

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Otey Matthew Scruggs
June 29, 1929 – February 14, 2014
Burial of the Dead and The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Prelude *Variations on From my Jesus I shall never stray* J.G. Walther
At the River arr. Aaron Copland

Susan Shafer, contralto

Entrance Anthem *all standing* BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 491

The Collect

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

The Celebrant prays the Collect, and all respond Amen.

Hymn: *Lead me to Calvary* LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING II, 31
All sing the hymn together.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading *(all sit)* Isaiah 25: 6-9

Psalms 121 *(all read together)* BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 779

The Epistle Revelation 21: 2-7

Psalms 23 *(King James Version)* BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 476

The Holy Gospel John 14: 1-6

Response before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Remembrances Elizabeth Howard
Jeffrey Scruggs

The Homily The Rev. Leslie G. Reimer

The Apostles' Creed *(all standing)* BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 496

The Prayers of the People BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 480

The people respond Amen after each petition..

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Music at the Offertory *If God be for us* G.F. Handel

If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?

It is Christ that died, yea, rather, that is risen again,

who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us. Romans 8: 31, 33-34

The Great Thanksgiving *all standing* Eucharistic Prayer C

The service continues on page 369 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Following "Holy, holy, holy," the congregation may stand or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer *(traditional form)* page 364

The Breaking of the Bread *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to receive Communion or a Blessing.

Post-Communion Prayer *All respond Amen.*

Hymn: O Zion haste HYMNAL, 539

All sing the hymn together.

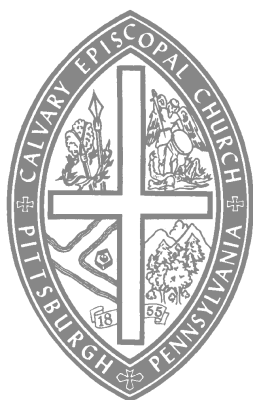
The Commendation BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 499

All read the italicized portions of the anthem.

The Blessing *All respond Amen.*

Dismissal *All respond* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude *Fugue in C (Sonata No. 2)* Felix Mendelssohn



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Leading today's service:

Elizabeth Howard, *Old Testament Reader*

Robbin Mitchell, *Epistle Reader*

The Rev. Jonathon W. Jensen, *Rector*

The Rev. Leslie G. Reimer, *Associate Rector*

Peter J. Luley, *Organist* (St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Highland Park)