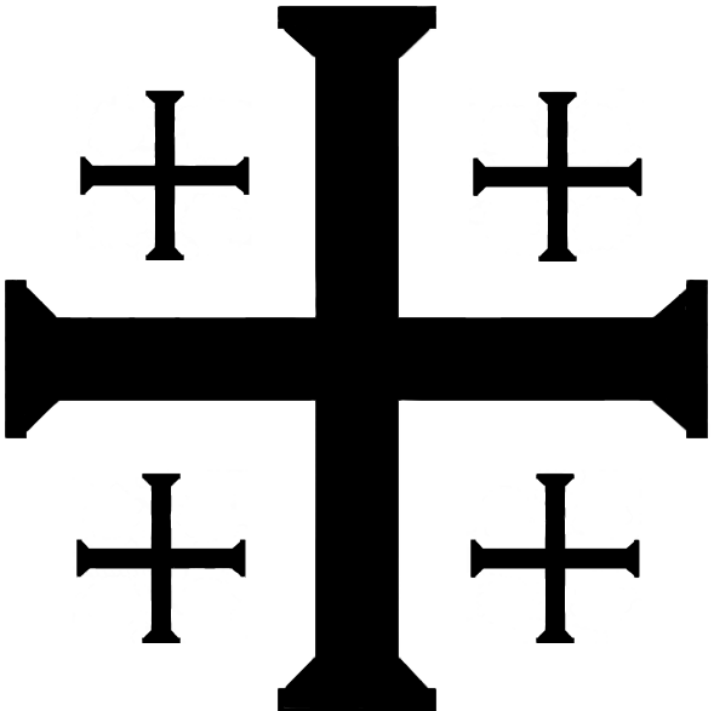
In Celebration of and in Thanksgiving for the Life of

John Davison Rockefeller IV

June 18, 1937–November 6, 2026



November 23, 2026

11:00 am

The Cathedral Church of Saint Peter & Saint Paul



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Governor of West Virginia

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The people's responses are in **bold.**

Preludes

CARILLON PRELUDE

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

Bist du bei mir, BWV 508	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750); arr. Rien Ritter (1922–1991)
For All the Saints	*Sine Nomine*; arr. Joanne Droppers (1932–2018)
Laudate Dominum, K 339, No. 5	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791); arr. Bernard Winsemius (b. 1945)
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need	*Resignation*; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)
Adagio from Suite for Carillon	Samuel Barber (1910–1981)
America the Beautiful	*Materna*; arr. E. M. Nassor

PRELUDE

Washington Bach Consort

Dana Marsh, *Artistic Director, Washington Bach Consort*

Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit, BWV 106	J. S. Bach
Komm Jesu, komm, BWV 229	J. S. Bach
"Ach Herr laß dein lieb Engelein" from *St. John Passion*, BWV 245	J. S. Bach
Ecce quomodo moritur iustus	Jacobus Gallus (1550–1591)

The Burial of the Dead

The people stand as able.

THE RECEPTION OF THE BODY

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

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

Bishop With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother John Davison Rockefeller IV 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 is kept.

Bishop Deliver your servant, John, 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.**

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

Silence is kept.

Dean Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in mercy; nourish them in 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.**

The people are seated as the family enters.

INTROIT

The Cathedral Choir

Washington Bach Consort

Canon Jared Johnson, *Director of Music, Washington National Cathedral*

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring from BWV 147 — J. S. Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings;
Where the flock, in thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own
In the love of joys unknown.

(Attr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930; after Martin Janus, c. 1620–c. 1682)

The people stand as able at the tolling of the bourdon bell.

THE ANTHEMS IN PROCESSION

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

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.

