



*A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Wen Chen Shadbolt
January 16, 1944 - August 5, 2023*

*Little Trinity Anglican Church
Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 3pm*

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Please stand

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 is committed to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

(John 11.25, 26)

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. *(John 14.1-3)*

I am sure 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. *(Romans 8.38, 39)*

Welcome

The Rev. Orvin Lao

Hymn *Blessed Assurance (F. Crosby)*

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.

2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *[Refrain]*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Saviour am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *[Refrain]*

Please be seated

Thanksgiving for the Life of Wen Chen Shadbolt

Philip Shadbolt (Husband)

Matthew Shadbolt (Son)

Please kneel or sit for prayer

Celebrant: In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who by our sins are justly angered.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: O worthy and eternal Judge, do not let the pains of death turn us
away from you at our last hour.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

The Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray:
O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, with your servant
Wen Chen Shadbolt and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of
your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last
day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy
the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for
ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading

Psalm 23

Reader: Jenn Shadbolt

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings

Proverbs 3:5-6

Reader: Adam Doran

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

John 11:17-27

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to

console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Goodness of God (Bethel)

Please stand

1 I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Refrain: And all my life You have
been faithful
And all my life You have been so,
so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of
God

2 I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God [*Refrain*]

Bridge: 'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me [*Refrain*]

Sermon

The Rev. Orvin Lao

The Apostles' Creed

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: 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**

Please remain standing

Hymn Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone) (People & Songs)

1 The Lord is my Shepherd
He goes before me
Defender behind me
I won't fear
I'm filled with anointing
My cup's overflowing
No weapon can harm me
I won't fear

Chorus: Hallelujah I am not alone
He's my Comfort always holds me close

2 He always guides me
Through mountains and valleys
His joy is refreshing
Restores my soul
Mercy and goodness
Give me assurance
That I'll see His glory
Face to face

Bridge: Your Spirit lives within me
So I will walk in Your peace
Your Spirit lives within me
My victory my victory

Bridge

My victory my victory

Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the
mystical body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church
in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection
die to sin and rise to newness of life,
and may we with him pass through the grace and
gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Minister: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage,
and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holi-
ness and righteousness all our days.

All: Hear us, Lord.

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

All: Hear us, Lord.

Minister: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence
in your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you, they may
know the consolation of your love.
Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved,
that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of
a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life
with those they love.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Minister: We pray that nothing good in Wen Chen's life will be lost, but will
be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to her will be
respected by those who follow; and that everything in which she was
great will continue to mean much to us now that she is gone.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Minister: We ask that we who were close to Wen Chen may now, because of
her death, be even closer to each other, and that we may, in peace
and friendship here on earth, always be deeply conscious of your
promise to be faithful to us in death.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Minister: Grant us grace to entrust Wen Chen to your never-failing love which
sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy,
and remember her according to the favour you bear
for your people.

All: Hear us, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Commendation

**All: Give rest, O Christ,
to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.
You only are immortal,
the creator and maker of all;
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 servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant, Wen Chen Shadbolt. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her 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.

The Committal

Minister: Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. *John 6:37*

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.

Romans 8:11

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope. *Psalm 16:9*

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. *Psalm 16:11*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through
our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God Wen Chen
Shadbolt, and we commit her earth to earth, ashes to ashes,
dust to dust.

The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine
upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance
upon her and give her peace.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.

All: And let light perpetual shine upon her.

Celebrant: May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus
Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Celebrant: The Lord bless you, and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace, both now and evermore.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness (T. Chisholm)

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *[Refrain]*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *[Refrain]*



*You are invited to join us downstairs in the parish hall
for light refreshments following the service.*

Participating in the Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Orvin Lao
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