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1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“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.”

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

EULOGY

The Rev. Miriam Gelfer

A period of silence is observed.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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.**

READING

“The Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost

Ken Carpenter

REMEMBRANCES

Adreck McDonald and Harris Kennedy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol McNally

For our brother Don, 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 Don, 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.

PRESIDER'S COLLECT

Creator of all, we pray to you for Don, 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.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you, mindful that some may prefer a wave to a handshake or a hug.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN 380

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B (Inclusive Language)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

Please join in singing the sanctus.

SANCTUS S130

Schubert

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system continues the vocal line with "might," followed by a long note, and then "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes, including a long note under "might,".

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-

san-na in the high-est. 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ and make them new and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

Please join in singing the fraction hymn.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD S165 "Lamb of God"

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system of music concludes the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line.

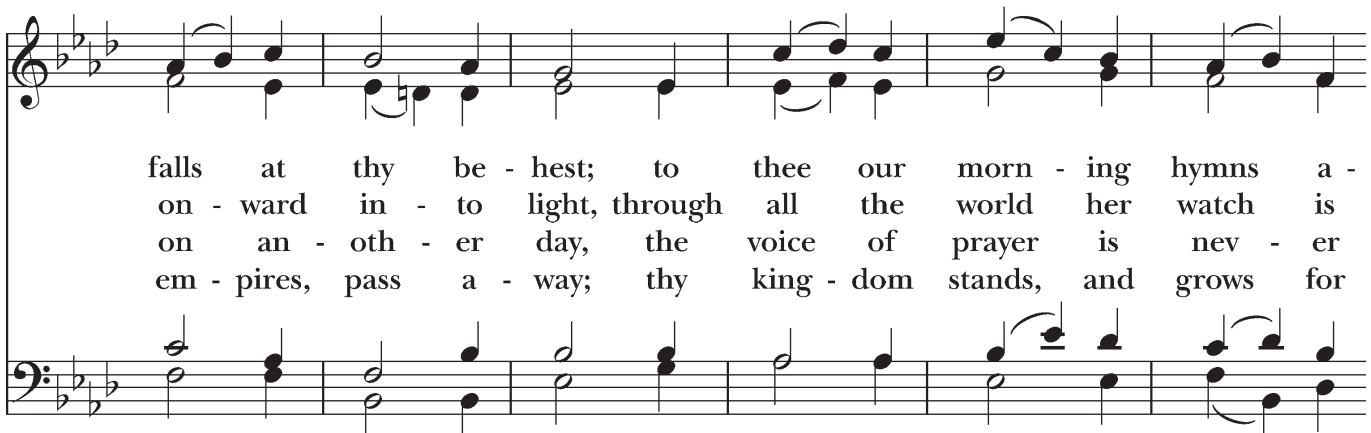
All are welcome to receive communion at Grace Church. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest. To receive the bread, hold out your hands. You may receive the wine from the chalice (large cup) by helping the server guide it to your lips, or by intincting (dipping) the wafer in the small cup. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents, or to receive a blessing from the priest. Please have your children hold out their hands if they wish to receive the bread. If you would like communion brought to you, please advise the greeter or usher.

COMMUNION HYMN H 24 "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended"

This hymn was particularly special to Don. He and Jean sang it at Evensong every Sunday evening at their church in England (Summer 1986 and Summer 1987).



1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud



falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for



scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

We will sing the second communion hymn as needed. Please refer to Hymnal 1982, found in your pew.

COMMUNION HYMN H 325 "Break Bread Together"

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Please be seated.

READING

“My Heart is in the Highlands” by Robert Burns

James Volcker

“My Heart is in the Highlands” by Robert Burns reflects Don’s pride in his Scottish heritage. During our many trips to Scotland, time had to be scheduled to return to his ancestral home of Glen Moriston, Invernesshire. It was here that his great, great, great grandfather Donald Kennedy was born in 1812. At the age of twenty-one he emigrated to America, safely landing in Boston. He died on March 15, 1889 and was laid to rest in Forest Hill Cemetery according to the ritual of the Episcopal Church.

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 the 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 Don. 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

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city, Jerusalem. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The souls of all the faithful departed are in the hands of God. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN H 518 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

When Donald Gerry Kennedy graduated as Valedictorian from Portland High School in 1954, Mendelsohn's "War March of the Priests" was the graduation march. This special day began a new chapter in Don's life as an educator. Now that his work here is complete it seems most appropriate that he should depart as he entered, to "War March of the Priests."



All are invited to a memorial reception in honor of Don. The family asks that guests make their way to the Large Hall after the service. Following a private interment in the memorial garden, the family will join the reception.

Slideshow prepared by Kimberly Kennedy McDonald.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant: The Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky
Preacher and Assisting Priest: The Rev. Miriam Gelfer
Remembrances: Harris Kennedy, Andreck McDonald
Organist: William C. Parks
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Readings: Ken Carpenter, James Volcker
Lector: Christopher Samuels
Intercessor: Carol McNally
Bell Ringer: Carolyn Wong
Greeters/Ushers: Paul Bicknell, Jay Burke
Flower Arrangements: Joan Devlin, Linda George, Anne Simunovic
Altar Guild: Sarah Bonaventura, Carole Carter, Jennifer Mendelsohn
Slideshow: Kimberly Kennedy McDonald
Reception: Mary Swezy and The Hospitality Committee
Sexton: Lou Fazio