

A Prayer Service  
Celebrating the Life of  
William "Dave" Davidson Jones  
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*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

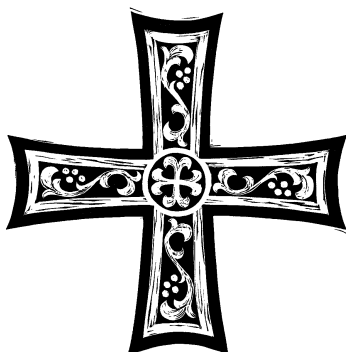
*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*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 David, 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 — *Isaiah 61:1-3*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion--to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

*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 — *1 Corinthians 15:51-58*

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

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*The people stand as they are able.*

Sequence Hymn

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord*


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1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who a -  
 2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and  
 3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your  
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"  
 ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.  
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*



“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,  
 bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the  
 sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

*The Gospel – John 10:11-16*

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

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



Jesus said, "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."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit.*

## Reflections

*The people stand as they are able.*

## The Apostles 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 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 David 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 David, who also sought understanding. ***Hear our prayer.***

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

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





1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

### 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*

**G**ive 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 David. 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 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.*

*LEM:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*



### **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.*

## William “Dave” Davidson Jones

William “Dave” Davidson Jones passed suddenly on April 3rd 2025 at his home in Morrisville, PA.

Born at Holy Redeemer Hospital on December 27, 1983, Dave grew up in Newtown, PA and was a graduate of both Council Rock High School (Class of '02) and West Chester University of Pennsylvania (Class of '07).

He spent most of his working life in car sales at a few different local car dealerships up until his passing. He enjoyed spending summers visiting both Ocean City, New Jersey and Orlando, Florida where he created many lasting family memories. Always the life of the party, Dave loved to make others laugh and was well known for his sense of humor and storytelling at various family and friend events throughout his life. Beneath the kidding humor was a secretly sentimental soul who loved his family and friends deeply.

Dave is survived by his mother, Lora Beattie of Perkasio, PA ; father and step-mother William G and Mary Lou Jones of Morrisville, PA ;and twin sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and David Emrick ; and niece Darcy of Perkasio, PA. Additionally, Dave is survived by his aunt Dianne Henwood of Hatboro, PA; and aunt Carol Jubinski (Chris) of Westhampton Beach, NY; and many cousins and other extended family members who will miss him greatly.

Relatives and friends are invited to greet Dave’s family on Monday, April 14, 2025 from 10:00am, until the start of his Prayer Service at 11:00am at the Joseph A Fluehr III Funeral Home, 800 Newtown Richboro Rd. (at Holland Road) in Richboro, PA 18954. His interment will take place privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Trenton Animal Shelter.





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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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