

A Celebration of the Life of

**Thomas Solomon**

April 2, 1928 – November 11, 2024



**January 18, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

*At this service, you will find hymns in the red Hymnal 1982 in the pew.  
Most prayers come from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), also in the pew.  
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*Luncheon to follow at Pegasus Restaurant, 24935 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores.*

*Tom's family, Mary Lou, John (Jeanine), Tom (Lindsey), Paul (Lauren), Brittany (Loren),  
Amanda, Shane, Madison, Morgan, and Enzo thank you for being a part of Tom's life.*

*Tom's wish for you is to spread kindness.*



# THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

from the *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*As the bagpiper begins, all stand as able.*

## PROCESSIONAL

Amazing grace!

Donald Ross, *bagpiper*

## WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER

*BCP 491*

*Celebrant* I am Resurrection and I am Life,  
                  says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
                  even though they die.  
And everyone who has life, and has committed themselves 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 ourselves,  
                  and none becomes their own master when they die,  
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.

## OPENING COLLECT

BCP 493

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Tom.

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.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding:

Deal graciously with this family in their grief.

Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,  
but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The People sit.*

## READING

Philippians 4:4-7  
George Abdullah

*Reader* A reading from Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## EULOGY

John Solomon

*All stand as able.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Surely it is God who saves me

*Hymnal 679*  
THOMAS MERTON

## GOSPEL

John 14:2-6

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The People sit.*

## HOMILY

The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey

*A period of silence is kept.*

*At the invitation of the Celebrant, all stand as able.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*BCP 497, adapted  
Paul Solomon*

*Leader* For Tom, 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 us near to those who mourn and dry the tears of those who weep.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our Father in heaven, before whom live all who die in the Lord:  
Receive our brother Tom into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place.  
Let his heart and soul now ring out in joy to you, O Lord, the living God,  
and the God of those who live. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People share Christ's peace, and then are seated.*

## GREETING & INVITATION

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.

*The oblation bearers bring the bread and wine to the altar.*

#### OFFERTORY SOLO

Time to Say Goodbye

Sartori and Quarantotto  
Kate Meda, *soprano*

*Quando sono solo e sogno all'orizzonte e mancan le parole  
Sì, lo so che non c'è luce in una stanza quando manca il sole, se non ci sei tu con me, con me*

*Su le finestre, mostra a tutti il mio cuore che hai acceso  
Chiudi dentro me la luce che hai incontrato per strada*

*Time to say goodbye*

*Paesi che non ho mai veduto e vissuto con te, adesso, sì, li vivrò  
Con te partirò su navi per mari, che, io lo so, no, no, non esistono più*

*It's time to say goodbye*

*Quando sei lontana sogno all'orizzonte e mancan le parole  
E io, sì, lo so che sei con me, con me, tu mia luna, tu sei qui con me*

*Mio sole tu sei qui con me, con me, con me, con me*

*Time to say goodbye*

*Paesi che non ho mai veduto e vissuto con te, adesso, sì, li vivrò  
Con te partirò su navi per mari, che, io lo so, no, no, non esistono più*

*Con te io li rivivrò, con te partirò su navi per mari, che, io lo so, no, no, non esistono più*

*Con te io li rivivrò, con te partirò, io con te*

#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God 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.**

*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 to 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.**

*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.

*All*        **Amen.**



## LORD'S PRAYER

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

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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 are invited to receive the Sacrament in both kinds.*

*The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

*There are three ways to receive the wine. At the high altar, please either sip from the first chalice or dip (intinct) your bread into the second, shallow chalice. At the transept, please take a single cup of wine or juice, and place your empty cup on the nearby table.*

*If you desire a blessing instead, please come to the high altar, cross your arms over your chest, and our priest will be honored to pronounce God's blessing upon you.*

## COMMUNION SOLO

Precious Lord

Thomas A. Dorsey  
James Moore, Jr., *tenor*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone,

hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone;

at the river, Lord, I stand; guide my feet and hold my hand.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*All stand as able.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP 366

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*All* **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.

*As the Celebrant and Crucifer process into the Columbarium, the Family and Congregation follow, singing*

## HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light

*Hymnal 490*

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

*In him there is no darkness at all.*

*The night and the day are both alike.*

*The Lamb is the light of the city of God.*

*Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to follow Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

## THE COMMITTAL

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.

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

*Celebrant* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Tom.  
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.

*All* **Amen.**

*As the final resting place is sealed, the Celebrant says or chants*

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.

*Celebrant* In sure and certain hope  
of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we commend to Almighty God our brother Tom,  
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.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord;

*People* **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

May Tom's soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Family and friends gather and greet in the columbarium.*

*All are invited to a luncheon at Pegasus Restaurant, 24935 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores*

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### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, *Rector*

*Musicians*

Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, *Director of Music*

Ms. Kate Meda, *soprano*

Mr. James C. Moore, Jr., *tenor*

Mr. Donald Ross, *bagpiper*

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