

*A Celebration for the Life of  
Anthony Julian Rupert Keyser*




*August 16, 1939 ~ October 9, 2022*

Almighty God,  
our Father in heaven,  
Before whom live all who die in the Lord:  
Receive our Brother Tony into the courts  
Of your heavenly dwelling place.  
Let his heart and soul now ring out  
In joy to you, O Lord, the living God,  
and the God of those who live.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



A Memorial Service for  
Anthony Julian Rupert Keyser



Grace Episcopal Church  
Tuesday, October 25, 2022 ~ 10:00 PM

Prelude \_\_\_\_\_ “Sheep May Safely Graze” \_\_\_\_\_ *J.S.Bach*  
Kent Jones - Guest Organist

Processional Hymn 287 vv. 1-4 \_\_\_\_\_ *Sine Nomine*

“For All the Saints”

## Opening Anthem

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

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

*(Please be seated for the readings)*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

### **Psalm 23**

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 the shadow 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.

### **Second Lesson: Revelation 21:2-7**

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

**Remembrances** \_\_\_\_\_ Patrick McAlmond, Carlene Balbes

**Sequence Hymn 690** \_\_\_\_\_ "Guide me O thou great Jehovah" \_\_\_\_\_ *Cum Rhondda*

**Gospel:** John 6:37-40 \_\_\_\_\_ The Rev. James Seipel

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

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** \_\_\_\_\_ The Rev. Susan L. Scranton

## The Apostles' Creed

**Celebrant:** 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.

## Prayers of the People

Intercessor: For our brother Tony, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

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

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: 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.**

Celebrant:

Father of all, we pray to you for Tony, 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. **AMEN.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem "The Lord is my Shepherd" from Requiem John Rutter  
Grace Parish Choir ~ Nathaniel Moore - Oboe

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Celebrant: 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:

**Sanctus and Benedictus S124** David Hurd

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**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.**

*(Please kneel as able.)*

Celebrant:

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 herself, 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:

Celebrant and People:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: 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.**



## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: 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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## Communion of the People

Invitation to Communion

*~ All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion . ~*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

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

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Tony. 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 Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 618**

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

"Ye watchers and ye holy ones"

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Rhosymedre"

*arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Kent Jones - Guest Organist

## Memories of Tony Keyser



Tony Keyser was born in Perth, Australia. As a young boy he lived and worked at a sheep station. He attended college in London, Sweden and received his doctorate at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He loved working at USC Keck where he ran the pathology lab and was a college professor. Tony came to Grace Episcopal Church in 2006. Tony enjoyed traveling the world, cooking, and singing bass in the choir.

**Participants in this service:**

Celebrant.....The Rev. Susan L. Scranton  
Assisting Priest.....The Rev. James Seipel  
Lectors.....Frank Boyd, David Aldrete, Laurel McKenzie  
Choirmaster.....David Aldrete  
Choir.....Janet Kawamoto, Laurel McKenzie, Bobbi Patterson,  
Stacey Aldrete, Ruth Aldrete, Donna McAlmond, Debbi England,  
Nancy Rice, Karen Huss, Frank Boyd, Kim Boyd, Steven Patterson,  
Wayne Kawamoto, Patrick McAlmond, Jon Sharp  
Organist.....Kent Jones  
Oboist.....Nathaniel Moore  
GEC Stream Team.....Wayne Kawamoto, Rick Sandona  
Flower Guild.....Nancy Rice, Kathy Seielstad, Susie Seielstad, Peggy Wallace  
Altar Guild.....Patricia Meyer, Suzy Hageman, Debbie Pullen  
Ushers.....Carl Colley, Frank Hageman  
Parish Administrator & Bulletin Design.....Nancy Rice  
Hospitality Ministry.....Debbi England, Donna McAlmond, Laurel McKenzie,  
Susie Seielstad

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to  
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