

A Celebration of the Life of David Wanner Donaldson

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St. Michael's Episcopal Church
1132 N. Ivanhoe St.
Arlington, Virginia 22205

Prelude

Toccata Prima

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Opening Hymn

I bind unto myself today
St. Patrick's Breastplate

Hymn 370

All stand

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord. and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant David, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from 2 Chronicles 5:11-14

Reader: Evelyn Bence

Now when the priests came out of the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without regard to their divisions), all the levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, their sons and kindred, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, stood east of the altar with one hundred and twenty priests who were trumpeters, it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord,

‘For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever’,

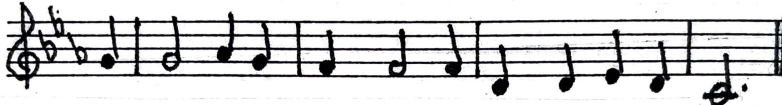
the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *choir sings with congregational antiphon*

Antiphon



The Lord is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

Choir **Antiphon**

People **Antiphon**

Choir The Lord is my shepherd,
 I shall not be in want.

 He makes me lie down in green pastures
 and leads me beside still waters.

People **Antiphon**

Choir He revives my soul
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

 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.

People **Antiphon**

Choir 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.

 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.

People **Antiphon**

A reading from Colossians 3:12-17

Reader: Monica Dinan

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Sequence Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy
St. Helena

Hymn 469

The Gospel

John 6:37-40

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

Jesus said to the people, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

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

Remembrances

Wil Harkins

The Homily

The Rev. Beth Franklin

The Apostles Creed

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

Celebrant and People, all standing

**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.

Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. **Amen.**

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

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

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

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

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust David to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with blessed David and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Offertory O Sacred Head arr. David Donaldson

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and People

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **grant us thy peace.**

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

Communion Hymns

In the bleak midwinter	<i>Cranham</i>	Hymn 112
I sing a song of the saints of God	<i>Grand Isle</i>	Hymn 293

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Commendation

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

Celebrant Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Celebrant Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant, David. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

Jerusalem, my happy home

Hymn 620

Following the hymn, the congregation is invited to process to the Memorial Garden for the Committal.

The Committal

The following anthem is said

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succor,
but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and merciful Savior, thou most worthy Judge eternal.
Suffer us not, at our last hour, through any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Then, while the ashes are placed in the columbarium, the Celebrant says these words

Celebrant In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother David; and we commit his body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious unto him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be made perfect unto the day of Jesus

Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, grant that we, who now serve thee on earth, may at last, together with them, be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Those Serving Today

Rev. Beth Franklin	Celebrant and Rector
Mr. Noel Warford	Organist
Cindy and Tim Matlack	Ushers
Evelny Bence, Monica Dinan	Readers
Rick Hightower, Wil Harkins, Corbin Monahan	Acolytes
Suzanna Monahan	Zoom coordinator

All musical selections were particular favorites to David. The anthem and the psalm are examples of his many compositions that remain in the St. Michael's choral library.

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**SCHOOL DAYS 1955-56
ORANGEWOOD**

“I was born in California, but at the age of five moved to Arizona where I lived on the desert at the border of Phoenix. I attended a series of elementary schools as each one was successively built nearer to our home. After graduating as salutatorian from Sunnyslope High School, I entered Arizona State University and was admitted to the Honors Program at the College of Liberal Arts. Although my earlier interests had lain in the sciences, and I had planned to prepare for research in the field of medicine, I had by this time changed my course of studies to the humanities in general and specifically to a major in English and a minor in Spanish. During the course of my studies in English, I found a special interest in Renaissance literature, which has been confirmed by an independent study I am engaged in on a minor poet of the period, William Alabaster.

“Art is now an interest largely neglected in the active sense, but in which I still take a passive delight, and in fact was once, in high school, an active enough interest to have received an award at the Arizona Scholastic Art Exhibit for an ink on water-color composition. I have more actively pursued music, beginning with a study of piano at the age of nine, breaking my formal training at fourteen and then returning to formal training at the organ at sixteen, which study I still maintain. I find this study most rewarding, it being a means of personal relaxation and expression as well as a means of public creativity. I have not been entirely without success in this study, last year receiving the Student Performance Award and Scholarship from the Central Arizona Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. I am, of course, fundamentally



interested in literature and have experimented in the field of prose and poetry, one such endeavor having been published last year in the Arizona State University student publication, The Catylist.” (Excerpts from David’s Autobiography prepared for application for post-graduate study at Oxford)



David W. Donaldson, St. Michael's Director of Music Emeritus, passed away at Fairfax Hospital on the evening of 21 September 2020 as a result of a heart attack. David was a longtime member of St. Michael's. For 38 years he was the Organist and Choirmaster at the church, and also served at varying times over that period as the children's choir master and bell choir master. In his music capacity at St. Michael's, he was also very involved in the design, selection, and installation of the current Schantz pipe organ in the sanctuary.

David was a fixture at St. Michael's monthly preparation of bagged meals for the homeless of Arlington and was a key member of one of St. Michael's book groups. David was a retired Department of Transportation staffer involved with the oversight of the transportation of hazardous materials by highway. He was a long-time collector of antique prayer books and Russian icons. He recently donated his extensive collection of antique prayer books to the Virginia Theological Seminary library and donated one of his St. Michael icons to St. Michael's on the occasion of his retirement as Organist and Choirmaster.

