

*In Celebration of the
Life and Memory
of*

Charles Thomas Turner

November 18, 1938 – December 28, 2023



Friday, February 2, 2024, 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Entrance Anthem

All stand while the following anthems are said.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
shall never die.

John 11:25-26

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Job 19:25-27

For none of us lives to himself,
and none of us dies to himself.
For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.
For we brought nothing into the world,

and it is certain we carry nothing out.

The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;

blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;

Even so, says the Spirit,

for they rest from their labors.

Revelation 14:13

Opening Hymn

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (*Refrain*)
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And with your spirit.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Prayer for Thomas (Tom)

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 Tom, 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.

Prayer for the Family

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with Tom's family 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.*

Words of Remembrance from the Family

Jason T. Turner
The Rev'd Daniel Commerford
Dr. Elizabeth Miller

First Reading

Isaiah 41:8-10

8. But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
9. you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, "You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off"
10. fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 23 (*Congregation responds at bold*)

1. The Lord is my shepherd; *I shall not want.*
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: *he leadeth me beside the still waters.*
3. He restoreth my soul: *he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*
4. 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.*
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: *thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*
6. 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.* (KJV)

Epistle

Romans 8:38-39

38. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39.** 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. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; bear patiently the cross of grief and pain; leave to thy God to order and provide; in ev'ry change He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend thru' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: thy hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

words: Katherine von Schlegel; trans. J. Borthwick
music: *Finlandia*, Jean Sibelius

Please remain standing for the reading of the Holy Gospel

Holy Gospel

John 11:21-27

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

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

21. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22.** But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." **23.** Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." **24.** Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." **25.** Jesus said to her,

“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, **26.** and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” **27.** She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” (ESV)

After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

Fr. Keith Allen

The Apostles’ Creed *(please stand)*

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 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 Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

A.H. Malotte

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please respond to each prayer by saying, "hear our prayer."

The Litanist says:

Almighty God, you knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we pray, to your whole Church in heaven and on earth, your light and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you in faithful obedience.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Grant us grace to entrust Tom to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy and remember him according to the favor which you show to all your people.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

The Officiant continues

Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The 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 among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn

1. O 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.

*Refrain: 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!*

2. 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; *(refrain)*
4. 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!” *(refrain)*

words: Stuart K. Hine
music: *O Store Gud*, Swedish folk melody;
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The Deacon dismisses the people with these words.

Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Worship Participants

Officiant/ Homilist

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Keith Allen

Gospeller

Deacon Kim Allen

Pianist

Brady Johnson

Soloist

Eleanor Dixon

Readers

Debbie Phillips, Rachel Commerford

Audio Visual

Noah Woodrow

Ushers

Larry Lauffer, Fred Malik, Jr., Bill Blomberg

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Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Tom Turner passed away peacefully on December 28 following a brief illness, surrounded by family. He was a man of deep faith, which he shared with others. He and his wife Carol were happily married for over sixty years. They shared a love for family and travel. They worked together, worshipped together, enjoyed golfing, and gathering family and friends around their table. He loved spending time with family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, singing songs, reading books, and making everyone laugh. Tom was a natural born leader and entrepreneur who served his clients as a financial advisor for fifty-seven years. His career in finance gave him great satisfaction. A native Texan, Tom was a graduate of Texas Tech University where he played football.

Tom was pre-deceased by his parents, Charlton and Eunice Turner, his brothers Berney and Bob, his nephew Berney Alan, and his daughter Gail Turner Viau. He will be missed by many of all ages, backgrounds, locations and varied interests. His smile and concern for people brought much happiness to all who knew and loved him.



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