

A Celebration of the Life of
J E F F R E Y W E S T D I X O N

DECEMBER 26, 1961 – JUNE 14, 2020



Saturday, August 21, 2021, 11:30am



CHURCH OF
OUR SAVIOUR
圣公会救主堂

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR.

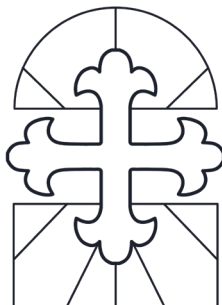
The service we use today is the "Liturgy of the Resurrection" from the Book of Common Prayer. It expresses our close relationship with God and with one another. The minister and family have selected what is suitable for this occasion.

Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is renewed life, in Christ, after death.

God's love and power extend over all creation. Every life, including our own, is precious to God.

*Even those who share this faith find that there is a real feeling of loss at the death of a loved one. The living need our support and consolation. The whole congregation has an important part in giving this help; one way in which we can do this is by joining in those parts printed in **bold type**.*

Although there are customary postures (such as standing or kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.



THE GREETING

Gathering Music

A River Runs Through It: A Symphony

Mark Isham (b. 1951)

Prelude

Welcome

All stand, as they are able, as the Officiant says the following anthems.

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.

Hymn

Morning has broken

Hymnal 8
MORNING SONG

THE COLLECT

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

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

The people are seated for the reading of the lessons.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Lesson *Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4-7, 8b*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated.

The Psalm *Psalm 23 Dominus regit me*

Read in unison

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your 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 people remain seated for the reading of the lesson.

Lesson *Matthew 5:3-12*

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remembrances + Homily

THE PRAYERS

After a brief silence for reflection, the people stand, as are able, for the prayers.

The Apostles' Creed

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

Officiant and 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.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

After a brief silence for reflection, the people remain standing, as they are able for the Prayers of the People. They are invited to respond to each petition with, "Hear us, Lord."

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Silence may be kept.

The Officiant concludes with the following prayer.

Father of all, we pray to you for Jeff, and 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.**

THE COMMENDATION

The people remain standing, as they are able.

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 humankind; 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.**

The Officiant then says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Jeff. 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 Officiant blesses the people, and the people respond:

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the people and the people respond:

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Please join us in the
courtyard for a reception.



In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations in Jeff's memory be made to Western Rivers Conservancy (secure.westernrivers.org/donate) or The UCLA Foundation - Depression Grand Challenge (www.giving.ucla.edu/Dixon).

PARTICIPANTS

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