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Milton A. Washington
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John 14:6

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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 *Prelude & Fugue in E-flat major*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Entrance Anthem *All stand.*

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.

The Collect

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Milton, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn *It is Well With My Soul* All sing the hymn together.

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, with my
It is well with my

soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Words: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888) Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

The Liturgy of the Word

All may be seated.

Old Testament Reading Lamentations 3: 22-26, 31-33

read by Kenneth Spruill

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Anthem *Give Me Jesus*

Susan Shafer, contralto

Traditional Spiritual

The Epistle 2 Corinthians 4:16-5: 9

read by Gregory Armstrong

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling – if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Hymn *I Surrender All* All stand and sing together.

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der,
I will ev - er love and trust Him,
2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der
World - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en,
3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der
Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it
4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der
Fill me with thy love and pow - er,

1. All to Him I free - ly give;
In His pres - ence dai - ly live.
2. Hum - bly at His feet I bow;
Take me, Je - sus, take me now.
3. Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
Tru - ly know that thou art mine.
4. Lord, I give my - self to thee;
Let thy bless - ings fall on me.

I sur - ren - der all,
I sur - ren - der all,

I su - ren - der all, All to thee, my
I sur - ren - der all.

bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Words: Judson W. Van de Vanter (1855-1939)
Music: Winfield S. Weeden (1847-1908)

The Holy Gospel John 14: 1-6

Response before the Gospel 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, "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."

Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflections

Ronald R. Davenport, Sr.
Lara Washington and Linda Armstrong
Leon L. Haley, Sr.

Hymn *God Will Take Care of You* All stand and sing together.

1. Be not dis-mayed _ what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;—
2. Through days of toil ___ when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;—
3. All you may need ___ He will pro-vide, God will take care of you;—
4. No mat-ter what ___ may be the test, God will take care of you;—

1. Be - neath His wings _ of love a - bide, God will take care of you. ___
2. When dan - gers fierce _ you path as - sail, God will take care of you. ___
3. Noth - ing you ask ___ will be de - nied, God will take care of you. ___
4. Lean, wea - ry one, ___ up - on His breast, God will take care of you. ___

God will take care of you, Through ev - 'ry day, O'er all the way;

He will take care _ of you, God will take care _ of you. ___

The Apostles' Creed *All standing*

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 of the People

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech you, to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your 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 your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Amen.*

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. *Amen.*

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love. *Amen.*

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. *Amen.*

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. *Amen.*

Grant us grace to entrust Milton to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you show to your people. *Amen.*

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life which you promise to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Hymn *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* All sing together.

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

1. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness,
2. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; O how bright the path
3. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; I have bless - ed peace

1. what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
2. grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
3. with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman (1839-1929)
Music: Anthony J. Showalter (1858-1924); arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Songs of Praise*, Copyright © 1992.

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.

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 congregation may stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

The Commendation *All read the italicized portions of the anthem.*

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

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.

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

The Priest, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Milton. 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.
Amen.

The Blessing *All respond Amen.*

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Improvisation on *When the Saints Go Marching In*



**The Washington family invites you to join them for a reception
immediately following the service
at the Pittsburgh Golf Club
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Leading today's service

The Rev. Jonathon W. Jensen, *Rector*
The Rev. Leslie G. Reimer, *Senior Associate Rector*
The Rev. T.J. Freeman, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis, *Rector Emeritus*
Dr. Alan Lewis, *Director of Music*

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Gregory Armstrong
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Ronald Davenport, Sr.
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Warren Goins
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Rodney Holsinger
Julius Jones
Robert McKee
Eric Springer
Donald Stewart
E.T. Williams

Milton Washington A Life Crowded with Service

“You must always care about the community,” counseled Milton Washington, as his children listened to his lessons about life’s most important matters. Mr. Washington, whose own life was crowded with service to his Pittsburgh community, modelled the wise counsel, even as he became one of Pittsburgh’s leading businessmen. He passed on October 22, 2016.

Milton Amiger Washington was born in Philadelphia on September 24, 1935, to Eleanor Amiger Washington and Milton Washington. Young Mr. Washington’s father was a senior official of the Christian Street YMCA of Philadelphia and vicinity (the first Black YMCA in the country). Mrs. Washington was a social worker. She studied at the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University, where she met her husband.

Their only child, Milt graduated from Northeast High School and attended Howard University, then transferred to La Salle University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1958.

