

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

GREGORY T. TULL

SEPTEMBER 12, 1969 - JANUARY 2, 2021

COMMENDED UNTO GOD:

AUGUST 7, 2021

ELEVEN O' CLOCK IN THE MORNING

I · AM · THE

I know that my

RESURRECTION

Redeemer liveth,

AND · THE · LIFE

and that he shall

SAITH · THE LORD · HE · THAT

stand at the latter day upon the earth;

BELIEVETH · IN · ME · THOUGH

and though this body be destroyed, yet shall

HE · WERE · DEAD · YET · SHALL · HE

I see God, whom

LIVE · AND

I shall see for myself,

WHOSOEVER

and mine eyes

LIVETH · AND

shall behold, and

BELIEVETH

not as a stranger.

IN · ME · SHALL

John 11:25-26; Job 19:25-27^{xx}

NEVER · DIE.

St. John's Cathedral

Jacksonville, Florida

Meditation before Kaddish

When I die, give what's left of me away
to children and old men that wait to die.
And if you need to cry,
cry for your brother walking the street beside you.
And when you need me, put your arms around anyone
and give them what you need to give me.
I want to leave you something.
something better than words or sounds.
Look for me in the people I've known or loved,
and if you cannot give me away,
at least let me live in your eyes and not in your mind.
You can love me best by letting hands touch hands,
and by letting go of children that need to be free.
Love doesn't die, people do.
So, when all that's left of me is love, give me away.

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 principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all 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 the one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Greg is survived by
His parents, Jack and Sandy Tull
His brother, Scott Tull (Joanne)
His daughter, Hope Tull
His nephews, Peyton and Brady
His aunt, Linda Tallmadge
His uncle, Rick (Ellen) Tull
His aunt, Sandi (Rod) Shoap
And so, so many people he called family and friends

The Order for the Burial of the Dead

GREGORY T. TULL

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Celebrant: The Reverend Teresa Seagle

Preacher: The Reverend Mal Jopling

Canon for Music: Timothy S. Tuller

Prelude

Ashokan Farewell

Jay Unger

Remembrances

Patrick Chervenak

Mike Duffy

The Burial Anthem

The Celebrant says

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, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Gregory, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Hymn

Amazing Grace

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; 'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home.	The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be, As long as life en- dures.	When we've been here ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun.
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The People are seated

The First Reading

Job 19:21-27

Lector A reading from the Book of Job

Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Said in unison

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.

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians

5:1-9

Lector A reading from Paul's Second letter to the people in Corinth

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning	Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven	Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning	Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird	Like the first dewfall on the first grass	Born of the one light, Eden saw play	Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning	Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden	Praise with elation, praise every morning	Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world	Sprung in completeness where His feet pass	God's recreation of the new day	Praise for them springing fresh from the world

The People stand.

The Gospel

John 14:1-6

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

Homily

The Reverend Mal Jopling

Prayers of the People

The Intercessor then says

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People 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.

The Celebrant continues

Father of all, we pray to you for our brother Gregory, 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.

Announcements

Offertory

HOLY COMMUNION

Living Waters

Based on Isaiah 58:11

Claire Heusinger, solo
Boril Ivanov, accompanist

The Great Thanksgiving

The People stand.

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.

The Celebrant proceeds with a prayer remembering Jesus' Last supper.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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:

Celebrant 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

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with you and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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,

People and Celebrant

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, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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

The Lord's Table is open to all. Baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. Unbaptized persons are invited to receive a blessing. To signify that you do not desire communion, please cross your arms over your chest, and a priest will administer a blessing.

Music at Communion

Hymn

Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus He came to love, heal, and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.	Refrain: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, All fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives.	How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride and joy he gives. But greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain days because He lives. (Refrain)	And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain. And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives. (Refrain)
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Hymn

On Eagles Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Who abide in His shadow for life Say to the Lord, "My refuge My rock, in whom I trust!"	Chorus: And He will raise you up on eagle's wings Bear you on the breath of dawn Make you to shine like the sun And hold you in the palm of His hand	You need not fear the terror of the night Nor the arrow that flies by day Though thousands fall about you Near you it shall not come (Chorus)	For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways Upon their hands they will bear you up Lest you dash your foot against a stone (Chorus)
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Hymn

Surely the Presence

Chorus: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.	In the midst of His children The Lord said He would be. It doesn't take very many It can be just two or three. And I feel that same sweet spirit That I felt oft times before. Surely I can say I've been with My Lord (Chorus)	There's a holy hush around us, As God's glory fills this place. I've touched the hem of God's garment, I can almost see God's face. And my heart is over flowing With the fullness of God's joy. And I know, without a doubt, That I've been with the Lord. (Chorus)
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Hymn

How Great thou Art

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed	Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art	When through the woods, and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze (Chorus)	And when I think that God, His Son not sparing Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin (Chorus)	When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art" (Chorus)
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The Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us with the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, giving us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. We pray that this Sacrament may be for us a comfort in affliction, and a sign of our inheritance in that place where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the joy of true homecoming, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the burial urn.

The People stand.

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.

The Celebrant then says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Gregory. 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

The Celebrant blesses the people

The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Hymn

I'll fly away
Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away
I'll fly away, oh Glory I'll fly away when I die
Hallelujah by and by I'll fly away
Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To that land where joy will never end
I'll fly away
I'll fly away oh glory I'll fly away,
In the mornin' when I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away.

Dismissal

Priest Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Committal follows in the Bishop's Garden. The family invites you for refreshments in Taliaferro Hall.

The Committal

Celebrant and People

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Gregory, and we commit his ashes to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him. The Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Then is said

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to Gregory, O Lord.

People And let light perpetual shine upon him.

Celebrant May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Serving at today's service

Presider and Celebrant

The Rev. Teresa Ryan Seagle

Preacher

The Rev. Mal Jopling

Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Jeannie Beyer

Old Testament Reader and Psalmist

Stephen Harrison

New Testament Reader

Fred Hoaglin

Prayers for Greg

James Pierce

Music

Tim Tuller, Canon for Music St. John's Cathedral

Verger

Glenn Guiler

Ashokan Farewell

Glynda Newton, violin; Ken Calhoun, guitar

Living Waters

Claire Heusinger, soloist; Boril Ivanov, accompanist

Thank you and blessings to the Crucifer and Ushers and others who assisted with the service.

All are invited to a reception in the Taliaferro Hall provided by the Sunshine Sisters.

In lieu of flowers please contribute to

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Dr. Greg Tull Education Fund

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