A Service to Celebrate the Life of

Thomas Bush

June 4, 1951 – April 15, 2021

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Eucharistic Prayer B

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This Sunday's flowers are placed, on behalf of a grateful congregation, in loving memory of our friend Thomas Bush.

Organ Voluntaries Adoration

Florence R. Price
OPENING HYMN  #680 O God our help in ages past

All may stand, as able, singing in their hearts

1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
2 under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
3 before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
4 a thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;

1 our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
2 sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3 from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
5 they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
    our hope for years to come,
    be thou our guide while life shall last,
    and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts, alt; paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-5
Music: St Anne, melody att William Croft, harm William Henry Monk
OPENING ANTHEM

All stand, as able

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 Celebrant says

We have come here today to remember before God our brother Thomas, to give thanks for his life; to commend him to God our merciful redeemer and judge; to commit his body to its resting place; and to comfort one another in our grief.
THE COLLECTS

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

Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says

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

All               Amen

The Celebrant concludes

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Thomas's friends and family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All               Amen

The people sit.
THE FIRST READING  
Wisdom 3:1-5, 9  
Read by Anthony Newton  
Thomas’s friend

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in God's hand - and fear shall not touch them. In the eyes of the unbeliever they appear dead; their going from us is as a disaster. But they are at peace. God has found them worthy to be His. Those who have put their trust in Him shall understand that He is true, and the faithful shall attend to Him in love; they are His chosen, and grace and mercy shall be theirs.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People  Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM  
Psalm 106:1-5, Confitemini Domino  Lead by Anthony Newton  
Thomas’s friend

Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *  
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *  
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice *  
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *  
and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, *  
that I may glory with your inheritance.
A reading from the Revelation of John.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*People*  
Thanks be to God.
THE PSALM

Psalm 139:1-11, Domine, probasti

Lead by Victoria Beck
Thomas's friend

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

REFLECTIONS

Nalani Bush-Harper
Dana Chamness
THE SEQUENCE HYMN #671 Amazing Grace
All may stand, as able, singing in their hearts

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has promised good to me, his
4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I
5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears relieved; how precious did that
3 word my hope secures; he will my shield and
4 have already come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shining as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace appear the hour I first believed!
3 portion be as long as life endures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton, alt; St 5 from A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790
Music: New Britain, from Virginia Harmony; adapt Edwin Othello Excell; harm Austin Cole Lovelace © 1974 Abingdon Press
John 14:1-6

The People remain standing, as able

Celebrant  The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People    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." 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.

Celebrant  The Gospel of our Savior.

People    Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Canon Kathy Hopner
Canon for Education and Spiritual Formation

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The People stand, as able

For our brother Thomas, 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 Thomas, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People    Hear us, Lord.

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

People    Hear us, Lord.

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

People    Hear us, Lord.
You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

*People*   **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People*   **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People*   **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.

*After silence is kept, the Celebrant concludes*

Father of all, we pray to you for Thomas, 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.

*All*   **Amen**

**THE PEACE**

*All remain standing, as able*  

*Celebrant*   The peace of Christ be always with you.  

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Welcome and Announcements**
The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY SONG LEVAS 38 The Old Rugged Cross
All may join, singing in their hearts

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the cross, the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

(Refrain)

Words: George Bennard (1873–1960)
The Great Thanksgiving

The People stand, as able

Celebrant  God be with you
People     And also with you.

Celebrant  Lift up your hearts.
People     We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People     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:

SANCTUS

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.
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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**Celebrant and People**

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

**The Celebrant continues**

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, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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.

**All**  
*Amen.*
THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and 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,
forever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant     Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People        Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God
A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION from the Order of Julian of Norwich

Verger Let us pray.

Verger and People

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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 ministers and members of the family process to the columbarium
#499 Lord, you now have set your servant free

All remain standing, as able, singing in their hearts

Lord God, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as promised in your word; my eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord, prepared by you for all the
world to see, to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,

the glory of your people, and their light.

Words: Rae E Whitney; para The Song of Simeon
Music: Song I, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons; harm Hymns from church and school 1964
THE COMMENDATION

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

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

Celebrant 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.

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

The Celebrant says

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

All Amen.
THE COMMITTAL

The following anthem is read

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 Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Thomas, and we commit his body to its resting place; 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.

All Amen

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;
People And let light perpetual shine upon him.
Celebrant May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
All Amen
THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people with these words

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

All Amen

THE DISMISSAL

A Clergyperson dismisses the people with these words

Clergy Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.
CLOSING HYMN #688 A mighty fortress

All may stand, as able, singing in their hearts

1 A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing; our help-er he a-mid the flood

2 Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing; dost ask who that may be?

3 And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed through him who with us sid-eth: let goods and kin-dred go,

4 That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing: for still our an-cient foe his truth to tri-umph through us; the prince of dark-ness grim,
doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Saba-oth his Name,
we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,
this mortal life also; the body they may kill:

and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
for lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.
God’s truth abideth still, his kingdom is for ever.

Words: Martin Luther, trans Frederick Henry Hedge; based on Psalm 46
Music: Ein Feste Burg, melody Martin Luther; harm Johann Sebastian Bach

Organ Voluntary Postlude on A mighty fortress

David Cherwein
About this service:

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all 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.

Outdoor Reception

Please join us for an outdoor reception, following the service, at which food and a beverage will be provided. A food truck has been booked to serve the food. With just 80 present in the Cathedral that may mean that some of you will want to come and join us for refreshments in the open air, after you've watched online. If you do, please watch the service, then make your way to the Cathedral around 3:30 pm. The family will be served first, and then all community members. Food will be on a first come first served basis.

(We have reserved 150 portions. After the initial 150 have been served food will cost $10 per person as long as it lasts.)
Thomas Bush
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Thomas Bush was born in Louisiana on June 4, 1951. He was one of five children born to the late David Jeff Bush and his wife, Sylvina White. Thomas was predeceased by his siblings Betty and David, and is survived by his siblings Mary and James.

In adulthood, Thomas moved to Los Angeles, California where he met and married his wife Lisa, and raised a family. Thomas' wife, Lisa, died in 1999. In 2013, their son, Jonathan Bush, also died.

Thomas is survived by his children Christopher Bush, David Bush, Danielle Bush, Daniel Bush, Thomas Bush, Jr; and Tommy Bush, as well as by grandchildren, adopted children, step-children, nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends, including Anthony Newton and Bianca Nava.

Those who knew Thomas best knew that he loved to fish. He was a wonderful cook and he loved a good meal! Thomas treasured his grandchildren. He loved spending time with them, and they with him. Thomas raised Rottweilers and is survived by his dog Bear.

Many say that Thomas’ life changed and his faith deepened when he began working at Trinity Cathedral. Thomas contributed to the Cathedral’s many ministries not only through his work but also through the broad network of relationships he developed, his support of twelve-step groups, and his participation in serving the hungry and the unsheltered, to name a few. Thomas loved Trinity Cathedral and blessed everyone who knew him with his presence. Indeed, if you greeted Thomas with “How are you,” his answer was, invariably, “I’m blessed!”

In lieu of flowers a memorial in Thomas’s name may be made to:

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Memo: For community dinners, In Memory of Thomas Bush
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