According to a profile of him in the Spring 2015 issue of La Salle Magazine, the university also equipped him with “a strong foundation in business fundamentals, and in ethics, teamwork, honesty, and fairness.” In recognition of those benefits, Mr. Washington became a generous donor to La Salle University, supporting scholarships for students.

Milt was introduced to Nancy Duckrey, by a mutual friend in 1959. It was love at first sight, and they married in 1960. Continuing his education in Philadelphia, Mr. Washington earned an MBA degree at Temple University. He served his country in the U.S. Army Reserve Corp.

When he worked as a project manager for the Philadelphia Housing Authority, he launched his career, serving the affordable housing needs of people of modest means – a career that endured for the rest of his life.

Milton and wife, Nancy, moved to Pittsburgh in 1968. As vice president of Allegheny Rehabilitation Housing Corporation (AHRCO), he was immediately committed to building safe and economically viable communities with sound infrastructure and affordable quality housing.

“The best way to provide more opportunities to any segment of our community is to provide more opportunities for all segments of our community,” Mr. Washington is quoted as saying in the program for the 47th Annual Dinner of the PA & WVA Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The publication described that philosophy as his approach to closing the wealth gap between Black people and the broader community.

Mr. Washington followed that approach in his acquisition of AHRCO. He also owned a number of other successful businesses. These include SSM Industries, Beacon Construction, Keystone Minority Capital, Twin Mills Timber & Tie Co, and Temple Maintenance. Together these established Milton Washington as a leader of one of the largest Black-owned entrepreneurial enterprises in Pennsylvania.

He knew the importance of strong networks within the business community; serving as president of the Western PA chapter of the Institute for Real Estate Management.

Mr. Washington’s businesses have accounted for jobs employing hundreds of people in a variety of capacities, many African American. “He was so successful, it was a pleasure to service his banking needs,” once remarked retired Pittsburgh Steelers and retired PNC Bank vice president John Brown.

Mr. Washington's expertise and business achievements attracted the attention of small and large companies such as Sprague Goodman and PNC – America's eighth largest bank in 2015 – on whose board of directors he has served. He was a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, which includes Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Washington also served on the board of Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, the largest not-for-profit health insurer in the region.

He also used his clear-eyed business acumen in the service of his community. A fund drive at the Hill House Association raised \$5.1 million for the most notable Pittsburgh Black community. He headed the One in A Million drive that raised \$1 million for the August Wilson Center. He, with his wife, established the Nancy and Milton Washington Fund of the Pittsburgh Foundation and a Gallery at the Carnegie Museum of Art.

In education and training, he provided annual scholarships to youth identified by the Pittsburgh branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and A.N. Minney scholarships at the Rankin Christian Center. He established property management, maintenance, and construction training on the job at AHRCO and Beacon. Many alumni of these programs have launched businesses of their own. To advance computer literacy in this digital age, he donated computers to the Mon View Heights Housing Community. He also assisted the Carnegie Institute in bringing art education to Black youngsters.

He has generously funded scholarships at Point Park University and served on the Board of Trustees of Carnegie Mellon University, as well as the Manchester Craftsmen Center's board. Mr. Washington is a life member of the Carnegie Museum of Art.

He participated in many organizations that benefit non-profits. He was a former board member of the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, the United Way of Allegheny County and the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, among others. He is an emeritus member of the Carnegie Institute. He was a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Rho Boule) and a generous contributor to their foundation.

In recognition of his community-service and business achievements, Mr. Washington has received numerous awards and recognitions including the Isabel P. Kennedy award of the Pittsburgh Foundation, the 1998 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award, and, with his wife, the 2008 Humanitarian Award of Three Rivers Youth, and the 2015 History Makers Award of the Heinz History Center. In 2002 Mr. Washington received a doctoral degree honoris causa from Point Park University.

A man of deep faith, he was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church for more than twenty years.

Saddened that he is no longer in this physical world, but blessed that he ascends to his Heavenly place are his widow Nancy, daughters Linda, a New York physician and Lara, president of AHRCO; granddaughters Courtney and Zoe; grandsons Kendall and Tanner; sons-in-law Gregory Armstrong and Ken Spruill; cousins Barbara Willis, William Kinchelow and their families, and a host of family, fraternity brothers, business colleagues, and friends.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to the Greater Pittsburgh YMCA, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in honor of Dr. William Follansbee, and the August Wilson Legacy Fund of the Pittsburgh Foundation.



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