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*A Celebration of the Life of*

*Godfrey Constantine Clarke*

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10:00 a.m. August 28, 2021**

**Pre-Service Music**

**The Processional: Jerusalem the Golden**

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest,  
Beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice oppressed:  
I know not, oh, I know not, what joys await us there;  
What radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare!

They stand, those halls of Zion, all jubilant with song,  
And bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng:  
The Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David; and there, from care released,  
The shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast;  
And they who with their Leader have conquered in the fight,  
For ever and for ever are clad in robes of white.

Oh, sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect!  
Oh, sweet and blessed country that eager hearts expect!  
Jesus, in mercy bring us to that dear land of rest,  
Who art, with God the Father, and Spirit, ever blest.

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I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me,  
though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in  
me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day  
upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;  
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a  
stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.  
For if we live, we live unto the Lord; and if we die, we die unto the Lord.  
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they  
rest from their labors.

The Lord be with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Godfrey, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3**

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
and provide for those who grieve in Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the LORD  
for the display of his splendor.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 139

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
*you know my sitting down and my rising up;*  
*you discern my thoughts from afar.*

You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
*and are acquainted with all my ways.*

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
*but you, O Lord, know it altogether.*

You press upon me behind and before  
*and lay your hand upon me.*

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
*it is so high that I cannot attain to it.*

Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
*where can I flee from your presence?*

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
*if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.*

If I take the wings of the morning  
*and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

Even there your hand will lead me  
*and your right hand hold me fast.*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,  
*and the light around me turn to night,"*

Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day;  
*darkness and light to you are both alike.*

For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
*you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
*your works are wonderful, and I know it well.*

My body was not hidden from you,  
*while I was being made in secret*  
*and woven in the depths of the earth.*

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;

*they were fashioned day by day,*  
*when as yet there was none of them.*

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
*how great is the sum of them!*

If I were to count them, they would be more in number  
than the sand;

*to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.*

Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God!

*You that thirst for blood, depart from me.*

They speak despitefully against you;

*your enemies take your Name in vain.*

Do I not hate those, O Lord, who hate you?

*and do I not loathe those who rise up against you?*

I hate them with a perfect hatred;

*they have become my own enemies.*

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;

*try me and know my restless thoughts.*

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me

*and lead me in the way that is everlasting.*

### **The Epistle: Revelation 21: 2-7**

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **The Gospel Hymn: Amazing Grace**

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;

'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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'd first begun.  
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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

**The Gospel: John 14:1-6**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord .  
*Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**The Homily.....***The Rev. Bruce Bonner*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.*

## Prayers

*Please kneel.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. *Amen.*

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

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Amen.*

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. *Amen.*

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. *Amen.*

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. *Amen.*

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. *Amen.*

Grant us grace to entrust Godfrey to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. *Amen.*

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Exchange of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

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

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Anthem**.....*Jeanna Villanueva, Piano*

The Lord be with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

*It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:*

*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*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**

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

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.*

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Those not baptized are invited to receive a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest.*

## **Communion Music**

### **When It's All Been Said and Done**

When it's all been said and done, there is just one thing that matters:  
Did I do my best to live for truth; did I live my life for you?

When it's all been said and done, all my treasures will mean nothing;  
Only what I've done for love's reward will stand the test of time.

Lord, your mercy is so great that you look beyond our weakness;  
And find purest gold in miry clay, making sinners into saints.  
I will always sing your praise, here on earth and ever after;  
For you've shown me heaven's my true home,  
When it's all been said and done, you're my life when life is gone.

When it's all been said and done, there is just one thing that matters:  
Did I do my best to live for truth; did I live my life for you?  
Did I live my life for you?

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Let us pray.

*Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## **The Commendation**

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

Thou only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Godfrey. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

*Amen.*

## **The Recessional: How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r through out the universe displayed.

### *Chorus*

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *Chorus*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *Chorus)*

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## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

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