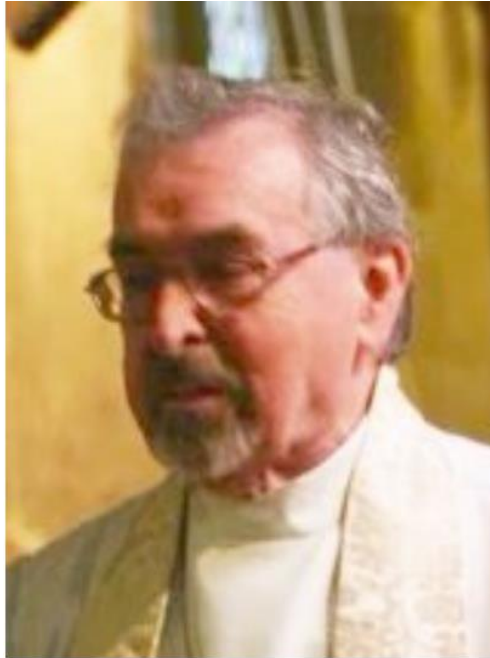


A Celebration of the Life of
Rev. Charles A. Deacon, Jr.



May 12th, 1932 - May 30th, 2021

Beloved Husband, Father, Brother, and Priest

Saturday, June 12th, 2021

Ten o'clock in the morning

St John's-Grace Episcopal Church

51 Colonial Circle

Buffalo, NY 14222

ST. JOHN'S - GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

51 Colonial Circle, Buffalo, NY 14222 / (716) 885-1112

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

The Right Reverend Sean Rowe, Bishop

The Reverend Jon F. Lavelle, Rector

Welcome

We are a community who gathers in faith to walk together into the mystery and experience of love, grace, hope, and healing. Our Mission is to go into the community and partner with our neighbors, to work for justice for all,
for everyone is welcome at Jesus' table.

Welcome to St. John's-Grace Episcopal Church This program booklet includes today's entire service. Everyone attending this service is welcome to receive the bread of communion. Everyone is welcome at Jesus' table. There are no exceptions.

To receive bread, just hold out your hands, lift your mask and consume the bread. If you do not wish to receive the bread, you may still come forward to receive a simple blessing. Just place your hands across your heart to signal that you wish to be blessed. If you do not feel comfortable participating in communion at all, that's alright, too.

You are welcome here, regardless of where you are in your own spiritual journey. If, due to physical limitations, you would like to have communion brought to you where you are seated, please tell one of the ushers.

Please wear your mask and maintain safe physical distancing of six feet. Restrooms are available. Please follow the signage ask the usher for assistance. One person at a time in the restrooms.

Directions in this program to stand, sit or kneel are only indications of custom. Do not feel obliged to do anything that does not feel right for you. We want you to feel at home here at St. John's-Grace.

Rev. Charles A. Deacon, Jr.



The Rev. Charles A. Deacon Jr., died on Sunday May 30, 2021 at Beechwood Homes after a long illness. Born in Quincy, MA on May 12, 1932 he was the son of the late Charles A. and Winnifred (nee McQuinn) Deacon Sr. Fr. Deacon was ordained in the Diocese of Rochester in 1963 after graduating from Philadelphia Divinity School in 1962. He served as an Episcopal Priest for 58 years mainly for the Diocese of Western NY and Western PA. He also worked for Niagara County Social Services for 20 years. Fr. Deacon is survived by his wife Deborah (nee Dickinson) Deacon. He was predeceased by his wife Ann (nee Dobbs) Deacon, who passed away on May 28, 2005.

Fr. Deacon was the father of Dr. Martha (Ron) Kershaw, Andrew (Barbie) Deacon and the late Amy (Jack) Ives. He was a proud grandfather of Elizabeth Kershaw, Valdeva (Matt) Crema, Stephan Deacon, and Henry Deacon. Fr. Deacon was the brother of the late Virginia (Charles) Carter; Winnifred (Carl) Jackson and Claire (Edward) Durgin. He is survived by many nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

Fr. Deacon was a Mason for 66 years member of the Niagara Lodge #375. He also volunteered at LCTV and was a benefactor for the Dale Association of Lockport. He was involved in several Toastmaster's groups locally including the AM Lockport Toastmasters. He has been published locally through his work with the Northtown Writers.

Friends may call on Saturday, June 5th from 2-6 PM at Prudden and Kandt Funeral Home, 242 Genesee Street, Lockport. A Service will be held on Saturday, June 12th at 10 AM at Saint John's-Grace Episcopal Church, [51 Colonial Cir, Buffalo, NY 14222](#). Memorials to the WNY Cystic Fibrosis Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences at www.pruddenandkandt.com.

Choral Prelude

St. John's-Grace Choir

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Waterlife

John C. Ylvisaker, 1985

"I was there to hear your borning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

O Paradise

Paradise

Malcolm Williamson, AO, CBE (1931-2003)

O Paradise, O Paradise, who does not crave for rest?
Who would not seek the happy land where they that loved are blest:

Where loyal hearts and true stand ever in the light,
All rapture through and through in God's most holy sight.
O Paradise, O Paradise!

O Paradise, O Paradise, the world is growing old;
Who would not be at rest and free where love is never cold?

O Paradise, O Paradise, we long to sin no more;
We long to be as pure on earth as on thy spotless shore:

O Paradise, O Paradise, we shall not wait for long;
E'en now the loving ear may catch faint fragments of thy song:

Lord Jesus, King of Paradise, O keep us in thy love,
And guide us to that happy land of perfect rest above:

Frederick William Faber, C.O. (1814-1863)

Be Not Afraid

Robert J. Dufford, S.J. (b. 1943)

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

O God, You Search Me and You Know Me Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

Psalm 139

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past, and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Entrance Rite

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

Processional Hymn I Am the Bread Of Life

I Am the Bread of Life

"I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father draw them."

*"And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day."*

"I am the resurrection; I am the life. They who believe in me,
even if they die, they shall live forever."

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

Suzanne Toolan, RSM (b. 1927) from the Gospel of John

Leader or All

1 "I am the bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion;
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven though you
 Son of God, who has

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er; you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain

All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

All stand and say together

**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.**

Holy God *Trisagion*

after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)
sung 3 times

This setting is intended to be sung three times.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It contains a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,"

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves in the same key signature and clefs as the first system. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment continues to support the vocal melody.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

A silence may be kept, after which the Celebrant says

Collect

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

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Deborah, Martha & Ron, Andrew & Barbie, Jack, Elizabeth, DeeDee & Matt, Stephan, Henry, Winnifred, Claire, and all of Charles' beloved family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Deborah Deacon

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

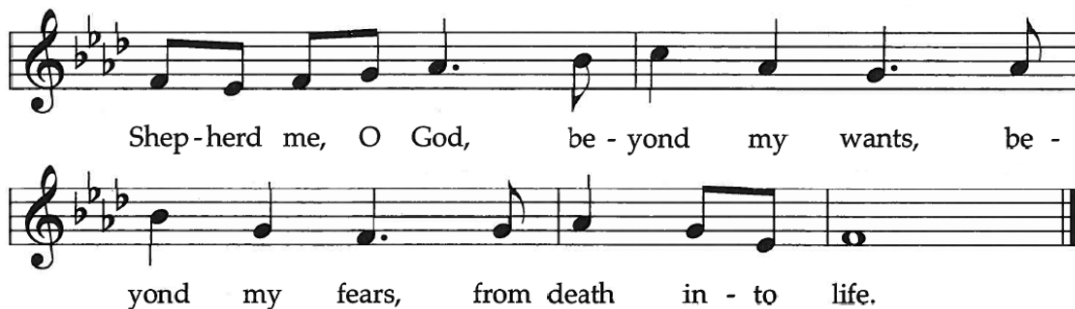
The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
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. *Isaiah 61:1-3*

Reader Listen to what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

The Psalm is introduced by the cantor and the singing of the Psalm Refrain



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **(R)**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **(R)**

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **(R)**

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. **(R)**

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. **(R)**

Marty Haugen, 1986

Second Reading

John Moffitt

A Reading from the Letter 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 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.

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

Reader

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People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Toplady

Text: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778)

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful -
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my

hide my - self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
 fill thy law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
 to thy cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress,
 eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,

from thy wound - ed side which flowed, be of sin the
 could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
 see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,

dou - ble cure, save from wrath and make me pure.
 not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
 foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
 cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Holy Gospel

The Reverend Patricia Guinn

All stand.

