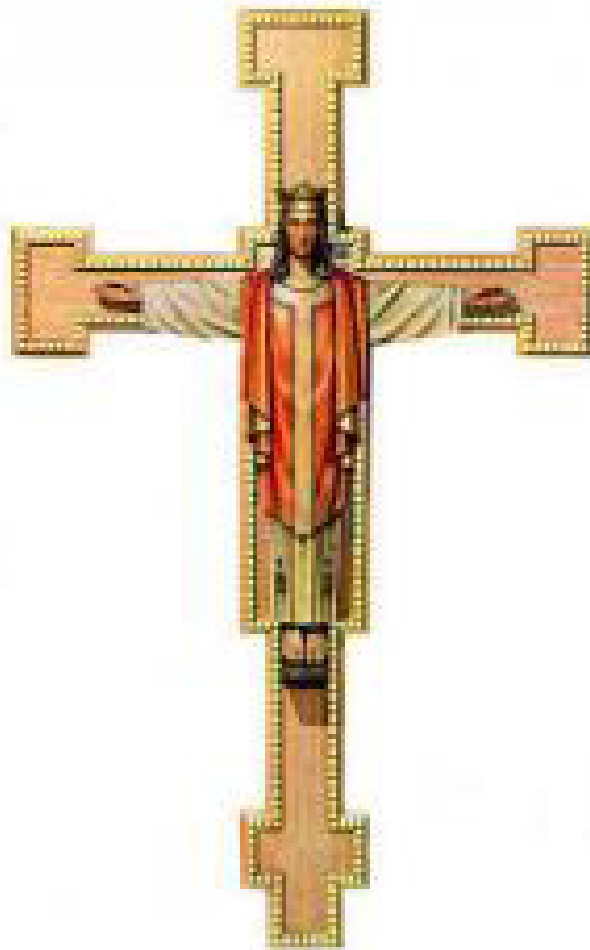


A celebration of the life of
Robert Bates
11 March 1943 - 21 July 2024

Saint Francis in the Valley
Episcopal Church,
Green Valley, Arizona

Thursday, 25 July 2024 at 10 AM



THE BURIAL OFFICE: RITE TWO

ORGAN PRELUDE

G. Winston Cassler

Morning has broken

OPENING HYMN (*for music see page 7*)

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| 1. Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word! | Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass. |
| 2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass. | 3. Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day! |

All standing, the Officiant 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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant 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 Robert, 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE 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 fol-
low me all the days of my life, * and I
will dwell in the house of the LORD for
ever.

AT THE GRADUAL

*Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace*

Please stand for

THE GOSPEL: John 14:1-6

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus Said "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,

continued

“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. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE HOMILY: The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

REFLECTIONS FROM FAMILY

Officiant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Officiant

Our Father, who art in heaven...

...for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

For our brother Robert, 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 Robert, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

People Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People 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.

(Officiant) Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Robert, who was re-born by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father’s love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION

Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

People *where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Officiant 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.

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

Officiant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Robert. 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.

People *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *(for music see page 8)*

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Andante maestoso

Gustav Holst

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, *Officiant and Homilist*

The Rev. Becky Williamson, *Deacon*

Don Ward, Christianne Sinclair, Todd Bates, *Eulogists*

Megan Hanson, Rick Sinclair, *Lectors*

David Dunn, *Crucifer*

Tom & Gloria Cadwalader, *Sound Technicians*

Julie Reppenhagen, Susan Davis, *Ushers*

Larry Howell, *Music at the Gradual*

J. Michael Case, *Organist*

Memorials in honor of ROBERT BATES may be made to

The Animal League of Green Valley

1600 W. Duval Mine Road, Green Valley, AZ 85614

You are invited to a reception in the Parish Hall following the service.
Please sign the Guest Remembrance Book located at the back of the Church.

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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