

In Memoriam
Gordon Craft

August 22, 1932
November 2, 2024



St. Charles Episcopal Church
Saturday, March 22, 2025 11:00 a.m.
Service for the Burial of the Dead, Rite II

Welcome. Please join us as we center ourselves and prepare to commemorate and celebrate the life of Gordon Craft. Text printed in **bold** is spoken by all, unless otherwise noted. Hymns can be found in the blue hymnals in the pews.



Voluntary

O Mensch bewein dein Sünde gross

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

The people stand as they are able.

Gathering Hymn 376

Hymn to Joy

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Celebrant: 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

Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother, Gordon. 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.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding:
Deal graciously with us in our grief. Surround us with your love, that
we may not be overwhelmed by our loss, but have confidence in your
goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

Reader: Bo Smith

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

God is for Us a Refuge and Strength

setting Charles Anders

The choir intones the Antiphon, all repeat. The choir chants the psalm.



The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Ja - cob is our strong-hold.

God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand in time of distress: so we shall not fear tho' the earth should rock, tho' the mountains fall into the depths of the sea; Even tho' its waters rage and foam, even tho' its mountains be shaken by its waves. **ANTIPHON**

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. Nations are in tumult, the kingdoms are shaken: He lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away. **ANTIPHON**

Come, consider the works of the Lord-the deeds He has done on the earth. He puts an end to wars over all the earth-the bow He breaks, the spear He snaps. He burns the shields with fire. Be still and know that I am God, supreme among on the earth! **ANTIPHON**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

Reader: Bo Smith

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 The Lord is My Shepherd

setting Robert A. Hawthorne

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "The Lord is my Shep - herd, I shall not be in want." The accompaniment consists of two staves, a treble and a bass clef, with a brace on the left side. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some rests.

2. He makes me lie down in green [pastures]*
And leads me beside still [waters].
3. He revives my [soul]*
And guides me along right pathways for his [Name's sake].
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...
I shall fear no [evil]:*
For you are with me...your rod and your staff they [comfort] me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who [trouble] me;*
You have anointed my head with oil...and my cup is running [over].
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my [life],*
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for-[ever].

Antiphon

Sequence Hymn 671

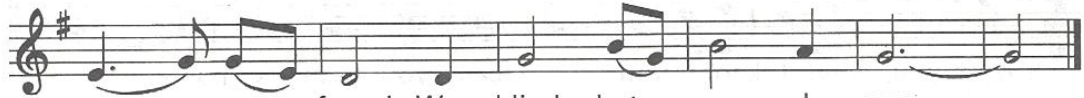
Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright ship - ing



1. wretch like me! I once was lost, but
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
5. as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Gospel

John 5:24-27

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.** † *forehead*, † *mouth*, † *heart*

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

‘Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Eulogy

Christian Craft, Tod Craft

Homily

The Rev. Fran Holliday

A period of silence will be kept after the sermon.

The people stand as they are able.

Apostle’s Creed

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

**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.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All: 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.

Prayers of the People

During the silence we may offer our private concerns and prayers to God.

Leader: For our brother, Gordon, 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 Gordon 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: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Father of all, we pray to you for Gordon, 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.

People: Amen.

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, then sit.

Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places.

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.**

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Gordon. 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 People stand as they are able.

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Sending Forth Hymn 662

Eventide

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 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 o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 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 sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O 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.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Grand Choeur

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)



*The beautiful altar flowers are given in memory
of Gordon Craft by his family.*

*All are welcome to join us for a Lunch Reception
in Ludtke Hall following the service.*

Interment will take place at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Geneva later today.



Service Participants

The Rev. Fran Holliday
Christian Craft, Tod Craft
Bo Smith
Charles Boerner
Diana Brown, Larry Engel
Mark Downey

Celebrant
Eulogy
Reader
Crucifer
Ushers
Organist & Choirmaster

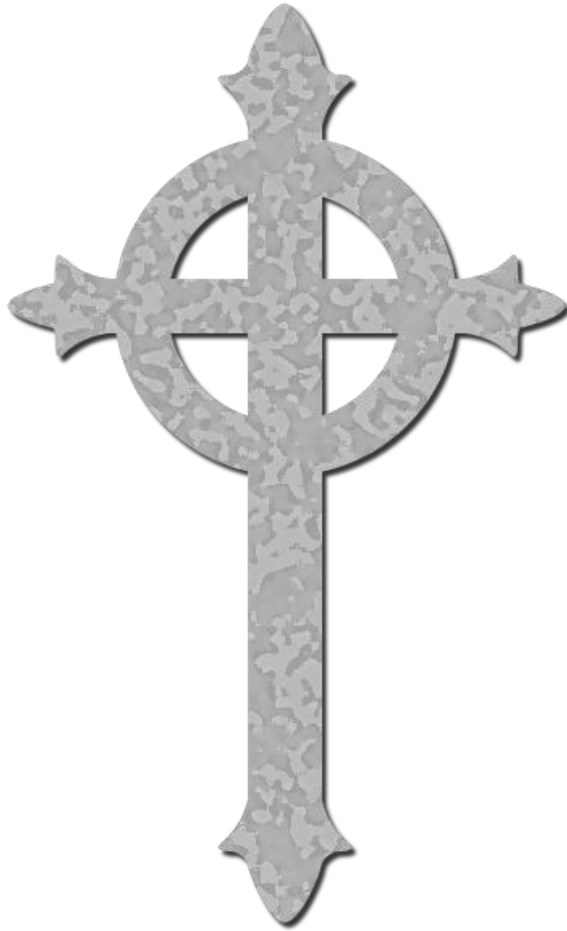
A Few Words Concerning Funerals in the Episcopal Church

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 unchristian. 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 one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

-The Book of Common Prayer





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