



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Lake Jackson, Texas

A Celebration
in
Thanksgiving for the Life
of

Robert "Hutch" William Hutchison

March 7, 1944 – January 19, 2024

March 22, 2024
10:00 a.m.

This service today is an Easter liturgy. This rite 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 any thing 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. The living need our support and consolation. The whole congregation has an important part in giving this help and can do so by participating fully in the service, joining in those parts which are marked for the “People.”

You will find the entire service printed in this bulletin, except for the hymns, which may be found in the blue hymnal in the pew rack.

Prelude

The Gulf Winds Quintet

Hymn #657 (Blue Hymnal) (standing, all sing)

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two

All stand while one or more of the following anthems are sung or said.

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 may address the congregation, acknowledging briefly the purpose of their gathering, and bidding their prayers for the deceased and the bereaved.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says the following Collects.

Celebrant: O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Bill, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Bill's 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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Denis James

After the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

Denis James

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.**

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

**8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and
your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.**

The Epistle: I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58

Dave Mayberry

After the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #482 (*Blue Hymnal*) (*all sing*)

Lord Of All Hopefulness

The Gospel: John 6:37-40

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

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

The Gospel passage is read.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily (*sit*)

The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

The Apostles' Creed (*stand*)

[BCP 496]

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

Celebrant 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.

The Prayers of the People (*People respond after each prayer with "Hear us Lord"*)

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

Silence is kept.

Concluding Prayer

Celebrant: Father of all, we pray to you for Bill, 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Sing Me To Heaven
Chancel Choir

by Daniel E. Gawthrop
Directed by David Hill

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.

Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute.

In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices, and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.

If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.

If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem.

Sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.

Love me. Comfort me. Bring me to God.

Sing me a love song. Sing me to heaven.

Representatives of the congregation bring forward offerings of bread & wine.

The Great Thanksgiving *(stand)*

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

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

Celebrant and People

**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.

The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Ministration of Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the altar and receive the bread and wine of communion. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the Celebrant just before you receive communion.

Music by

The Gulf Winds Quintet

Post Communion Prayer (*kneel or stand*)

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 Commendation

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

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

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

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

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn #688 (*Blue Hymnal*) (*standing, all sing*)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Psalm XX

Benedetto Marcello

Family members will gather for a private service of Committal immediately following in Grace Garden. They will join us shortly in the Parish Hall.

**Please join us in celebrating Bill's life with
his family and friends in the Parish Hall.**



Order of Procession

Acolyte

Mary Young

Chalice Bearers

Mary Young
Charles Collins
Angela McCabe
Gary Jones

Celebrants

The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz
The Reverend Chris Weis

Readers

Denis James
Dave Mayberry

Ushers

Denis James
Judi James
Mel McKey
Janet Hicks
Ron Weeks

Music

Bonnie McDaniel, Organist
The Gulf Winds Quintet

Conductor

David Hill

Choir

St. Timothy's and friends

Sound Technicians

Jon Cox
Jay Richardson

Videographer

Sondra Griner

Robert William (Bill) Hutchison

Bill Hutchison died on January 19, 2024, at his home in Lake Jackson, Texas.

He was born March 7, 1944, to Frank R. Hutchison and Ramona Whitesell Hutchison in Austin, Texas. He grew up in Austin, attending Austin public schools and graduating from Wm. B. Travis High School in 1962. While in school, he was active in band, football, track, and choir. After high school, he attended the University of Texas, where he was a member of the Longhorn Band, playing French horn. It was there that he met Kathy Wailes, his future wife.



Bill and Kathy were married at St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin on February 19, 1966. Bill worked as an accounting clerk for the Texas Highway Department, while Kathy sold sheet music for J.R. Reed's Music Store in Austin. In early March of 1966, they moved to Lake Jackson, Texas, where Bill obtained employment in the Data Processing Department of the Dow Chemical Company as a computer operator. Over the years, Bill progressed through the ranks as a programmer, systems analyst, systems specialist, and systems engineer, working on IBM mainframes, DEC minicomputers and PCs. When Dow decided to contract those areas of the business, he worked for first EDS, then IBM, supporting the network for Dow and finally retiring after 41 years as a Network Architect.

In his spare time, Bill played French horn with the Brazosport Symphony and Gulf Winds Quintet, and sang in the Houston Symphony Chorus, the Houston Masterworks Chorus, the Gulf Coast Masterworks Chorus, and the St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Chancel Choir.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 55 years, Kathy. He is survived by son Chris Hutchison (Andrea), daughter Jennifer Stutterheim (Dan), grandchildren Ben (Megan), Allison, Gracie, Carter, and Keaton, and great-grandson Liam.

