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THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Opening Song

The Strife Is O'er

(chorus)

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

(Verse 1)

The strife is o'er the battle done

The victory of life is won

The song of triumph has begun

Alleluia

(Verse 2)

The powers of death have done their worst

But Christ their legions hath dispersed

Let shouts of holy joy outburst

Alleluia

(Verse 4)

He closed the yawning gates of hell

The bars from heaven's high portals fell

Let hymns of praise His triumphs tell

Alleluia

(Verse 5)

Lord by the stripes that wounded Thee

From death's dark sting Thy servants free

That we may live and sing to Thee

(repeat chorus)

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Procession

All stand while following anthems are said

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. *John 11:25,26*

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. *Job 19:25-27*

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. *Romans 14:7-9*

For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." *1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21*

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors. *Revelation 14:13*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: 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 KC, being raised with Christ, 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.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with KC's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your; love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Isaiah 61:1-3

¹The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

Psalms Psalm 84 (*read in unison*)

- 1 How lovely are your dwellings, O LORD God of hosts!
- 2 My soul has a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 Indeed, the sparrow has found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,
even your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are they who dwell in your house; they will be always praising you.
- 5 Blessed is the one whose strength is in you, in whose heart are your ways,
- 6 Who going through the valley of misery uses it for a well;
indeed, the early rains fill the pools with water.
- 7 They will go from strength to strength, and the God of gods shall be seen by them in Zion.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O God, our defender, and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 10 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand;
- 11 I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
- 12 For the LORD God is a light and defense; the LORD will give grace and honor,
and no good thing shall he withhold from those who live a godly life.
- 13 O LORD God of hosts, blessed is the one who puts his trust in you.

New Testament 2 Corinthians 4:16- 5:9

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. ^{5:1}For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

All stand while the Gospel is read:

The Gospel John 6:37-40

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Homily The Rev. Michael J. Bridge

The Apostle's Creed *All stand:*

Celebrant: Let us confess the Faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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 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 of the People.

Reader: Let us pray, saying, "Hear our prayer." Almighty God, you knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we pray, to your whole Church in heaven and on earth, your light and peace. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

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

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you in faithful obedience. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: 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. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Grant us grace to entrust KC to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you show to all your people. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Peace

Please stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with your spirit.** *Please greet one another*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain standing, if you are able to do so.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

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 just and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All say: **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.**

Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *Prayed together*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Minister: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Holy Communion

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. *John 1:29, Revelation 19:9*

We invite all baptized Christians to join in Holy Communion. The ushers will guide you forward where you may receive Communion. The celebrant will offer you bread then a chalice bearer will offer you wine. Should you prefer not to drink from the cup, you may dip the bread into the chalice. If there is a reason you do not want to take bread or wine, you may remain seated.

Communion Be Thou My Vision

(Verse 1)

Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

(Verse 2)

Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

(Verse 3)

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

(Verse 4)

High King of heaven
When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

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Post-Communion Prayer *Prayed together*

Celebrant: Let us pray. **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

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

All: Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant: 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.

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

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant KC. 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.**

Recessional Hymn Amazing Grace

(Verse 1)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

(Verse 4)

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

(Verse 5)

Yea when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace

(Verse 6)

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Kenneth "KC" Courtenay McAlpin

February 15, 1946 ~ September 29, 2024

Service

Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 1:00pm

Officiating

The Rev. Michael J. Bridge

Obituary

Kenneth Courtenay McAlpin, 78, died September 29th, 2024, surrounded by family in Amissville, Virginia from pancreatic cancer. KC was born February 15, 1946 in Rochester, Pennsylvania, the second of five children born to the late Joseph Roderick McAlpin Jr. and Martha A. (McAlpin) Blanchard. KC grew up in Houston, Texas, where he attended St. John's School and then Memorial High School (class of 1964). He completed his undergraduate studies at University of Texas in 1969 and then earned a master's degree from Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management in Phoenix, Arizona.

After graduate school, he joined the international audit staff of Exxon Corp, and traveled throughout South America, Central America, and the Caribbean. His work brought him face to face with the environmental damage and poverty in Latin America, resulting in emigration to the United States. Following Exxon, KC worked at Diamond Shamrock Corporation in international auditing and corporate development.

In 1981 KC saw an ad in the Wall Street Journal from a new organization called the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) in Washington, DC that changed the entire trajectory of his life. FAIR advocated for policy reforms to stem illegal immigration and keep legal immigration at a generous level that the U.S. could absorb without harming its own citizens' wages and job opportunities. KC joined FAIR and met its founder, Dr. John H. Tanton of Petoskey, Michigan. John Tanton became a mentor and had a profound influence on the rest of KC's career. After moving to Washington DC in 1982 to join FAIR's staff, KC went on to run ProEnglish and US Inc, two organizations also founded by Tanton. In 2010, KC moved to Harbor Springs, Michigan, and continued to work for US Inc. on its board of directors until his retirement in 2018.

In northern Virginia, he belonged to The Falls Church Episcopal (now Anglican) Church and served as the head of its men's ministry. It was through this church that KC found his true faith in Jesus Christ. He later joined New Life Anglican Church in Petoskey, MI, where he served on the Vestry and as treasurer. KC believed in helping others and volunteered for ministries helping the unemployed find work both in northern Virginia and Michigan.

KC was a golfer and an enthusiastic fan of the Washington Capitals. He loved classical music and served as a board member and treasurer of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra in Petoskey, Michigan. He was an avid reader and had a passion for world history. But probably what KC loved most was spending summers in the Bay View community of Northern Michigan, which he enjoyed throughout childhood and was likewise able to bless his own family with the same experience. KC McAlpin was always an irrepressible optimist and he resolutely believed in our better natures, guided by the grace of God. KC was very outgoing, had a great sense of humor and enjoyed being with people. He was a loyal friend, a devoted father, husband, brother, and a caring member of his community. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved stepmother Elizabeth (B'Lee). He leaves behind his former wives Nancy and Louise, his children Holly, Bonnie, and David, his grandson Elijah, as well as his brothers Rod, Pete, Wayo, and Mac, his sister Ashley, and his Aunts JoAnn and Patricia.