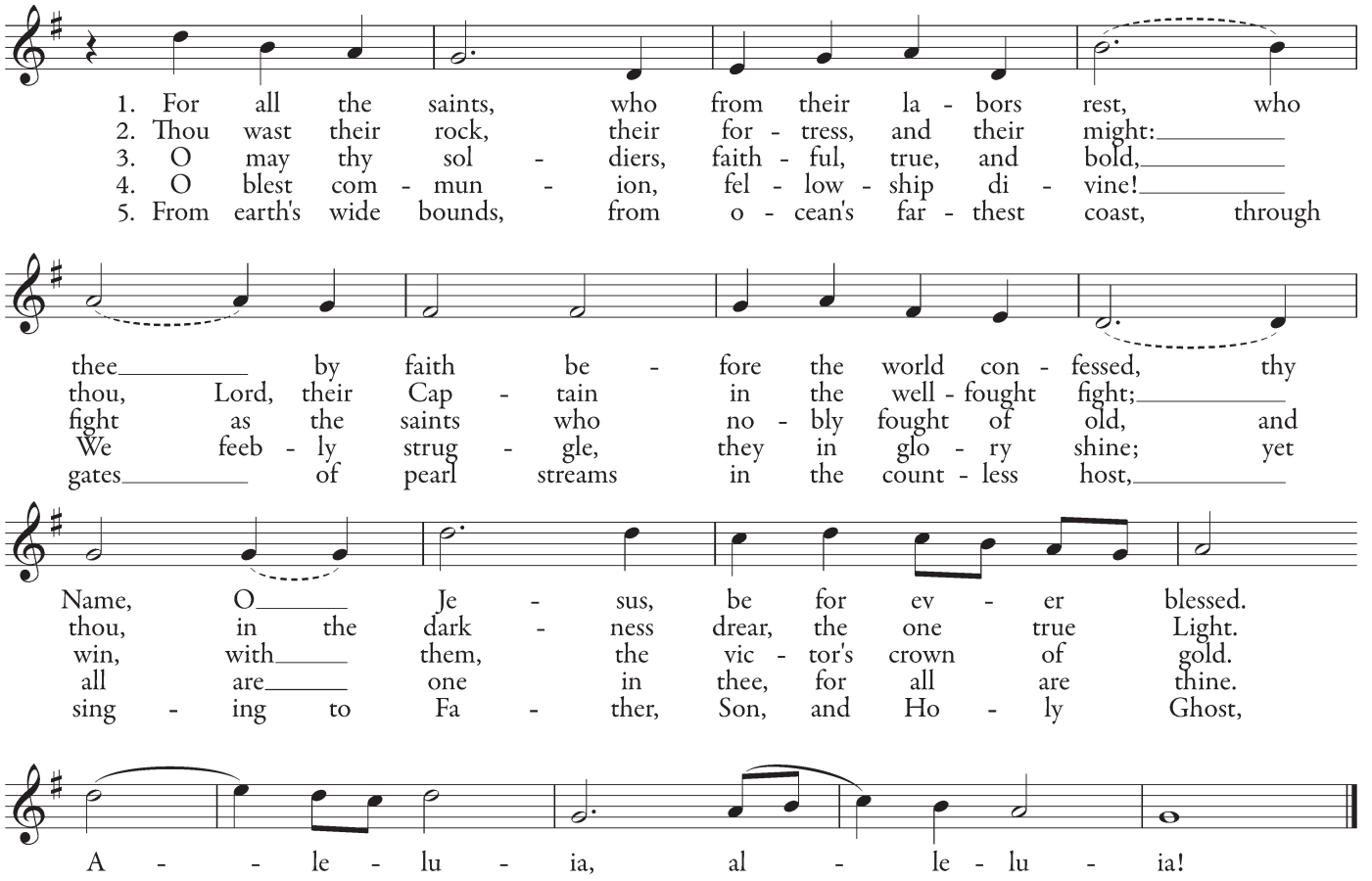
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

WELCOME

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

HYMN

For All the Saints — *Sung by all.* — *Sine Nomine*



The people are seated.

TRIBUTES

The Honorable Pierre N. Leval

Rochelle Goodwin

Ted Koppel

GRAND CORDON OF THE ORDER OF THE RISING SUN TRIBUTE

His Excellency Shigeo Yamada

ANTHEM

The Cathedral Choir

O How Amiable — Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings,
thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young;
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;
they will be alway praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us; O prosper thou our handy-work.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

(Psalm 84:1-4; Psalm 90:17; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748)

TRIBUTES

John Davison Rockefeller V

Valerie Blanchette Rockefeller

Charles Percy Rockefeller

Justin Aldrich Rockefeller

ANTHEM

The Cathedral Choir

And I Saw a New Heaven — Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

(Revelation 21:1-4)

The people stand as able.

THE COLLECT FOR BURIAL

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Bishop Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant John, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LESSON — Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

John Davison Rockefeller VI

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; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

chant: H. Walford Davies (1869–1941)

The Cathedral Choir

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills;
from whence cometh my help?
My help cometh even from the Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved,
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper;
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day,
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil;
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

The people stand as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

Dean The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Dean The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope, *Provost, Washington National Cathedral*

ANTHEM

Washington Bach Consort (Edmund Milly, *bass-baritone*)

"Mache dich, mein Herze, rein" from *St. Matthew Passion*, BWV 244 — J. S. Bach

Sung in German.

Make thyself, my heart, now pure,
I myself would Jesus bury.

For he shall henceforth in me
More and more
Find in sweet repose his dwelling.
World, depart, let Jesus in!

The people stand as able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Said by all.

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

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 LORD'S PRAYER

Said by all.

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

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 OF THE PEOPLE

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

Dean In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace.

People **Amen.**

Dean 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.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

Dean Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind.

People **Amen.**

Dean Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love.

People **Amen.**

Dean 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.

People **Amen.**

Dean 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.

People **Amen.**

Dean Grant us grace to entrust John to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people.

People **Amen.**

Dean Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom.

People **Amen.**

Dean Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope

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

Dean Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Bishop Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant John. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
People **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde

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

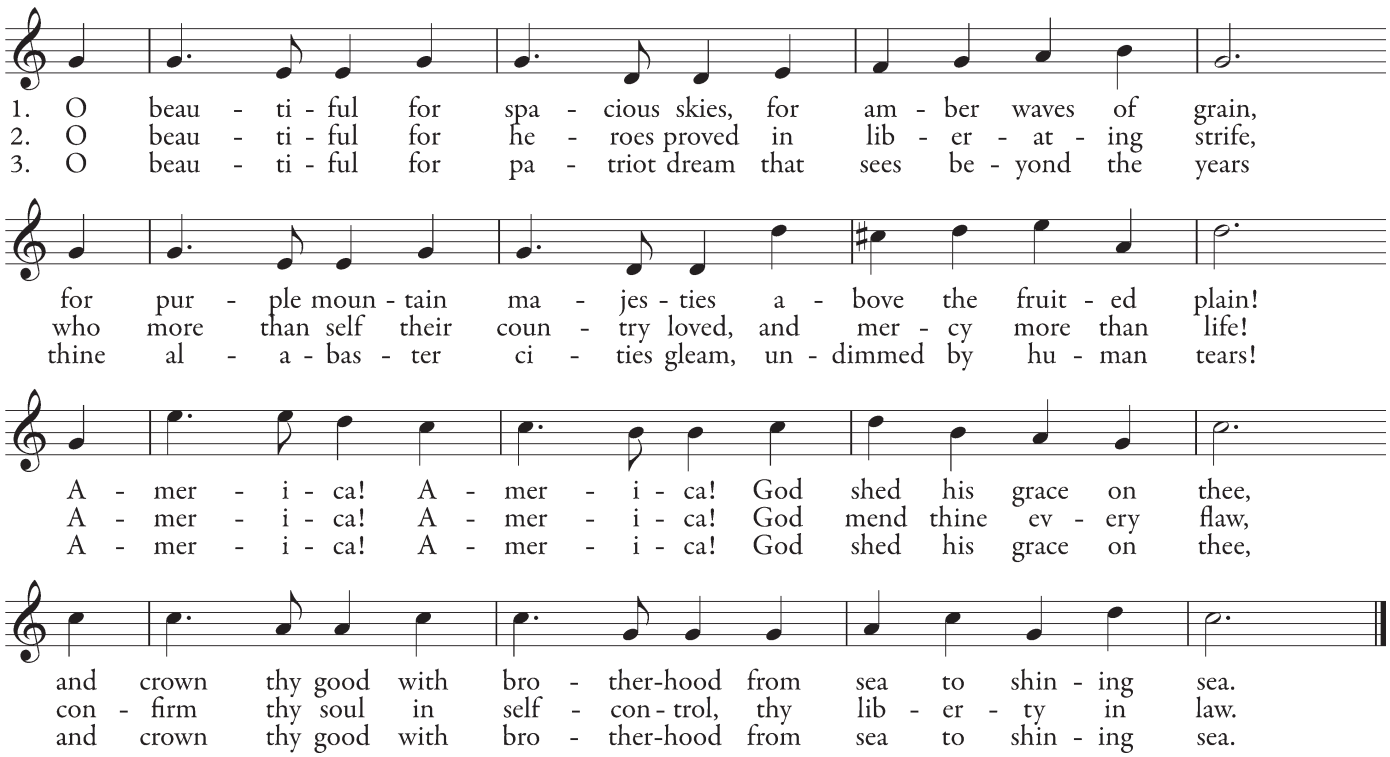
THE DISMISSAL

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

Dean Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

America the Beautiful — *Sung by all.* — *Materna*



POSTLUDE

Brass Ensemble

Edward Hewes, *Associate Director of Music and Cathedral Organist, Washington National Cathedral*

Fanfare for the Common Man — Aaron Copland (1900–1990)

Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541 — J. S. Bach

The people are asked to be seated until the family departs and the people are directed to depart by an usher.

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Archdeacon, Episcopal Diocese of Washington

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