

# **ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**200 N. JAMES ST., GOLDSBORO, NC 27530**

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**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**JAMES TALBOT JEFFREYS, JR.**

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## **The Burial of the Dead: Rite One** *(All stand)*

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.

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 James, 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.**

**Hymn 688**     *A mighty fortress is our God*

**First Lesson**     *Revelation 2:2-7*

**Psalm 46** *Deus noster refugium*

God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the  
depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Hymn 671** *Amazing Grace*

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

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

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Remembrances**

### **The Apostles' Creed** (*Officiant and People together, all standing*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker 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.**

Celebrant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Prayers** (*The People respond to every petition with Amen.*)

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.**

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 Commendation**

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

**People: 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.

**People: 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 James. 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**

*The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 473** *Lift high the cross*

## **Ministers of the Liturgy**

**Officiant:** The Rev. Raymond J. Hanna

**Lectors:** Austin Jeffreys and Morgan Jeffreys

**Ushers:** Bob Cagle and Mike Saylor

**Crucifer:** Tom Brown

**Organist:** Bill Hayes



## **A Fisherman's Prayer**

**I pray that I may live to fish  
Until my dying day.**

**And when it comes to my last cast,  
I then most humbly pray:**

**When in the Lord's great landing net  
And peacefully asleep**

**That in his mercy I be judged  
Big enough to keep!**

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