



St. David's
Episcopal Church

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*A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving
For the Life of*

Samuel F. Etris

December 3, 1922 – April 2, 2020



*Saturday, October 24, 2020
Recital at 1:30 pm in the Chapel
Memorial Service at 2:00 pm*

Presider – The Rev. Elizabeth W. Colton
Preacher – The Rev. W. Frank Allen
Organists- Dr. Clair Rozier and
Dr. Elaine Sonnenberg Whitelock
Violinist- Lisa Vaupel

Pre-Service Organ Recital

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne	Dietrich Buxtehude
Suite, Opus 5: I. Prélude	Maurice Duruflé
Sonata No. 1 in Eb Major <i>I. (Allegro Moderato) II. Adagio III. Allegro</i>	J. S. Bach
Chorale Prelude on “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”	Dietrich Buxtehude

The people rise as they are able.

Anthems

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.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Collect

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Samuel. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people are seated and are invited to meditate silently upon the hymn.

Hymn 497

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star *Wie schon leucht uns die Morgenstern*

1 How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beaming from afar;
 the host of heaven rejoices; O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!
 Thou Son of Man and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:
 Jesus, Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly,
 draw thou near us; great Emmanuel, come and hear us.

2 Though circled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a pitying eye
 upon his helpless creature; the whole creation's Head and Lord,
 by highest seraphim adored, assumed our very nature;
 Jesus, grant us, through thy merit, to inherit thy salvation;
 hear, O hear our supplication.

3 Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply; with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,
 for this his Incarnation. Incarnate God, put forth thy power,
 ride on, ride on, great Conqueror, till all know thy salvation.
 Amen, amen! Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise be given evermore, by earth and heaven.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

read by David Etris

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139: 1-11

read by Laura Hornef

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

read by John Probst

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is 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. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to 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 confident; even though 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. Yes, we do have confidence, 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Solo “Bist du bei mir” (Be Thou With Me) Gottfried Heinrich Stötzl
Lisa Vaupel, violin

The people rise as they are able.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6

“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.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

Remembrances

Andy Etris
Ned Etris
Kelly Etris-Scully

Homily

The People rise as they are able.

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

Presider 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

Led by Cathy Etris

For our brother Samuel, 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 Samuel, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Presider

Father of all, we pray to you for Samuel, and for all those whom we love but no longer see. 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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory music

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

J.S. Bach

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Prayer A

People: *And also with you.*

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider 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:

Presider 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.

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:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider 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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

Following the family, the people are invited to receive communion by approaching in the center aisle, socially distant in line, and are then asked to use the hand sanitizer provided before returning via the side aisles.

The Communion

All are welcomed to Christ's table. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music at Communion

Méditation from Thaïs

Jules Massenet

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

Commendation and Blessing

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

The Presider, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Samuel. 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 people are seated and are invited to meditate silently upon the hymn.

Hymn 376

Joyful, Joyful! We Adore Thee

Ode to Joy

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

In the beloved tradition of Sam Etris, members of the Congregation are asked to remain seated to enjoy the organ postlude.

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

Members of the Congregation are invited to accompany the family to the gravesite for the burial of both Samuel and Mary Jane Etris.

Sending

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

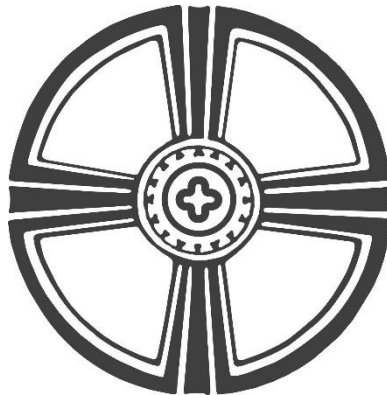
Thanks be to God.

The Burial Office

A word about the burial service in the Episcopal Church. The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It 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 angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all of 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 un-Christian. 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 His friend.

So, while we rejoice that Samuel has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.



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