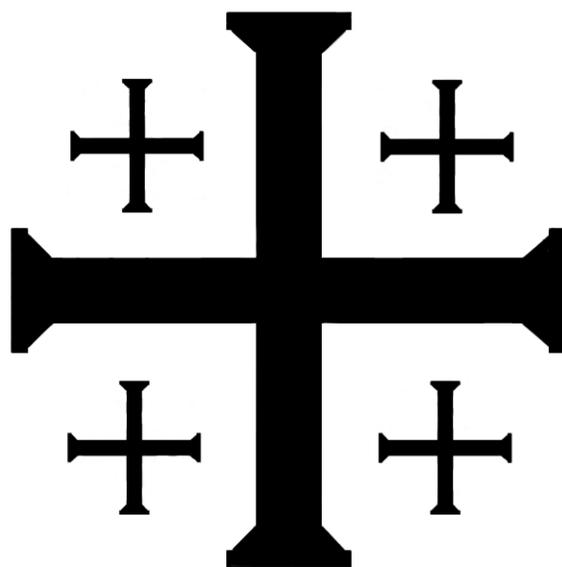


# Choral Evensong

in Thanksgiving for the Life of

JOHN BRADFORD BOHL

May 24, 1981 – August 2, 2018



September 2, 2018

4:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

## Service Participants

The Right Reverend Carl Walter Wright

*Officiant*

The Reverend Nathan J. A. Humphrey

*Cantor*

The Reverend Randall McQuin

*Homilist*

The Memorial Evensong Choir

Canon Michael McCarthy

*Director of Music, Washington National Cathedral*

George Fergus

*Associate Director of Music & Organist, Washington National Cathedral*

Robert McCormick

*Guest Organist & Conductor, Saint Mark's Church, Philadelphia*



*The people's responses are in bold.*

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Adagio*, from *Symphonie III*, Op. 28

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*The people stand as the procession of service participants enters.*

#### INTROIT

*The Road Home*

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost so long ago? All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home? After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day, through the air there's a calling from far away, there's a voice I can hear that will lead me home. Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call, with the love in your heart as the only song; there is no such beauty as where you belong; rise up, follow me, I will lead you home. (*Michael Dennis Browne, b. 1940*)

#### HYMN • 657

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

*Hyfrydol*

#### OPENING SENTENCES

We give thanks to the Father, who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.  
(*Colossians 1:12*)

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.  
(*Ephesians 2:19*)

#### PRECES

Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)

*Cantor* O Lord, open thou our lips;

*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Cantor* O God, make speed to save us;

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Cantor* Praise ye the Lord.

*Choir* The Lord's Name be praised.

*The office candles are lighted as the choir sings.*

#### PHOS HILARON

*Sung by the choir*

Gary Davison (b. 1961)

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

*The people are seated.*

PSALM 114

*Sung by the choir*

chant: George M. Garrett (1834-1897)

Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,  
Judah became God's sanctuary  
and Israel his dominion.  
The sea beheld it and fled;  
Jordan turned and went back.  
The mountains skipped like rams,  
and the little hills like young sheep.  
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams?  
you little hills like young sheep?  
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.  
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.

PSALM 115

*Sung by the choir*

chant: Gerald Knight (1908-1979); Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)

Not to us, O Lord, not to us,  
but to your Name give glory;  
because of your love and because of your  
faithfulness.  
Why should the heathen say,  
"Where then is their God?"  
Our God is in heaven;  
whatever he wills to do he does.  
Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.  
They have mouths, but they cannot speak;  
eyes have they, but they cannot see;  
They have ears, but they cannot hear;  
noses, but they cannot smell;  
They have hands, but they cannot feel;  
feet, but they cannot walk;  
they make no sound with their throat.  
Those who make them are like them,  
and so are all who put their trust in them.  
O Israel, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
The Lord has been mindful of us, and he will bless us;  
he will bless the house of Israel;  
he will bless the house of Aaron;  
He will bless those who fear the Lord,  
both small and great together.  
May the Lord increase you more and more,  
you and your children after you.  
May you be blessed by the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
The heaven of heavens is the Lord's,  
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.  
The dead do not praise the Lord,  
nor all those who go down into silence;  
But we will bless the Lord,  
from this time forth for evermore.  
Hallelujah!  
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.

Then Zophar the Naamathite answered: "Should a multitude of words go unanswered, and should one full of talk be vindicated? Should your babble put others to silence, and when you mock, shall no one shame you? For you say, 'My conduct is pure, and I am clean in God's sight.' But O that God would speak, and open his lips to you, and that he would tell you the secrets of wisdom! For wisdom is many-sided. Know then that God exacts of you less than your guilt deserves. Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty? It is higher than heaven — what can you do? Deeper than Sheol — what can you know? Its measure is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

If you direct your heart rightly, you will stretch out your hands towards him. If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away, and do not let wickedness reside in your tents. Surely then you will lift up your face without blemish; you will be secure, and will not fear. You will forget your misery; you will remember it as waters that have passed away. And your life will be brighter than the noonday; its darkness will be like the morning. And you will have confidence, because there is hope; you will be protected and take your rest in safety. You will lie down, and no one will make you afraid; many will entreat your favour. But the eyes of the wicked will fail; all way of escape will be lost to them, and their hope is to breathe their last."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MAGNIFICAT

*Sung by the choir*

*Gloucester Service; Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
 For he hath regarded  
 the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
 For behold from henceforth  
 all generations shall call me blessed.  
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me,  
 and holy is his Name.  
 And his mercy is on them that fear him  
 throughout all generations.  
 He hath showed strength with his arm;  
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
 He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
 as he promised to our forefathers,  
 Abraham and his seed for ever.  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*(Luke 1:46-55)*

SECOND READING

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

*Sung by the choir*

H. Howells

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word,  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (*Luke 2:29-32*)

*The people stand as able and face the high altar.*

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**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.**

## LESSER LITANY

*Cantor* The Lord be with you.  
*Choir* And with thy spirit.  
*Cantor* Let us pray.  
*Choir* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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.

## SUFFRAGES

*Cantor* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.  
*Cantor* O Lord, save the State;  
*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
*Cantor* Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.  
*Cantor* O Lord, save thy people;  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.  
*Cantor* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.  
*Cantor* O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## COLLECTS

*The cantor sings a series of prayers, each followed by a choral Amen. The collects conclude with:*

*Cantor* Let us bless the Lord.  
*Choir* Thanks be to God.

*The people are seated.*

HOMILY

The Reverend Randall McQuin

ANTHEM

*Abendlied*

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

*Sung in German.* Bide with us, for evening shadows darken, and the day will soon be over.

*(Luke 24:29)*

*The people stand as able.*

*The officiant offers prayers of thanksgiving for the life of John Bradford Bobl.*

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

BLESSING

*The bishop blesses the people. The people respond, Amen.*

HYMN • 24

*The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*

*St. Clement*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation

