



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF BETHESDA-BY-THE-SEA  
PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

A SERVICE IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

LOWRY MACK BELL, JR.

19 JUNE 1929 — 24 APRIL 2021

1 MAY 2021

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

REMEMBRANCES

*The congregation stands as the Celebrant begins.*

OPENING SENTENCES

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.

CELEBRANT    The Lord be with you.  
PEOPLE        *And also with you.*

COLLECTS

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  
Lowry, 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.*

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you  
this day our brother Lowry. We thank you for giving  
him to us, his family and friends, to know and to

love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In  
your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.  
Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life,  
so that in quiet confidence we may continue our  
course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited  
with those who have gone before; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The congregation may be seated.*

LESSON        Lamentations 3:22–26, 31–33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his  
mercies never come to an end; they are new every  
morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my  
portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."  
The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the  
soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait  
quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord  
will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he  
will have compassion according to the abundance of  
his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or  
grieve anyone.

READER        The Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE        *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 23      (*in unison*)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul; \*  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his Name's sake.
- 4 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.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies; \*  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup  
runneth over.
- 6 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.

LESSON 1 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

READER The Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

CHORAL HYMN The strife is o'er *Victory*

*The congregation stands.*

THE GOSPEL John 14:1-6

*Before the Gospel*

DEACON The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

*After the Gospel*

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.  
PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

HOMILY The Rev. Dr. Cecily Titcomb

*A brief period of silence follows the Homily.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

For our brother Lowry, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Lowry, and dry the tears of those who weep.  
*Hear us, Lord.*

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.  
*Hear us, Lord.*

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.  
*Hear us, Lord.*

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.  
*Hear us, Lord.*

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.  
*Hear us, Lord.*

He was nourished with your body and blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.  
*Hear us, Lord.*

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant concludes*

Father of all, we pray to you for Lowry, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
PEOPLE *And also with you.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ, has 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.*

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist. This is the Lord's table; it is the Lord who invites you. It is his wish that those who want him should meet him here. During communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers to the station at the Chancel steps, beginning with the side aisles first, followed by the center aisles. If unable to do come forward, please signal to an usher for the clergy to bring communion to you. Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to receive the host by putting hands forward, palms crossed and facing upward. Please note that receiving the bread alone is fully receiving communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, go to the station and simply cross your arms across your chest.*

CHORAL HYMN    Amazing grace

*New Britain*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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 BLESSING

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

CHORAL HYMN    For all the saints    *Sine Nomine*

### THE DISMISSAL

DEACON    Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

PEOPLE    *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

POSTLUDE    "St. Anne" Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552b  
Johann Sebastian Bach

*Please join the family at a reception at the home of  
Meredith Townsend and Bill Blind,  
220 Clarke Avenue, Palm Beach*

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The Rev. Burl Salmon  
*Associate for Christian Education, Pastoral Care, and Outreach*

The Rev. Dr. Cecily Titcomb  
*Deacon for Spiritual Direction & Pastoral Care*

Dr. Stuart Forster  
*Organist*

Members of the Bethesda Choir

Bill Paul  
*Bagpiper*

*Remembrances:* Christopher Heintz

*Lectors:* Nick Grecco, Ryan Heintz

*Crucifer:* Suzann Crawford



*Masthead drawing by Wallace McTammany*

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