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IN·CHRIST·ALL·WILL·BE·MADE·ALIVE

**A Mass of the Resurrection
for
The Reverend Geoffrey Collis**

(Hymns will be played but not sung)

Prelude

*Sonatina: 'God's time is best', BWV 106.1
Johann Sebastian Bach, 1707*

Reception of the Body

The Bishop meets the body at the door of the church and says

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother Geoffrey for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that he will raise him to perfection in the company of the saints.

Silence may be kept; after which the Bishop says

Deliver your servant, Geoffrey, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set him free from every bond; that he may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on God and know the consolation of his love.

Silence may be kept; after which the Bishop says

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in mercy; nourish them with your patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Processional

*Who are these like stars appearing?
Zeuch mich, zeuch mich*

When all are in place, the Bishop may address the congregation, acknowledging briefly the purpose of their gathering, and bidding their prayers for the deceased and the bereaved.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as able.

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Geoffrey, a priest of your church, being raised with Him, may know the strength of His presence, and rejoice in His eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Bishop may add the following prayer

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Geoff's family and friends 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 people sit.

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

Solomon 3:1-5, 9

The souls of the just are in God's hand; no torment will touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to be dead; their departure was reckoned as defeat, and their going from us as disaster. But they are at peace, for though in the sight of men they may suffer punishment, they have a sure hope of immortality; and after a little chastisement they will receive great blessings, because God has tested them and found them worthy to be his. Those who have put their trust in him will understand that he is true, and the faithful will attend upon him in love; they are his chosen, and grace and mercy will be theirs. The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23 *(in unison)*

King James Version

The Lord is my shepherd;*

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;*

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil;*

For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;*

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;*

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

II Corinthians 4:16 - 5:9

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen, but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling so that by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we sigh with anxiety; not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage; we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. We are of

good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him. The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel

St. John 10:11-16

Please stand as able

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Reverend Austin Murray

All stand as able

The Celebrant may introduce the Creed with these or similar words

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

The Leader says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech you, to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace. *Amen.*

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. *Amen*

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Amen.*

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. *Amen.*

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love. *Amen.*

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to

meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. *Amen.*

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. *Amen.*

Grant us grace to entrust Geoffrey to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you bear unto your people. *Amen.*

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and with all your saints, to receive the crown of life which you promise to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Remain standing (as able)

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord 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.
Please remain in your seat.*

Announcements will be made at this time

The Bishop begins the Offertory with the following sentence

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tomb bestowing life!

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Vineyard Haven*

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand as able. The Bishop faces the people and says

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Bishop: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Bishop: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Then, facing the Altar, the Bishop proceeds

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:

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 remain standing as able, as the Bishop continues

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Bishop is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Bishop and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Bishop continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Bishop

*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 Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Bishop: 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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to make their Communion at this time. Please follow instructions given for distribution.

Communion Hymns

*Jesus, Son of Mary, fount of life alone
Adoro devote*

*And now, O Father, mindful of the love
Unde et memores*

After Communion, the Bishop says

Let us pray.

Bishop 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

The Bishop and other clergy take their places at the body and the following anthem is said:

Bishop: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,

People: *where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Bishop: 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(s) with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Bishop, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Geoffrey. 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 Bishop then blesses the people saying:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The people are dismissed with these words

Let us go forth in the name of the Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

Jesus, Lover of my Soul
Aberystwyth

*The body will be processed from the church during the hymn.
Please follow the cross to the cemetery for the Service of Committal.*

Postlude

In Paradisum
Henri Mulet, 1920

The Committal

The following anthem is said at graveside:

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.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Bishop 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 Geoffrey, and we commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless 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. *Amen.*

The Bishop continues

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Bishop: Let us pray.

Bishop 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.

Other prayers may be said

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death, between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to your holy Church peace

and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then may be said:

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Bishop then blesses the people with the Paschal Blessing:

May 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; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Presider

The Right Reverend William H. Stokes
Twelfth Bishop of New Jersey

Preacher

The Reverend Austin Murray

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Deborah Albury and Heather Collis-Puro

The Rector of All Saints' Memorial Church

The Reverend Deborah Cook

Organist

John Van Sant

BECAUSE of a Christian's faith in God, and in what God has assured for us in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we do not live without hope, nor die without comfort. The sadness that overtakes us in the death of a loved one is overcome by the joy of expectation of a fuller, richer life beyond death.

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 Lazarus, his friend. So while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we grieve in sympathy with those who mourn.

THE CHURCH's rites of burial are the celebration of this event of death and resurrection with Christ. The psalms and hymns, the lessons and prayers, are comforting reassurances of our steadfast hope - both in the victory which the departed Christian shall attain, and in the share which we shall have in the same victory by the help and grace of God. For in the Christian fellowship, death does not separate us from those loving, close-knit relationships that we have with all those who belong to Christ. We are a communion of saints, a living fellowship that death cannot break or destroy.

