

REQUIEM MASS

*A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Offered in
Loving Memory
of*



Mr. James William Richardson, Jr.

Wednesday, December 28, 2022
Eleven o'clock in the morning

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
1300 Pine Street
Columbia, South Carolina. 29204

The Reverend Raphiell Ashford
Celebrant

Ms. Frances Webb
Organist

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy.

It finds all 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 hymns for the service are found in the hymnals,*

H-*The Hymnal 1982* and **L-***Lift Every Voice and Sing, II*

THE OBITUARY

Mr. James William Richardson, Jr.—affectionately called Jim or Jimmy—was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Mr. James William Richardson, Sr. and Mrs. Inez Etta Richardson. James, Jr. passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, while surrounded by his loving family.

As a young man, Jim moved from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Columbia, South Carolina, where he began his career in the teaching profession. He had family members in Columbia who were teachers and principals, and they invited him to come to Columbia to launch his career in teaching. Jim accepted a teaching assignment and advanced through the ranks of education in the Columbia public school system. Jim became the first African-American male teacher to integrate Rosewood Elementary School. After years of successful classroom teaching, the Board of School Commissioners of Richland County School District One elected Jim to serve as a Principal. Jim served as Principal of Carver Elementary School (now known as Carver-Lyon Elementary School), a position he held for several years. After years as Principal, Jim went on to serve in various Richland One district-level roles, including Emergency Assistance Act coordinator, a coordinator of human relations, a curriculum innovator and an in-service training coordinator. After several years at the District Office, Jim's journey through Richland School District One eventually led to his role as an Accreditation Supervisor at the State Department of Education in the Accreditation Section. In this role, Jim enjoyed visiting and providing oversight to schools in Barnwell, Kershaw, Oconee, and Greenville counties. Upon completing thirty years of service in public education, Jim retired and continued to enjoy sharing his many stories and wisdom of choices with his children and grandchildren.

Prior to moving to Columbia, Jim was an Acolyte at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. Once in Columbia, Jim joined St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Upon graduating from Germantown High School in Philadelphia, Jim served in the United States Air Force, where he was stationed at bases in Texas, Alabama, and Washington, DC. After he received his honorable discharge, Jim studied at State University College at Oneonta in New York; earned a bachelor's degree from Cheyney State College in Cheyney, Pennsylvania; and then received a master's degree from South Carolina State University (then called South Carolina State). To satisfy his thirst for knowledge, Jim did additional studies at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

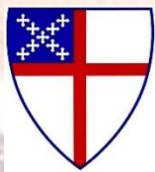
During his free time in the various stages of his life, Jim enjoyed riding Honda Motorcycles and driving American and Japanese sports cars with his two sons; bicycling through the neighborhood; playing tennis; horseback riding in the Catskill Mountains of New York; playing card and mind games on the computer; and traveling to places to include trips to Puerto Rico, Mexico, Canada, Haiti, Daufuskie and Hilton Head Islands, as well as a few trips to Disney World. Jim had an interest in animals for many years, but most of all, he loved keeping up with the lives of his two sons and the adventures of his three grandchildren.

Jim was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the professional association in education; life member of the Richland County Education Association-Retired organization; the American Legion for Veterans Strengthening America; the House District 74 Advisory Council; and was a supporter of the American Heart Association. He was selected as a Board Member of Youth Services and was also a volunteer with the Irmo High School ROTC Program.

Jim leaves to mourn his passing; his wife, Malqueen—as the two recently celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary; two sons, James (Jean) William Richardson, III of Portland, Oregon; Jason Alexander (Erica) Richardson of Chapin, South Carolina; brother, Clement Maurice (Anne) Richardson of Columbia, Maryland; niece, Dr. Denise Mechele Richardson of Columbia, Maryland; nephew, Clement Maurice Richardson, II of Columbia, Maryland; three grandchildren, Master Harrison Dewitt Richardson, Little Isla Grace Richardson, and Baby Elijah William Richardson; sister-in-law, Ernestine Fern Howell of Columbia, South Carolina; brother-in-law, Altherian Howell of Hamilton, New Jersey; as well as many loving cousins, caregivers, and caring friends, who all will miss him dearly.

Isaiah 41:10 - *Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD: RITE II



Prelude

****After the Westminster Chimes and the ringing of the bell, all stand.**

✠ Indicates where the sign of the cross is made

The Hymn in Procession H·688 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Ein feste Burg

The Opening Anthems

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.

When all are in place, the Celebrant may address the congregation, acknowledging briefly the purpose of the gathering, and bidding their prayers for the deceased and the bereaved.

