



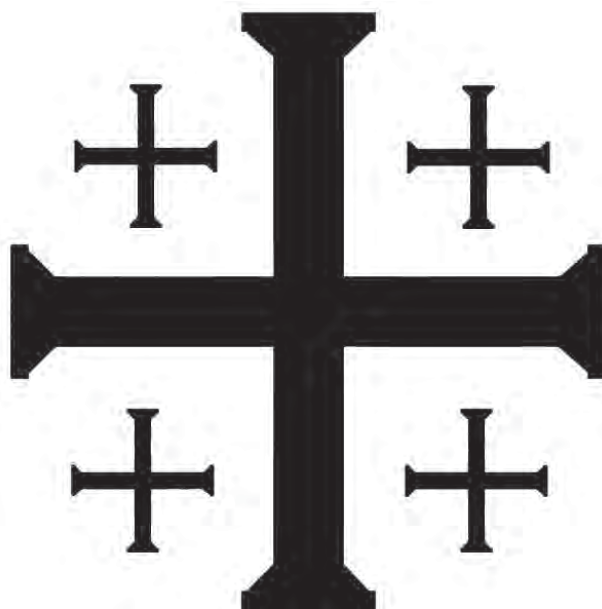
# JAMES EARL CARTER, JR.

THIRTY-NINTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IN CELEBRATION OF AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

# JAMES EARL CARTER, JR.

OCTOBER 1, 1924 – DECEMBER 29, 2024



THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

10:00 AM

## WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL



## PRELUDES

### CARILLON PRELUDE

Dr. Edward M. Nassor, *Carillonneur, Washington National Cathedral*

<i>God of Our Fathers</i>	<i>National Hymn</i> ; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)
Passacaglia on “Amazing Grace”	Lloyd Lott (b. 1944)
<i>Abide with Me</i>	<i>Eventide</i> ; arr. John Courter (1941–2010)
<i>Eternal Father, Strong to Save</i>	<i>Melita</i> ; arr. Sally Slade Warner (1932–2009)
<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	<i>Resignation</i> ; arr. E. M. Nassor
<i>America the Beautiful</i>	<i>Materna</i> ; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Thomas M. Sheehan, *Organist and Interim Director of Music, Washington National Cathedral*

Ariana Corbin, *Organ Scholar, Washington National Cathedral*

Matthew Steynor, *Director of Music, St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, Washington, District of Columbia*

Prelude and Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
“Reverie for Celestes” from <i>Suite Sebastienne</i>	Thomas H. Kerr, Jr. (1915–1988)
Rhapsody No. 1	Herbert Howells (1892–1983)
“Andante espressivo” from Organ Sonata, Op. 28	Edward Elgar (1857–1934)
<i>Adagio for Strings</i>	Samuel Barber (1910–1981); arr. William Strickland (1914–1991)
<i>Aspiración</i>	José Jesús Estrada (1898–1980)
<i>Master Tallis’ Testament</i>	H. Howells
Prelude on “Brother James’ Air”	Searle Wright (1918–2004)
<i>Sarabande (in modum benedictionem)</i> , Op. 1127	Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

## PIANO SELECTIONS

David Osborne, *pianist*

*My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)*

Andraé Crouch (1942–2015)

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Jill Jackson-Miller (1913–1995), Sy Miller (1908–1971)

## ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE

The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra

Movement I, “Slowly and Expressively” from *Clarinet Concerto*

Aaron Copland (1900–1990)

The Armed Forces Chorus

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Virgil Thomson (1896–1989)

The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra

“Solveig’s Song” from *Peer Gynt*

Edvard Grieg (1843–1907)

The Armed Forces Chorus, The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra, *and* The Cathedral Choir

*Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends*

Scottish folk song; arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

David Osborne, *pianist*

*Fly Away*

John Denver (1943–1997)

*The Wind Beneath My Wings*

Jeff Silbar (b. 1954), Larry Henley (1937–2014)

“Climb Ev’ry Mountain” from *The Sound of Music*

Richard Rodgers (1902–1979)

The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra

“Liebestod” from *Tristan und Isolde*, WWV 90

Richard Wagner (1813–1883);  
arr. Peter Lawson (b. 1951)

*The family arrives and the congregation remains seated.*

The Armed Forces Chorus, The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra, *and* The Cathedral Choir

*Be Still, My Soul*

Jean Sibelius (1865–1957); arr. M. Wilberg

## MUSICAL HONORS

The United States Coast Guard Band

Four Ruffles and Flourishes

*Hail to the Chief*

James Sanderson (1769–1841)

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Felice de Giardini (1716–1796)



## THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

*The bourdon bell tolls thirty-nine times as the cortege moves from the United States Capitol to the Cathedral.*

*The congregation remains seated as the body is received at the Great West Doors.*

### THE RECEPTION OF THE BODY

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe, *Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church*

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, *Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington*

*Bishop Rowe* With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother James 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.

Deliver your servant, James, 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.

*People* Amen.

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

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

*People* Amen.

