

Bishop of the Diocese of Florida
The Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard
Cathedral Clergy

The Very Reverend Katherine B. Moorehead, **Dean**
The Reverend Mark Anderson, **Subdean**
The Reverend Gee Alexander, **Priest Associate**
The Reverend Eric Kahl, **Priest Associate**
The Reverend Saundra Kidd, **Deacon**
The Reverend Linda Rosengren, **Deacon**

Guest Clergy
The Very Reverend Kurt H. Dunkle, Retired Dean General Theological Seminary

Brenda McNeiland, guest organist

Cliff Newton, Trumpet

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
THE RIGHT REVEREND CHARLES LOVETT KEYSER
JANUARY 19, 1930 - JULY 31, 2022

COMMENDED UNTO GOD:
AUGUST 13, 2022
TEN 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

Hymn 287 “For all the saints” *Sine Nomine*

Hymn 608 “Eternal father strong to save” *Melita*

Ceremonial
Brenda McNeiland, guest organist
Philip Brown

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the People kneel and the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

The Rt. Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard, Bishop of the Diocese of Florida

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 Charles. 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.

Taps, Last Salute and flag presentation

The Blessing

The celebrant blesses the people, saying

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; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 390 “Praise the Lord the almighty” *Lobe den Herren*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The service continues in procession to the Bishop’s Garden for the Committal.

Voluntary If thou but trust in God to guide thee J. S. Bach

The Committal

The Dean says

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.

He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day

nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep

your going out and your coming in

from this time on and forevermore.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

Pam Jordan Anderson

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced 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 creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Hymn 589

“Here I am Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky	I, who made the stars of night	I, the Lord of snow and rain	I will break their hearts of stone
I have heard my people cry	I will make their darkness bright.	I have borne my people's pain	Give them hearts for love alone
All who dwell in dark and sin	Who will bear my light to them?	I have wept for love of them	I will speak my words to them
My hand will save.	Whom shall I send?	They turn away. Here I am,	Whom shall I send? Here I am,
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?	Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?	Lord. Is it I, Lord?	Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard
I have heard you calling in the	I have heard you calling in the	I have heard you calling in the	you calling in the night I will go,
night I will go, Lord, if you lead	night I will go, Lord, if you lead	night I will go, Lord, if you lead	Lord, if you lead me I will hold
me	me I will hold your people in my	me I will hold your people in my	your people in my heart
I will hold your people in my	heart	heart	
heart			

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

The Rev. Ron Owen

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

HOLY COMMUNION

So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The Homily

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead, Dean of St. John’s Cathedral

The People stand.

The Apostles’ Creed

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

Prayers of the People

The Reverend Jennifer Gaines McKenzie, General Seminary

The Intercessor then says

For our brother Charles 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 Charles, 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.

Our brother 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 Charles; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant continues

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Charles, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father’s love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord, after which the People are seated

At the Setting of the Table

Voluntary

Now the silence
Brenda McNeiland, guest organist

Alec Wyton

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. *By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it,

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming. Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread. Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant says

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.

All people are invited forward to share in our communion—if you receive the bread and/or wine, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. If you receive a blessing from one of the clergy (i.e. you are not yet baptized), please kneel or stand at the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest.