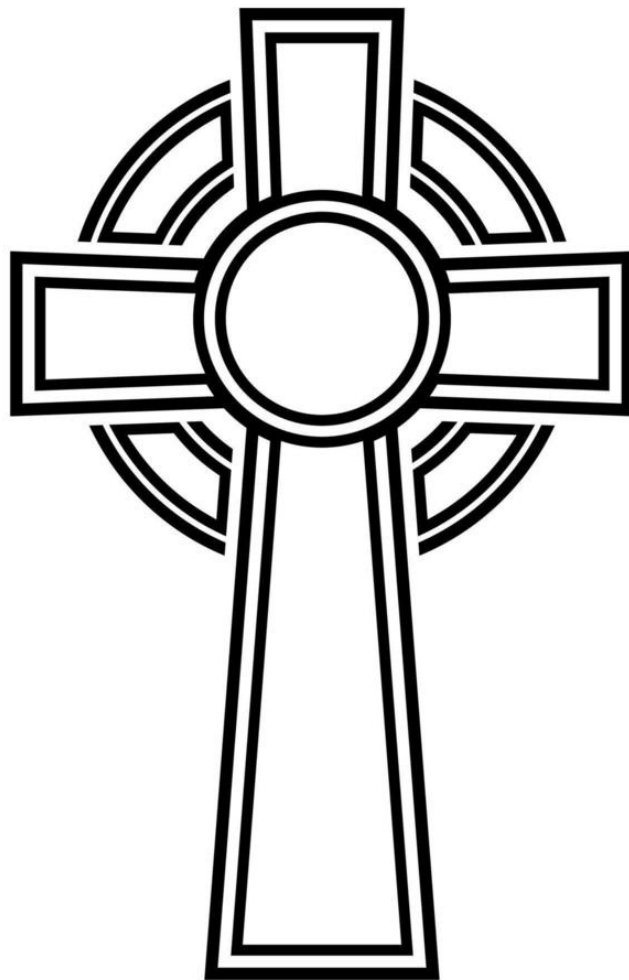


A celebration of the life of
Charles A. Gardner
21 February 1930 - 20 April 2024

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

Friday, 7 June 2024 at 11 AM



THE BURIAL OFFICE: RITE TWO

ORGAN PRELUDE

Gerald Near

Deep River

OPENING HYMN 8

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| <p>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!</p> <p>2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.</p> | <p>Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.</p> <p>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!</p> |
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All standing, the Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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 Charles, 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.

People *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS

STAND NOT AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP, *read by Katie Rodgers*
Excerpt from ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE, *read by Anne Maffitt*

HYMN (*see page 10*)

THE PSALM: 121

Reader: I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

*People: So that the sun shall not strike you
by day, nor the moon by night.*

*People: My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.*

Reader: The LORD shall preserve you from
all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

Reader: He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall
asleep.

*People: The LORD shall watch over your
going out and your coming in, from this
time forth for evermore.*

*People: Behold, he who keeps watch over
Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;*

Reader: The LORD himself watches over
you; the LORD is your shade at your right
hand,

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: 1 John 3:1-3, 4:13-19

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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (*see page 11*)

Please stand for

THE GOSPEL: John 14:18–21

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE HOMILY: The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

REMEMBRANCE: Alex Peterson

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant 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 Charles, 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 Charles, 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.

(Celebrant) Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our Brother Charles, who was reborn 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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

AT THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 439

1. What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

2. To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb

who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme I will sing.

3. And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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.

The people may stand, sit, or kneel.

Celebrant 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.

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.

(Celebrant) 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.

People **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven...
...for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The elements are offered at the Communion Rail and may be received either kneeling or standing. Wine is received by intinction only. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

CLOSING HYMN 482

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Following the Closing Hymn the congregation is asked to
move to the Memorial Garden for the Committal.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

O God our help in ages past

Healey Willan

THE COMMITTAL

Celebrant Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Celebrant continues

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Charles, and we commit his body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together Our Father, who art in heaven...
...for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord.

People And let light perpetual shine upon him.

Celebrant May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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

The Rev. Becky Williamson, *Deacon*

David Dunn, *Crucifer & Acolyte*

Tom & Gloria Cadwalader, *Sound Technicians*

Marcia Tripp, Sandy Eckstein, *Ushers*

J. Michael Case, *Organist*

Memorials in honor of CHARLES A. GARDNER may be made to

St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church,

600 S. La Cañada Drive, Green Valley, Arizona 85614

You are invited to attend a reception in the Parish Hall
following the service.

HYMN

1. Spir - it I have heard you call - ing, like a mem - 'ry long grown dim, cry - ing
2. Now I see you all a - round me, now I hear you call my name. Now I
3. Since you moved u - pon my wa - ters, since you spoke and set me free, I have

from cre - a - tion's mo - ment, seek - ing voice from deep with - in. I have
speak the words you give me, now I feed cre - a - tion's flame. You are
yearned for this com - mu - nion, for your fire in - side of me! Now your

heard you in my long - ing, I have heard you in my pain. Now I
speak - ing through my long - ing, You are speak - ing through my pain. Now I
love de - fines my long - ing, now your love shines through my pain. Now we

feel you mov - ing in me, feel you burn - ing like a flame.
feel you mov - ing in me, and I'll nev - er be the same.
dance in end - less un - ion, sing - ing out cre - a - tion's name.

The service continues with The Psalm on page 3.

SEQUENCE HYMN



Cantor: 1. My_ soul is filled with joy, as I sing to God, my Sav - ior, you have
 2. I_ am low - ly as a child, but I know from this day for - ward that my
 3. I pro - claim the pow'r of God, you do mar - vels for your ser - vants; though you
 4. To the hun - gry you give food, send the rich a - way_ emp - ty. In your
 5. In your love you now ful - fill_ what you prom - ised to your peo - ple. I will



looked up - on your serv - ant, you have vis - it - ed your peo - ple. And
 name will be re - mem - bered, for_ all will call me bless - ed.
 scat - ter the proud heart - ed and de - stroy the might of princ - es.
 mer - cy you are mind - ful of the peo - ple you have cho - sen.
 praise you, Lord, my sav - ior, ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy.



ho - ly is your name through all gen - er - a - tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the



peo - ple you have chos - en, and_ ho - ly is your name.

The service continues on page 4