### INTROIT

The Cathedral Choir

*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)*

*The people stand as able at the procession.*

**THE ANTHEMS IN PROCESSION**

The Reverend Andrew Young, *former United States Ambassador to the United Nations*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;  
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;  
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,  
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,  
and no man dieth to himself.  
For if we live, we live unto the Lord.  
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.  
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

**THE COLLECT FOR BURIAL**

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith, *Dean, Washington National Cathedral*

*Dean Hollerith* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Dean Hollerith* Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant James, 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.

*People* **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

Joshua Carter, *grandson of President Carter*

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

#### TRIBUTES

Steven Ford, *son of President Gerald Ford*

Ted Mondale, *son of Vice President Walter Mondale*

## ANTHEM

The Armed Forces Chorus, The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra, *and* The Cathedral Choir

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*                      *Melita*; John B. Dykes (1823–1876); arr. Stephen Bulla (b. 1953)

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at thy word,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace;  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, thy children shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

*(William Whiting, 1825–1878)*

## TRIBUTES

The Honorable Stuart Eizenstat, *former White House Domestic Affairs Advisor*

Jason Carter, *grandson of President Carter and Chair, Carter Center Board of Trustees*

## ANTHEM

Song Rise To Thee (Phyllis Adams, *soprano*, and Lelia Bolden, *pianist*)

The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra

*Amazing Grace*                      *New Britain*; arr. Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Nowlin, USMC (b. 1978)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear.  
And grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come.

'Twas Grace that brought me safe thus far  
And Grace will lead me home.

*(John Newton, 1725–1807, John Rees, 19th c.)*



## TRIBUTE

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., *Forty-Sixth President of the United States*

## THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-16

James Carter, *grandson of President Carter*

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach 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 be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOMILY

The Reverend Andrew Young, *former United States Ambassador to the United Nations*

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

—*Ephesians 4:32*

## MUSIC

Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood

*Imagine*

John Lennon (1940–1980), Yoko Ono Lennon (b. 1933)

Imagine there's no heaven  
It's easy if you try  
No hell below us  
Above us only sky  
Imagine all the people  
Living for today...

Imagine there's no countries  
It isn't hard to do  
Nothing to kill or die for  
And no religion too  
Imagine all the people  
Living life in peace...

You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us  
And the world will be as one.

Imagine no possessions  
I wonder if you can  
No need for greed or hunger  
A brotherhood of man  
Imagine all the people  
Sharing all the world...

You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us  
And the world will live as one.

*The people stand as able.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Said by all in unison.*

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

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, *Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington*

The Reverend Anthony Lowden, *Personal Pastor*

*Reverend Lowden* For our brother James, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Reverend Lowden* You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Reverend Lowden* 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.**

*All keep silence.*

*Bishop Budde* Father of all, we pray to you for James, 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE COMMENDATION

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe, *Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church*

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, *Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington*

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith, *Dean, Washington National Cathedral*

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

*Bishop Budde* 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 with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Bishop Rowe* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant James. 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe, *Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church*

*Bishop Rowe* The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith, *Dean, Washington National Cathedral*

*Dean Hollerith* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*Sung by all.*

*Coronation*



1. All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,  
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all ma - jes - ty a - scribe, and crown him Lord of all!



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5. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,  
 who from his altar call;  
 extol the stem of Jesse's rod,  
 and crown him Lord of all!

6. O that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 and crown him Lord of all!

*The people remain at their seats until directed by the ushers.*

MUSICAL HONORS

The United States Coast Guard Band

Four Ruffles and Flourishes

*Hail to the Chief*

J. Sanderson

*Faith of Our Fathers*

*St. Catherine*; Henri Hemy (1818–1888)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Thomas M. Sheehan, *Organist and Interim Director of Music, Washington National Cathedral*

“Final” from *Symphonie No. 1*, Op. 14

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

“Final” from *Symphonie No. 6*, Op. 42, No. 2

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

*The Washington Ringing Society will attempt a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters in thanksgiving for the life of President James Earl Carter, Jr.*



### OFFICIATING CLERGY

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe  
*Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church*

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde  
*Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington*

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith  
*Dean, Washington National Cathedral*

### MINISTER OF CEREMONIES

The Reverend Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan  
*Canon for Worship, Washington National Cathedral*

### HOMILIST

The Reverend Andrew Young  
*United States Ambassador to the United Nations (1977–1979)*

### READERS

Joshua Carter  
*Grandson of President Carter*

James Carter  
*Grandson of President Carter*

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*Personal Pastor*



## TRIBUTES

Steven Ford (written by President Gerald Ford)  
*Son of President Gerald Ford*

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Casey Payne Gallagher

In memoriam: Jeremy Davis Carter (1987–2015)



## MUSICAL TRIBUTES

The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra  
Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Nowlin, *Director*

The Armed Forces Chorus  
Lieutenant Colonel Randall Bartel, *Director*

The United States Coast Guard Band  
Captain Adam Williamson, *Director*

Song Rise To Thee  
Phyllis Adams, *Soprano*, and Lelia Bolden, *Piano*

Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood  
Robert Bailey, *Piano, Vocals*  
Johnny Garcia, *Guitar*  
Vicki Hampton, *Vocals*

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Alexander Taft, *Ringing Master*





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