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

“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. *John 14:1-6*

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

The Reverend Jon F. Lavelle

Apostles Creed

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.**

Sharing Memories of Fr. Deacon

Deborah Deacon

Prayers of the People

The Reverend Earle King

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.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

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.

Father of all, we pray to you for Charles, 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

All stand.

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

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory

Preparation of the Table

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of All Nature *St. Elizabeth*

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture, O thou of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions! Son of

God and man the Son, thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 God and Son of man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

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.**

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Santo from *Missa Guadalupe*, Joel Martinson (b. 1960)
 Wonder, Love, and Praise 854

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the

high-est. San - to, san - to, san - to es el Se -

ñor. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el

cie - lo. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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

Memorial Acclamation from *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

from *Missa Guadalupe*, Joel Martinson
Wonder, Love, and Praise 869



A - gnus De - i, qui
Bread of Life, qui
Lord of Love, qui
Prince of Peace, qui

tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis,
mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re - re no - bis,
mi - se - re - re no - bis. do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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 are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Meditation

Pie Jesu, from *Requiem*

Andrew Lloyd Webber, 1985

Pie Jesu, *Pious (Merciful) Jesus,*
qui tollis peccata mundi, *who takes away the sins of the world,*
dona eis requiem. *give them rest.*

Agnus Dei, *Lamb of God,*
qui tollis peccata mundi, *who takes away the sins of the world,*
dona eis requiem, *grant them rest,*
sempiternam requiem. *everlasting rest.*

Communion Hymn Abide with Me

Eventide

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1847

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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

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

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.

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

The Celebrant 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.**

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein feste Burg*

Text: Martin Luther (1483-1546) based on Psalm 46

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
the man of God's own choos - ing; dost ask who that may
his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

St. John's-Grace Choir

O Lord, You Are My God and King *Psalm 145*

Jerusalem

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916

O Lord, you are my God and King,
and I will ever bless your name;
I will extol you every day,
and evermore your praise proclaim.
You, Lord, are greatly to be praised;
your greatness is beyond our thought;
all generations shall tell forth
the mighty wonders you have wrought.

How rich in grace are you, O Lord,
full of compassion, merciful,
your anger always slow to rise;
your steadfast love you show to all,
for you are good in all your ways;
your creatures know your constant care.
To all your works your love extends;
all souls your tender mercies share.

Your works will give you thanks, O Lord;
your saints your mighty acts will show,
till all the peoples of the earth
your kingdom, power, glory know.
Eternal is your kingdom, Lord,
forever strong, forever sure;
while generations rise and die,
your high dominion will endure.

Assisting Schedule

Presider: The Right Reverend Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York

Deacon: The Reverend Patricia Guinn

Intercessor: The Reverend Earle King

Homilist: The Reverend Jon Lavelle

Crucifer: John Gawley

Ushers: John Moffitt, Robert Petersen, Thomas Lochner,
Jan Lochner

Director of Music: Brian Hilton

Zoom Host: Nick Green

Readers: Deborah Deacon; John Moffitt

Director of Music: Brian Hilton

Choir: St. John's-Grace Choir



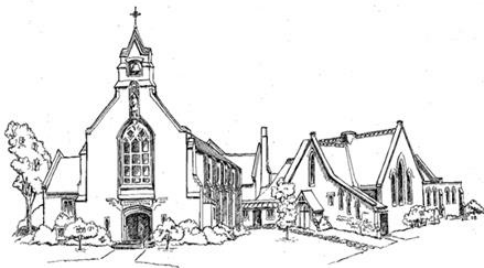
WELCOME! We are so happy you are here.

Attending Services at St. John's-Grace

- 1. DO NOT ATTEND if you have any COVID-19 Symptoms identified by the CDC:**

Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

- 2. The Diocese strongly recommends that those attending on-site services have been fully vaccinated for two weeks or longer.**
- 3. Those who are not vaccinated and have underlying health conditions are advised by State and Diocesan authorities *NOT to attend on-site worship.***
- 4. Sanitize hands before and after service. Wear a mask. Sit in assigned pew: one person or persons from the same household per pew.**
- 5. Please follow ushers' instructions to enter and exit church.**
- 6. Use the Bulletin/s provided in your pew. Please do not leave personal items behind.**
- 7. Always maintain safe physical distancing of 6 feet.**
- 8. One person at a time in a restroom.**
- 9. Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and keep entrance clear before and after the service.**



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