



# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

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# ENTRANCE RITE

## Anthems

*Officiant* 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.

## Collect

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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

## Prelude

*'Es ist das Heil uns kommen Herr  
(It is our salvation come to us)'*  
17th c. Anonymous

## About the Liturgy

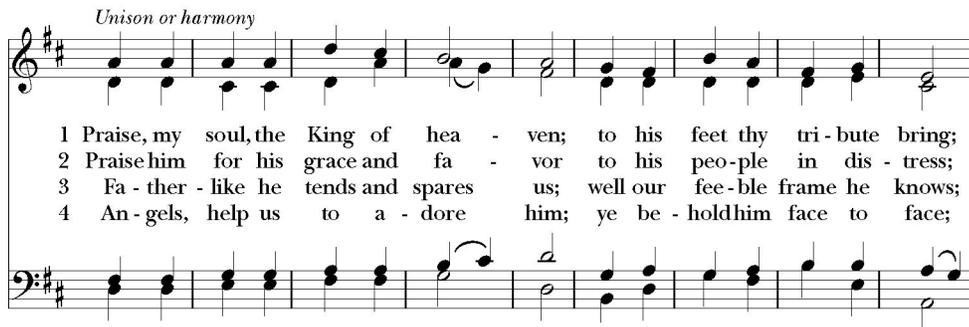
*The liturgy for the dead is an Easter  
liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the  
Resurrection. Because Jesus was  
raised from the dead, we, too, shall  
be raised.*

*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.*

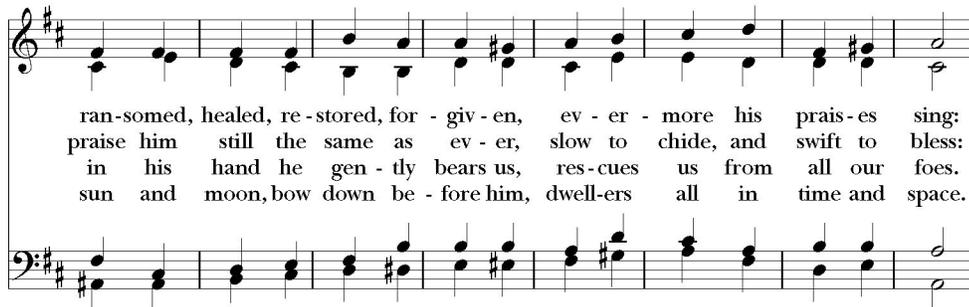
*This joy, however, does not make  
human grief unchristian. The very  
love we have for each other in Christ  
brings deep sorrow when we are  
parted by death. Jesus himself wept  
at the grave of his friend. So, while  
we rejoice that one we love has  
entered into the nearer presence  
of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy  
with those who mourn.*

Hymn 410 'Praise, my soul, the King of heaven'

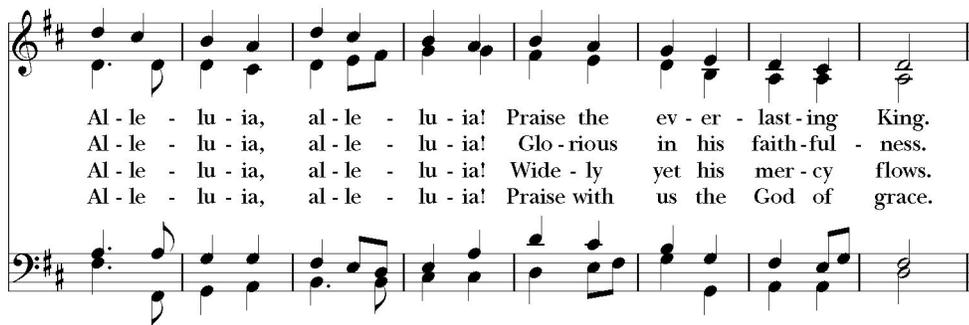
*Unison or harmony*



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.

## WORD OF GOD

Lesson Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Reader There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23



- 1 *The LORD* is my shépherd; \*  
I / shall not bé in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pástures \*  
and leads me be/side still wáters.
- 3 He revives my sóul \*  
and guides me along right pathways / for his Náme's sake.
- 4a Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of déath,  
I shall / fear no évil; \*
- 4b for you are wíth me;  
your rod and your / staff, they cómfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who tróuble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is / running óver.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all  
the days of mý life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the / LORD for éver. [Ant.]

Lesson Philippians 3:20-4:7

Reader But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lesson John 14:1-6

*Reader* “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. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Remembrance Paul Boisvert

Homily The Rev. Dr. William W. Rich, *Vicar*

The Prayers

*All* **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,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

O God, the maker of all living creatures, by whose power, and in whose presence we come and go, help us to see birth and death as two doorways, by one we enter this world and by the other we leave it. As we knew nothing about this world we were born into, so we know nothing about the world into which we will next move, save that round about it and through it all is your love and care. As one day ends and another begins, so life here ends and another begins. May we go forward toward the evening with hope and confidence, drawn toward the setting sun which will rise again in the splendor of a new day.

**Amen.**

Teach us, Lord, not to hold on to life too tightly. Teach us to hold it lightly, not carelessly, but lightly, easily. Teach us to take it as a gift, to enjoy and cherish while we have it, and to let it go gracefully and thankfully when the time comes. The gift is great, but the giver is greater still. You, O God, are the giver and in you is a life that never dies.

**Amen.**

Lord, make us instruments of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

**Amen.**

# THE COMMENDATION

## Anthem

*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 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.**

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

## Blessing

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 618 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones'

*Unison*

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Unison*

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

Postlude  
*Fugue sur le thème du  
 Carillon des Heures de la  
 Cathédrale de Soissons,*  
 Op 12  
 Maurice Duruflé  
 (1902-1986)

# MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

## Choir

The Choir of Trinity Church

## Readers

Dale Keenan  
Robert Bedard

## Remembrance

Paul Boisvert

## Musicians

Sophie Michaux  
Adam Simon  
Colin Lynch, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*  
Richard Webster, *Director of Music and Organist*

## Homilist

The Rev. Dr. William W. Rich, *Vicar*

## Officiant

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward, *Senior Associate Rector*

Alan's friends invite you to join us for a ZOOM gathering and reception at 5:00 pm. Please enter by using the Zoom link on Alan's announcement posted at [www.trinitychurchboston.org](http://www.trinitychurchboston.org).

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If you wish to make a contribution in Alan's memory, his friends and family invite you to give to Trinity Church ([www.trinitychurchboston.org](http://www.trinitychurchboston.org)), an organization in which he believed and faithfully supported.