



Sunrise 19th January 1977. Sunset 3rd April 2017

Funeral Liturgy and
Memorial Service for
Obidimma Olga Ibimina Okobi
(Obi)

Date: Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 Time: 11:00 a.m.
Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania







A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Obidimma Olga Ibimina Okobi
January 19, 1977 - April 3, 2017
Burial of the Dead and The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Saturday, April 22, 2017 at eleven o'clock in the morning

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.

Organ Prelude

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading *(all sit)* Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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

Reading Isaiah 61:1-3

The Holy Gospel *(all standing)* Matthew 5:1-10

Response before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Remembrances

Chukky Okobi

Didi Okobi

Sarah Bumsted

Hymn

Sometimes a light surprises

All sing together.



1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the
 2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we
 3 It can bring with it no - thing but
 4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their



Chris - tian while he sings; — it
 sweet - ly then pur - suc — the
 he wont - will bear us through: who
 ed fruit should bear, — though



is the Lord who ris - es with
 theme of God's sal - va - tion, and —
 gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will —
 all the fields should with - er, nor —



heal - ing in his wings: whe com - forts are de -
 find it ev - er new; set free from pres - ent
 clothe his peo - ple too: be - neath the spread - ing
 flocks nor herds be there; yet, God the same a -



clin - ing, he grants the soul a -
 sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can
 hea - vens no crea - ture but is
 bid - ing, his praise shall tune my



gain a sea - son of clear
 say, let the un - known to -
 fed; and he who feeds the
 voice; for, while in him con -



shin - ing to — cheer it af - ter rain.
 mor - row bring with it what it may.
 ra - vens will — give his child - ren bread.
 fid - ing, I — can - not but re - joice.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)
 Music: Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

The Homily

The Rev. Leslie G. Reimer



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

The Prayers of the People

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

Hymn *I am the bread of life* *HYMNAL, 335*

The Great Thanksgiving *all standing* Eucharistic Prayer B

The service continues on page 367 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.

Music during Communion: *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Charles Gabriel

Hymn *Amazing grace, how sweet the sound - Calvary Camp tune*

All sing together.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see, Alleluia.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed, Alleluia

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.

'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home, Alleluia

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun, Alleluia.



Post-Communion Prayer *All respond Amen.*

The Commendation *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 499*

All read the italicized portions of the anthem.

The Blessing *All respond Amen.*

The Thanksgiving

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

Postlude

Fugue in C

Bach

*The family invites everyone to join in the repast following the service
in the Parish Hall.*

*A Memorial Website has been established for Obi at
www.forevermissed.com/obi-okobi
Remembrances are welcome there.*

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Leading today's service:

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

Dr. Alan Lewis, *Organist*

Gabby Barrett, *Soloist*

Margaret Metz, Becky Randall, Maraizu Onyenaka

Readers

Bennett Kotkiewicz, Ellen Albers

Chalice Bearers









Dr. Elsie Rogers Halliday Okobi and Family

Obi's brothers

Chukwunweze (Chukky) Okobi of Pennsylvania,

Olisemeka (Emmy) Okobi, and his wife Natalie and children
of New Jersey,

Anthony Okobi, Jr., and his wife Ciru (Anne) and children of
North Carolina,

and Obi's sister

Ndidi (Didi) Okobi of California

want to thank everyone who came here today to help us remember our
beloved Obi and celebrate her life.

We wish you all journey mercies as you return to your various destinations.

Contribution can be made in Obi's memory to

Sheldon Calvary Camp (4411 Lake Road, Conneaut, OH 44030)

<https://www.calvarycamp.org/donate/>

or

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21214) <http://cityneighborsfoundation.org/donate/>