



A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
John Brainerd Sandusky

May 29, 1940 - August 16, 2023

Little Trinity Anglican Church
Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 2pm

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. Canon Timothy Haughton

Hymn *How Great Thou Art (C. Boberg)*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *Refrain*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art! *Refrain*

Please be seated

Thanksgiving for the Life of John Sandusky

Paul Sandusky, brother and business partner
Harold Redekopp, friend
Caroline Munshaw, daughter

Hymn *I Saw the Light* (H. Williams)

Please stand

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Refrain:

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Just like a blind man, I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light *Refrain*

I was a fool to wander and stray
For straight is the gate and narrow's the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light *Refrain*

Psalm 23 Responsive Reading

Celebrant: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**All: He makes me to lie down in green pastures:
he leads me beside the still waters.**

Celebrant: He restores my soul:
he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies:
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**All: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Let us pray.
God of all consolation,
in your unending love and mercy
you turn the darkness of death
into the dawn of new life.

Show compassion to your people in their sorrow.
Be our refuge and our strength
to lift us from the darkness of grief
to the peace and light of your presence.

Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
by dying for us, conquered death
and by rising again, restored life.
May we then go forward eagerly to meet him,
and after our life on earth
be reunited with our brothers and sisters
where every tear will be wiped away.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord.

All: Amen.

Reading *Revelation 21:1-5a*

Reader: Eric Sandusky

¹Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading *Romans 8:35,37-39*

Reader: Ben Munshaw

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? [...]

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading *John 14:1-6*

Reader: Josh Munshaw

[Jesus said:] ¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading *Matthew 11:25-30*

Reader: Megan Sandusky

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷ All things have been

committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Timothy Haughton

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**

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.**

Celebrant: O Saviour of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us;

All: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Celebrant: Graciously look upon our afflictions, O Lord;

All: Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Celebrant: Make thy servants to be numbered with thy saints;

All: In glory everlasting.

Celebrant: Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course and kept the faith; and committing our brother John to thy gracious keeping, we pray that we with him and with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: O God, whose days are without end,
and whose mercies cannot be numbered:
Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and
uncertainty of human life;
and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness, all
our days;
that, when we shall have served thee in our generation,
we may be gathered unto our forebears,
having the testimony of a good conscience;
in the communion of the catholic Church;
in the confidence of a certain faith;
in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope;
in favour with thee our God, and in perfect charity with all. Grant
this, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: O Heavenly Father, whose Blessed Son Jesus Christ did weep at
the grave of Lazarus, his friend: Look, we beseech thee, with
compassion upon those who are now in sorrow and affliction;
comfort them, O Lord, with thy gracious consolations; make
them to know that all things work together for good to them
that love thee;
and grant them evermore sure trust and confidence in thy fa-
therly care; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal
graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn,
that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation
of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the
shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over,
and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy,
grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing,
but life everlasting; where thou, O Christ, with the
Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: O Father of all, we pray to thee for those whom we love but see no
longer. Grant them thy peace; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty
power, work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant unto John, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him.

All: 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.**

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant,
John. Acknowledge, we pray, 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.

All: Amen.

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 *Will the Circle Be Unbroken (Carter Family)*

I was standing by the window
On one cold and cloudy day
When I saw the hearse come rolling
For to carry my father away

Refrain:

Will the circle be unbroken
By and by Lord, by and by
There's a better home awaiting
In the sky Lord, in the sky

I said to the undertaker
Undertaker please drive slow
For this man you are carrying
Lord I hate to see him go *Refrain*

Oh, I followed close behind him
Tried to hold up and be brave
But I could not hide my sorrow
When they laid him in the grave *Refrain*

I went back home, the home was lonesome
Since my father, he was gone
All my brothers and sisters crying
What a home so sad and alone *Refrain*

We sang songs of childhood
Hymns of faith that made us strong
Ones that our dear John played us
Hear the angels sing along *Refrain*



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

Participating in the Service

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