



An Easter Eucharist to Celebrate
and Give Thanks for the Life of

Thomas Marvin Driggers

January 10, 1937 – July 15, 2023

Thursday, July 20, 2023
Eleven o’Clock in the Morning

Prelude

The people stand as the bell is tolled.

The Burial Anthems *said in Procession by the Rev. Dr. Jim Bullion* BCP pg. 491

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 Processional Hymn *“I Bind unto Myself Today”* Hymnal #370

The Collect of the Day

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Fr. Jim The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Fr. Jim Let us pray.

○ God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Tom. 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.

People **Amen**

The People are seated.

Family Remembrances

The First Reading *Isaiah 25:6-9* *read by Bill Young*

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Reader 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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me* *said by the People 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 Second Reading *Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39* read by Bill Young

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Reader For 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

The Gospel Acclamation *The Cantor introduces the Alleluia, then is joined by the People*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor I | am the living bread that came down from heaven. *

Whoever eats this bread will | live for ever. *The People repeat the Alleluia.*

The Gospel *John 11:21-27* read by Rev. Deacon Ri Lamb

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Homily The Reverend Galen Mirate

A moment of silence and reflection is observed. The people stand with the Celebrant.

The Apostles' Creed BCP pg. 496

Mtr. Galen 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 of the People BCP pg. 497

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

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

Silence may be kept.

Fr. Jim Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Tom, 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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace BCP pg. 360

Fr. Jim The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Offertory

The people stand for the Doxology

The Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal #380, st. 3

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

The Great Thanksgiving *Preface* BCP pg. 361

Mtr. Galen The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Mtr. Galen Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Mtr. Galen Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Mtr. Galen It is right, and a good and joyful thing,... this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus "Holy, holy, holy Lord" Hymnal #S 125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A* BCP pg. 362

Mtr. Galen Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Mtr. Galen We celebrate the memorial of...and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 363

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

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 Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Mtr. Galen Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Fraction Anthem "My Flesh Is Food Indeed" Hymnal #S 169

Cantor My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

People **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

Cantor Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

People **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

The Invitation BCP pg. 364

Mtr. Galen The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Holy Communion

At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion from the center aisle. Please place your hands open in front of you to receive the bread. If you wish to receive wine from the common cup (chalice) or if you wish to receive it by having the bread dipped and placed on your tongue (intinction), please move to the chalice administrator standing off to the side. You may either stand or kneel at the Altar rail for the Chalice.

The Communion Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" Hymnal #397

All stand at the direction of the Celebrant

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Mtr. Galen Let us pray.

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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The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

Fr. Jim Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

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

Fr. Jim 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.**

Fr. Jim Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Tom. 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.

People **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Reverend Doctor Jim Bullion

The Processional Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymnal #376

At the direction of the Verger and Ushers, the people follow the procession to the Memorial Garden

The Committal

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Fr. Jim 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.

Then, while earth is cast upon the remains,

Fr. Jim In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Tom, and we commit his body to the ground; 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.

People **Amen.**

Fr. Jim The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Fr. Jim 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.**

Fr. Jim Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

People **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

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

People **Amen.**

Fr. Jim Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Fr. Jim Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Serving today in worship

Kristi Baranko & Loretta Williamson, Altar Guild

Patton Jones & Joe Wingard, Parking Attendants

John & Nancy Griffin, Offertory Bearers

Bob Cerney, John Griffin, Jim Kempf & Marian White, Ushers

Bob Baranko, Acolyte

Lamon Brand & Sandra Rowe, Chalice Administrators

Carolyn Brunson, Verger

Martin Mills, Cantor & Organist

Rev. Deacon Joy Davis & Rev. Deacon Ri Lamb, Deacons

Rev. Dr. Jim Bullion & Rev. Galen Mirate, Celebrants