

A Prayer Service  
Celebrating the Life of

Edward William Callahan

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# A PRAYER SERVICE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EDWARD WILLIAM CALLAHAN

*The Celebrant says*

**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 OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*        Together, let us pray.

**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 Edward, 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 FIRST LESSON—*Wisdom 3:1-5,9*

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

<sup>1</sup>But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. <sup>2</sup>In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, <sup>3</sup>and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. <sup>4</sup>For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. <sup>5</sup>Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; <sup>9</sup>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 23 *King James Version*

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.  
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.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;\*  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
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.*

## THE EPISTLE—*Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39*

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>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!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth

comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **THE GOSPEL** — *John 14:1-6*

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

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

**J**esus said, <sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit.*

### **HOMILY**

*The people stand as they are able.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

***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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lay Eucharistic Minister*

God, your will for us is abundant life; receive Edward now into the fullness of life in your presence.  
***Hear our prayer.***

You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith; shed the brightness of your light on Edward, who also sought understanding. ***Hear our prayer.***

You are greater than all our ideas and images of you; draw Edward into the mystery of your being.  
***Hear our prayer.***

We know you as perfect Mercy and Love; welcome Edward in the grace of that love and mercy.  
***Hear our prayer.***

We praise you as the giver of life; gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life. ***Hear our prayer.***

The Church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit; and so we commend Edward to you, giving thanks for the gift of his life. ***Hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant*

May the Holy One, to whom all the desires of our hearts are known before we ask, hear our prayers for Edward, and for all who mourn, and grant us newness of life, and peace. ***Amen.***

## THE COMMITTAL

*The following anthem is said*

**E**veryone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Then, while earth is cast upon the urn, the Celebrant says these words*

**I**n sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Edward; and we commit him to his 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.**

*Then the Celebrant says*

**G**racious God, you alone are the source of all life. May your life-giving Spirit flow through us, so that we may be ministers of your compassion to one another; in our sorrow give us the calm of your peace, and kindle our hope, and in your good time, let our grief give way to joy, through Jesus Christ our Deliverer. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to Edward, O Lord:  
***And let light perpetual shine upon him.***

May his soul, + and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words*

**T**he 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; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



**From The 1979 Book of Common Prayer (P. 507)**

*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.*

## Edward William Callahan

His twinkling blue eyes and his distinctive laugh are the things people remember most about Ed Callahan. He always looked happy, and he had a smile for everyone.

Edward William Callahan was born to Clara and William Callahan in New York City on July 17, 1930. He passed away on March 17th as the result of injuries sustained from a fall. From being an Eagle Scout, to a Westinghouse scholar, to president of his fraternity (Phi Kappa Psi), to earning a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Cornell, Ed was always a high achiever. But it was his vibrant personality that really made him a success in life.

He worked for Allied Chemical (which is now Honeywell) for 42 years, where he was the corporate Vice President for Health, Safety and Environment. During that time he was also Chairman of the World Environment Center, a Founding Trustee of the CIIT Center for Health Research, and Chairman of the Business Roundtable's Environmental Committee.

He married Barbara Jane Willmarth in 1985. After he retired in 1995, they enjoyed traveling and splitting their time between New York City, Long Island, and Florida.

He was a member of the Society of the Four Arts, the Order of Saint John, and Holland Lodge. He also belonged to a number of social clubs, including the Union Club in New York, and the Everglades and the Bath and Tennis in Palm Beach.

He is survived by his loving wife Barbara, and two children from a previous marriage, Susan and Kevin.



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#### Fall-Winter Weekend Church Services

Sundays 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist in the church (10 a.m. Livestreamed)  
The first Sunday of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

#### Thursday Midweek Service

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office

#### Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### All Members of Saint Mark's are Ministers of the Church!

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