



*A Celebration for the Life of
Douglas Duane Rice*



June 6, 1944 ~ January 8, 2023

Almighty God,
our Father in heaven,
Before whom live all who die in the Lord:
Receive our Brother Doug 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 Douglas Duane Rice



Grace Episcopal Church

Sunday, January 29, 2023 ~ 2:00 PM

Pre-service music

Kent Jones

(Please stand for the tolling of the bells)

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 of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Doug. 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 depth 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.**

(Please be seated for the readings)

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3

Jessica Rice

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 139 1-13

Jessica Rice

- 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; *
it is so high that 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.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:2-7

Katherine Rice

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."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Family Remarks

Bailey Lavin, Harrison Klinski, Todd Rice

Sequence Hymn 473

"Lift high the cross"

Crucifer

Gospel: John 14:1-6

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

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

Stephen Rice

Intercessor: For our brother Doug, 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 Doug, 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 Doug, 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

Organ Voluntary

Kent Jones ~ Organist

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 him 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

**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 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:

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 Doug. 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 287 vv. 1-4 “For all the saints” *Sine Nomine*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Participants in this service:

Celebrant.....The Rev. Susan L. Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister.....Todd Rice
Lectors..... Jessica Rice, Katherine Rice, Stephen Rice
Acolyte.....Morgan Patterson
Family Remarks.....Bailey Lavin, Harrison Klinski, Todd Rice
Organist.....Kent Jones
GEC Stream Team..... Nathaniel Olmos, Mizuki Williamson
Flower Guild.....Tricia Coppack, Rosann Kindt, Hannah Palpant,
Amelie Palpant, Nancy Rice, Liz Sandona, Marilyn Scranton,
Kathy Seielstad, Susie Seielstad
Altar Guild.....Janese Grady, Patricia Meyer, Dawn Mellon, Jade Petteruto,
Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge
Ushers.....Carl Colley, Alex McKenzie
Parish Administrator & Bulletin DesignerNancy Rice
Hospitality Ministry..... Lynn Colley, Tricia Coppack, Debbi England,
Janese Grady, Donna McAlmond, Dawn Mellon,
Lucie Pelleriti, Debbie Pullen, Susie Seielstad, Susan Sherman

Please join us for a reception in Baxter Hall immediately following the service.
You are welcome to share a story or memory of Doug at the reception.
In lieu of flowers, you may donate in memory of Doug Rice to
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