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says one of the following Collect

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 James, 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.*

The people sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Lesson

Job 19:12-27a

Lector A reading from the Book of Job

His troops come on together; they have thrown up siege-works against me, and encamp around my tent. 'He has put my family far from me, and my acquaintances are wholly estranged from me. My relatives and my close friends have failed me; the guests in my house have forgotten me; my serving-girls count me as a stranger; I have become an alien in their eyes. I call to my servant, but he gives me no answer; I must myself plead with him. My breath is repulsive to my wife; I am loathsome to my own family. Even young children despise me; when I rise, they talk against me. All my intimate friends abhor me, and those whom I loved have turned against me. My bones cling to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth. Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (*Dominus regit me*)

**The organist will play through the chant, then all are invited to chant the Psalm with the choir.



A The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

B He maketh me lie down in green pastures *

He leadeth me beside still waters.

A He restoreth my soul *

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

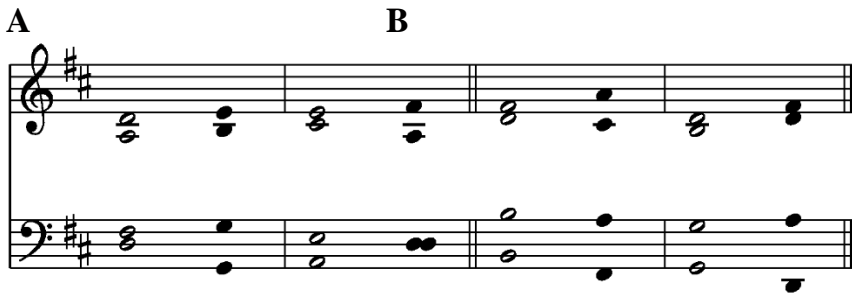
for his Name's sake.

B Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.



A Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
 thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.

B 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.

The New Testament Lesson

Revelation 21:2-7

Lector A Reading from the Revelation to John

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; 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.

The Sequence Hymn L · 60

“How Great Thou Art”

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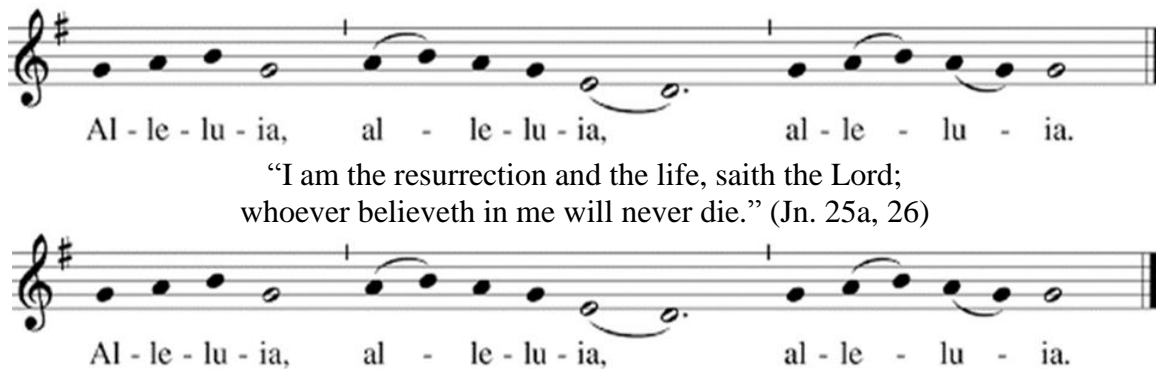
*All standing

The Gospel Acclamation

Mode VI/Melody

*Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.

arr. Richard Proulx



The Holy Gospel

John10:11-16

**All standing*

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. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Fr. Raphiell Ashford
Rector, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church

The Apostles’ Creed

**All standing*

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.

The Prayers

For our brother James, 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 James, 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.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother James, 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.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

“O Lord, Most Holy”

Céasar Franck
arr. Hal Hopson

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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:

Sanctus et Benedictus

Setting: from *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

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.
✠ Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

The Memorial Acclamation

Charles J. Rivers

Priest

There-fore we pro - claim_ the mys - ter - y of faith;_

Christ_ has died._ Christ_ is

ris - en._ Christ will come a - gain al - le - lu - ia!_

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Great Amen



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

The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*)

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The musical notation for 'The Lord's Prayer' is presented in a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

Agnus Dei

Setting: from *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God ✠ for the People of God.

The Music During Communion

L • 111	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	<i>Nettleton</i>
L • 184	“Blessed Assurance”	Phoebe Knapp
L • 120	“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”	Doris Akers

The Post-Communion Prayer

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 Blessing

Priest The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and Holy Ghost be amongst you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

At the Retiring Procession H • 208 “The Strife Is O’er’ the Battle Done ” *Victory*

Postlude

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Christina Caldwell

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Gwendolyn Meadows

Julia Meadows

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Gwendolyn Meadows

Paul Yarborough

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Family and Friends

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

St. Luke's Men's Club

INTERMENT

A final resting burial with United States Air Force Military Honors for Mr. James William Richardson, Jr. will be held on Friday, December 30, 2022, in Fort Jackson National Cemetery, Columbia, South Carolina at 1:00 p.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home

REPAST

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