

# In Thanksgiving for the Life of Willard Hewitt Berrien Jr.

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April 5, 2025

## A Service Celebrating the Life of Willard Hewitt Berrien Jr.

### Reception of the Body

*The Celebrant meets the body at the door of the church and says*

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother Bill for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that he will raise *him* to perfection in the company of the saints.

*Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says*

Deliver your servant Bill, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set him free from every bond; that he may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on God, and know the consolation of his love.

*Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says*

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in your mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how  
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and  
 3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the  
 4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -  
 5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by  
 2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for  
 3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for  
 4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and  
 5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.  
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.  
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.  
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

*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.

### Collcet 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 Bill, 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

**First Reading**—*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

*Read by Kevin Martone*

*Reader*            A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

**F**or everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose. a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Dash

*Poem by Linda Ellis*

I read of a man who stood to speak  
at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone  
from the beginning to the end.

He noted first came the date of the birth  
and spoke the following date with tears.  
But he said what mattered most of all  
was the dash between the years.

For that dash represents all the time  
that they spent life on Earth.  
And now only those who loved them  
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own,  
the cars, the house, the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love,  
and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard.  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left  
that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough  
to consider what's true and real,  
and always try to understand  
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,  
and show appreciation more,  
and love the people in our lives  
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect  
and more often wear a smile,  
remembering that this special dash  
might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read  
with your life's actions to rehash,  
would you be proud of the things they say  
about how you spent your dash?

*The people stand as they are able.*

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*You shall cross the barren desert*

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*You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.*

**Refrain:** *Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.*

*If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all. Refrain:*

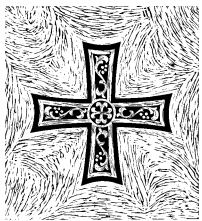
*Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me,  
Blessed, blessed are you! Refrain:*

*Text and Music Bob Dufford SJ*

**The Gospel – John 14:1-6**

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

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



Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 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.*

*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,

*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 of the People

*Prayed by Betsie Berrien*

**G**od, your will for us is abundant life; receive Bill 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 Bill,  
who also sought understanding. *Hear our prayer.*

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

We know you as perfect Mercy and Love; welcome Bill 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 Bill 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 Bill, and for all who mourn, and grant us newness of life, and peace. *Amen.*

### The Peace

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

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

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

### Offertory Hymn

*Let there be peace on earth*

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Let there be peace on earth and let it be - the / Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the / gin with me; \_\_\_\_\_ Let there be peace on / mo - ment now. \_\_\_\_\_ With ev' - ry step I / earth, the peace that was meant to be, \_\_\_\_\_ With / take, let this be my sol - emn vow: \_\_\_\_\_ To'. The final system includes a '2nd time to Coda' marking with a circled cross symbol.

God as cre - a - tor, \_\_\_\_\_ bro - thers and sis - ters are

we, \_\_\_\_\_ Let us walk with each o - ther \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in per - fect har - mo - ny. \_\_\_\_\_

*Coda*

take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e -

ter - nal - ly. \_\_\_\_\_ Let there be peace on

earth and let it be - gin with me. \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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**

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

**+Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*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.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*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. **AMEN.**

### 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 Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept. Then all say,*

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.***

### Invitation to Communion

**Celebrant** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. **Amen.**



**Communion Norms**—We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. **We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. Instead, you may keep your wafer visible in your hands and Fr. Chris will intinct for you and place the wafer on your on your tongue.** The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. Please notify Fr. Chris at the Communion Rail.

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***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 Commendation

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body. This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said*

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

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.***

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

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Bill. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her 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 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 upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.***

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing 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.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

*The Service continues with the Committal at the Quogue Cemetery.*

## The Committal

*The following anthem is said*

Everyone 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 Bill; 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.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with your spirit.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*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.***

*Then the Celebrant says*

Gracious 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 Bill, 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.*

*The Family will greet guests at a reception at the Quogue Field Club following the burial.*

*In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to:  
Quogue Public Library at PO Box 5036 Quogue, NY 11959.*

*Participating in this Service*

**Pall Bearers**

Bill Berrien III, *son*  
Will Berrien IV, *grandson*  
Joe Berrien, *grandson*  
Kevin Martone, *son-in-law*  
Kevin Martone Jr., *grandson*  
Brendan Martone, *grandson*

**Readers**

Grace Berrien, *granddaughter*  
Kevin Martone, *son-in-law*  
Betsie Berrien, *daughter-in-law*

**Reflections**

Drey Martone, *daughter*  
Bill Berrien, *son*

**Bearer of Gifts**

Sharon Foley, *niece*  
Ken Foley, *nephew-in-law*  
Alyson Foley, *grandniece*

**Altar Party**

The Rev. Chris Jubinski, *Celebrant*  
The Rev. Nancy Jennings, *Concelebrant*  
John Kern, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*  
Stephen Hunt, *Organist*

*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.*

## Willard Hewitt Berrien Jr.



Willard "Bill" Hewitt Berrien Jr., born in Trenton, NJ, in 1936, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving children. Raised in Pleasantville, NY, Bill was predeceased by his devoted parents, Willard and Helen, and his cherished sisters Alice, Phyllis, and Gail.

Bill graduated from Lehigh University in 1958 and proudly served as a Captain in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve for four years. His career in finance began at Hemphill Noyce & Co. in Manhattan, followed by a brief role as Director of Business at CBS Labs. He soon returned to finance, thriving in Institutional Equity Sales at Goodbody and then Loeb Rhodes where, continuing through acquisitions, he retired from Lehman Brothers in 1998.

In 1967, Bill married the love of his life, Jane Baer. Together, they raised two children, Andrea (Drey) and Bill, and created cherished memories at their Manhattan apartment and beloved Quogue, NY home, purchased in 1973. Bill was an active member of Quogue's Field Club, Beach Club, Surf Club, Yacht Club, and Quogue Club, delighting in year-round weekends and sunny summers.

Deeply committed to his community, Bill served on the Quogue Public Library Board and the Quogue Village Planning Board, and was honored as Quogue Association's "Man of the Year" in 2007. He enjoyed tennis with his friends and son Bill, golf with Jane, Drey, and son-in-law Kevin, spirited beach and ocean volleyball games, cocktails overlooking the ocean, lively family dinners set to 1920s jazz, and avid stock investing during retirement.

Bill showed unwavering devotion in lovingly caring for Jane throughout her courageous battle with Alzheimer's. He was an inspiring role model for his children, demonstrating grace, wisdom, and integrity in every decision and action. And he delighted in hearing about the accomplishments of his grandchildren and loved his family deeply.

Bill spent his final years surrounded by family and dear friends, summering in Quogue and wintering first with his daughter in Delmar, NY, and later with his son in Whitefish Bay, WI, where he peacefully passed away listening to his favorite 1920s jazz tunes, embraced by his children.

He is survived by his son, Willard "Bill" Berrien III, and daughter-in-law Betsie; daughter, Andrea Berrien Martone, and son-in-law Kevin; beloved grandchildren Grace, Willard "Will" IV, Joe Berrien, Kevin Patrick Martone Jr., and Brendan Martone. He also leaves behind beloved nieces, nephews, and countless friends whose lives he touched.



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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

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