

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
✧ THE RT. REV. FRANK STANLEY CERVENY ✧

January 4, 1933 - January 7, 2026

Saturday, January 17, 2026

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^{ss}
NEVER · DIE.



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✠THE ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD✠

The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Preacher
The Rt. Rev. George D. Young, III, Celebrant
The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll, Dean
Timothy Tuller, Canon for Music

Opening Voluntaries

Chorale Prelude on *O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde* gross, J. S. Bach

The Lord's Prayer, Albert Hay Malotte
Panis Angelicus, César Franck
Karim Zabaneh, baritone

The King of Love my Shepherd is, Healey Willan
Andante religioso, Alec Rowley
Après un Rêve, Gabriel Fauré
Glynda Newton, violin

All stand.

Resurrection Anthem, In Procession

Dean 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.

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Frank. 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.**

Hymn #525

"The Church's One Foundation" *Aurelia*

1 The Church's one foundation is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

All sit.

Isaiah 61:1-3

William Barritt Gilbert

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
Though an host of men were laid against me yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require; even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.
And now shall he lift up mine head above mine enemies round about me.
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great gladness: I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.
Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me, and hear me.
My heart hath talked of thee, seek ye my face: thy face, Lord, will I seek.
O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
Thou hast been my succour; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up.
Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.
I should utterly have fainted, but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
O tarry thou the Lord's leisure; be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Revelation 21:2-7

Frank Charles Cervený

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; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Hymn #694 (*sung 3x*)

"God Be in My Head" *Lytlington*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
 God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
 God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
 God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
 God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

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

All sit.

Remembrances

Frank Stanley Cervený, Jr.
 Emmy Cervený Gilbert
 William DeMerville Pettway Cervený, Jr.

The Homily

The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry

A period of silence is kept.

All stand.

The Apostles' Creed

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

Thomas Cervený Gilbert

Leader For our brother Frank 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 Frank, and dry the tears of those who weep.
People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.
People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.
People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.
People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.
People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

Silence is kept.

Bishop Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Frank, 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

Bishop The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Greet one another with the peace of Jesus.

The Welcome

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll

✠ THE HOLY COMMUNION ✠

Offertory Anthem

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place, Johannes Brahms
St. John's Cathedral Choir

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the
Lord. My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God. O blest are they that dwell in thy house: they
praise thy name evermore.

All stand.

Hymn #380 (*St. 3*)

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow" *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
All **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.**

All stand or kneel.

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:
All **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.**

All 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.

Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is 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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Everyone is also welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by folding your arms across your chest. If you would like to receive communion and are unable to come to the altar, please ask an usher for assistance.

Music at Communion (*Cursillo selections, led by Sue Carmichael*)

I Am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall not hunger; he who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

Refrain: And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up, and I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread, he shall live for ever, he shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. *Refrain*

I am the resurrection, I am the life. He who believes in me even if he die, he shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world. *Refrain*

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His 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 the same sweet Spirit that I've felt oft times before. Oh, surely I can say I have been with the
Lord.

There's a holy hush around us as God's glory fills this place. I've touched the hem of his garment and I can
almost see His face. And my heart is overflowing with the fullness of His joy. I know without a doubt that I
have been with the Lord.

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.

Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love Thee, we worship and adore thee, glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love Thee, we worship and adore thee, glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love Thee, we worship and adore thee, glorify Thy Name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Come to the mountaintop, leave all your cares behind; He spoke so gently to me.
Lay all your burdens down, such peace and joy you'll find; Come take my hand and you'll see, you will:

Chorus: Fly, fly, fly like a butterfly, gliding on wings of the wind.
Never having to hide deep inside your cocoon once again.
Look, world, look all around me, my chains are gone.
I know I've been set free, I'm safely resting in Jesus again.

I listened quietly, He waited patiently, He didn't push, didn't shove.
I gave Him my sorrows, today's cares, tomorrow's, and He wrapped them up in His love. He said... *Chorus*

Alleluia

Alleluia (x8)
We will praise Him. (x8)
Thank you, Jesus. (x8)
Jesus is Lord. (x8)
Alleluia. (x8)

Postcommunion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.
All **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

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

Dean 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.**

Dean Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Frank. 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

Bishop 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.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hymn #390, In Recession

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *Lobe Den Herren*

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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Concluding Voluntary

Fantasia in C minor, J. S. Bach

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On this day of January 17, 2026, we are also celebrating the 51st Anniversary of the installation of The Right Reverend Frank Stanley Cervený as the sixth Bishop of Florida, at St. John's Cathedral on January 17, 1975.

"We must also believe that there is life beyond the grave, and that in life after death, we shall have form, and that we shall know one another and communicate with one another. We shall know our families, our friends, and those we have never known, and I believe that we shall experience a life of unspeakable joy and love, free from pain, and sorrow, and suffering. And finally, we believe, that just as our Creator Father once spoke in creation and brought life into our being, so He will speak to us at the hour of our death, and as we take our last breath, He will say to us, 'I am the God of the living and not the dead. You belong to Me and because you belong to Me, you have a future, and it begins now.'"

-The Right Reverend Frank Stanley Cervený, 1991, Augusta, Georgia



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