

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE REQUIEM MASS FOR HOWARD B. TOMPKINS

4 NOVEMBER 2023

CONCERNING THE SERVICE

From the beginning of the Church, Christian burial has been an important and integral part of catholic *life*. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ put an end to the power of death; thus followers of the Good Shepherd believe that death is but the entrance to new and eternal life with Him. We hope for the final resurrection; and for the body which awaits that resurrection we show a proper reverence.

For one who has lived in Christ and with Christ, death is the beginning of eternal joy with our God and Father. Since the Holy Eucharist is the Church's principal offering of sacrifice, prayer, and praise, it is most appropriate that a Mass of Requiem be celebrated in connection with every Christian's death. This liturgy is a service of thanksgiving to God for His redemption of an earthly life that has come to an end. It is equally a commitment of one we love to the mercies of God in the faith that He will preserve our loved one in peace. It is an offering in which joy and sorrow are mixed, for while we say an earthly farewell, we know that the dead live in Christ. The Mass points us to the One in whom there is life, for in it we "do show the Lord's death till He come." (I Cor. 11:26)

A Requiem is a testament of triumph and love, for those of us who remain know that we also journey toward the same eternal home. In the communion of saints we, the Church Militant here on earth, are joined with the Church Triumphant in Heaven and the Church Expectant in Purgatory in worshiping before the same Throne of Grace. In the Holy Eucharist, which transcends all time and space, we are closest to our faithful departed loved ones, joining our prayers and praises with theirs. We pray for them, as we believe that they pray for us, so that all may be strengthened in their lives of service.



THE REQUIEM MASS FOR BUD TOMPKINS

12:00PM

The Congregation rises at the ringing of the bell

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.

COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Howard, 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, world without end.
Amen.

The Congregation may be seated for the Lessons and the Psalm

OLD TESTAMENT *Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33*

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations.

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.
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

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 John 3:1-2

A Reading from the First Letter of the Blessed Apostle John.

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.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation stands for the Hymn and the Holy Gospel

HYMN 279 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*

Lobe den Herren

THE HOLY GOSPEL

S. John 6:37-40

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant ✠ The continuation of the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Congregation **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 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. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Tucker

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

The Congregation kneels for the Prayers

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 Howard 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 Blessed Mary Ever Virgin, 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 Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *The people may greet one another in the Name of the Lord, and then be seated.*

THE INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

The people rise for the hymn

HYMN 568 *On our way rejoicing*

Hermas

THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
Congregation **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
Congregation **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Congregation **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 victoriously 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 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**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.**

The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass; the Celebrant continues

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 Saviour 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 Saviour 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.

Remember, O Lord, also the souls of thy servants and handmaidens, which are gone before us with the mark of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace.... We beseech thee, O Lord, that unto them, and unto all such as rest in Christ, thou wilt grant them a place of refreshing, of light, and of peace. And vouchsafe to give unto us some portion and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs and with all thy Saints; within whose fellowship we beseech thee to admit us.

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 offences through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.

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grant them rest.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant them rest eternal.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant We do not presume

Congregation **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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN 572 *O Master, let me walk with thee*

Maryton

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: 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 Congregation shall rise for the Hymn as the Altar Party takes its place at the bier

HYMN 347 *Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

Hyfrydol

THE COMMENDATION

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

Celebrant Thou only art 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.

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

Celebrant Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Howard. 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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
Congregation **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant May he rest in peace.

THE ANTHEMS

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Into Paradise may the angels lead thee; and at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee, and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem.

The Congregation shall follow the procession to the grave.