



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Lake Jackson, Texas

A Celebration
in
Thanksgiving for the Life
of

Robert "Bob" Christian Bohley

July 8, 1947 - November 24, 2024

January 4, 2025
11:00 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 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 Bob, 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 Bob'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: Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

Adam Harrington

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 kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

After the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

Evie Day

O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

**You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

**All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,**

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Christian Day

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

After the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #409 (*Blue Hymnal*) (*all sing*)

The Spacious Firmament On High

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.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son

and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily (*sit*)

The Reverend Elizabeth Parker

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, Bob, 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 Bob, 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 Bob, 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

- **Hymn #412** (*Blue Hymnal*) (vs. 1, 4, 5, 6) (*all sing*) *Earth and All Stars*

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.

Communion Hymns:

Hymn #394 (*Blue Hymnal*) (*all sing*)

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

Hymn #671 (*Blue Hymnal*) (*all sing*)

Amazing Grace! How Sweet The Sound

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 Bob.
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.**

Recessional Hymn (*all sing*)

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley

Led by Cathy and Jay Richardson

Some bright morning when this life is over
I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus

I'll fly away, oh glory
I'll fly away in the morning
When I die, Hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly
I'll fly away

Chorus

Oh, how glad and happy when we meet
I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet
I'll fly away

Chorus

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys will never end
I'll fly away

Chorus

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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 Bob's life with
his family and friends in the Parish Hall.**



Order of Procession

Acolytes

Mary Young
Angela McCabe
Margaret Jones
Eli McLeod

Chalicers

Gary Jones
Angela McCabe
Mary Young

Celebrant

The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

Assisting Priests

The Reverend Elizabeth Parker
The Reverend Chris Weis

Readers

Adam Harrington
Evie Day
Christian Day

Ushers

Mel McKey
Denis James

Honorary Pallbearers

(Bob's Grandchildren)
Charlotte Harrington
Adam Harrington
Christian Day
Evie Day
Ellen Goosen

Music

Paul Butt, Organist
Jay and Cathy Richardson

Sound Technicians

Jay Richardson

Videographer

Sondra Griner

Robert “Bob” Christian Bohley

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Robert Christian Bohley was born July 8, 1947, into the loving marriage of Virginia Estelle Walker and Wilferd William Adam Bohley. He attended school in Clayton, Missouri and obtained his BSChE at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. In 1970 he married the love of his life Carol Ellen Weis Bohley, a marriage that lasted 54 years and delighted them with three daughters, Laura Felicia Bohley Harrington, Melissa Anne Bohley Goosen, and Amanda Catherine Bohley Day.

Carol and Bob moved to Freeport, Texas, where Bob had been hired as a Production Engineer, then Senior Production Engineer in Chlorinated Solvents division of Dow Chemical Company. His expertise took him into various roles within Dow, including group leader of Energy Research, and project manager over the launch of several new process technologies. He finished his 33-year career with Dow as Senior Technology Associate of Polyolefins and Elastomers. These various roles with Dow took the family to Baton Rouge for a year, but the role of Manager of Hydrocarbons and Organic Chemicals Research in Terneuzen, the Netherlands, changed the lives of the whole family as they embraced the experiences of living overseas for six years.

After retirement he worked as a Management Consultant for the Sinclair Group, which took him to facilities all over the world.

Bob enjoyed several hobbies over the years: fishing, boating, golfing, hunting, photography, camping, cycling, and community theater. But his real passion lay in being a volunteer in National Parks for 14 years as an astronomy volunteer. In 2019, the National Park Service named Bob one of seven national winners of the Hartzog Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service for his years of work obtaining International Dark Sky certification for Great Sand Dunes National Park. The family’s love for Great Sand Dunes National Park inspired the purchase of a cabin nearby. Bob’s second calling was portraying Santa for schools, fund raisers, the homeless shelter, and paired with Carol as Mrs. Claus in the annual Norman, Oklahoma, Christmas Parade.

Bob left this world November 24, 2024, surrounded by love from his family: his wife of 54 years Carol Weis Bohley of Norman, Oklahoma; daughters Laura Bohley Harrington (Jeff) of Pearland, Texas, Melissa Bohley Goosen (Bob) of Zionsville, Indiana, and Amanda Bohley Day (Eric) of Norman, Oklahoma. He enjoyed a special bond with his grandchildren Charlotte and Adam Harrington, Ellie Goosen, and Christian and Evie Day; nephews Patrick and Kevin O’Briant, nieces, multiple cousins, friends and many others whose lives he touched. He was met by those who went before him: sisters Elaine and Barbara, parents Wilferd and Virginia, grandparents, and in-laws.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to The Brazosport Center for the Arts and Sciences (bcfas.org/donate) or Food and Shelter of Norman, Oklahoma (foodandshelterinc.org).