

KATHRYN “KATHIE” ALEXANDER BLINN

November 4, 1947 – October 3, 2020

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, October 16, 2020

1:00pm



The Reverend Dr. Roman D. Roldan
CELEBRANT



St. Dunstan's

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Welcome! *The Book of Common Prayer* states that “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 prayers and scripture readings used in “The Burial of the Dead” comfort the bereaved with the “sure and certain hope of the resurrection”: that as Christ broke the bonds of death, then returned to us, we too shall be raised from the dead to dwell in the presence of God, forever.

The Christian Rite of Burial is not a nostalgic recalling of the life of the person who has died, but the celebration of Christ’s triumph over death so that we might also rise and live in the presence of the Triune God who has created for us an eternal home. Therefore, we pray that our Creator will grant us “to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ.”

The service from *The Book of Common Prayer* has been reproduced in this leaflet to help your participation and, if you are a visitor, to acquaint you with our tradition.

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

ORGAN PRELUDE

Linda Thomas, Organist

REMEMBRANCES

*Susan Nyman Dean
Connie Alexander
Garrett Blinn*

ANTHEM OF THE RESURRECTION

The Celebrant says,

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.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

THE OPENING HYMN

“Guide me O thou great Jehovah”

All standing.
Hymn, 690

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Kathie, and grant her 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.**

THE FIRST READING

All sitting.

ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

Reader, Randall Blinn

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

*Remain seated.
Reader, Julie Moore*

A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE SECOND READING

All sitting.

I CORINTHIANS 15: 50-58

Reader, Ken Alexander

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I tell you this brothers (and sisters): flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the total puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers (and sisters), be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

"Come thou fount of every blessing"

Hymn, 686

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 11:21-27

All standing.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

The Reverend Dr. Roman D. Roldan

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

All standing.

The priest says,

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

All saying together,

**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

The leader then says,

For our sister *Kathie*, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for *Kathie*, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept. The Celebrant continues

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister *Kathie*, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant and the People may greet one another by giving a simple wave or greeting. Please observe social distancing.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Abide with me”

Hymn, 662

THE DOXOLOGY *The people stand*

From all that dwell below the skies, v. 3

Hymnal, 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

RITE II - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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 unto our Lord God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant proceeds with the proper preface, which concludes

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Said by all

**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.**

Then 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 say

**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.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Dunstan and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant, kneeling

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept, then is said

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrifice for us

People **therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Hymn, 324

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

Hymn, 304

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION

The people stand. The Priest takes his place at the body.

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

People **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant 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.

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

The Celebrant then says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant *Kathie*. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, 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. **Amen.**

The Celebrant may then bless the people, and may dismiss them, saying

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

As the body is borne from the church, a hymn, or one or more of these anthems may be sung or said

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to
those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having
taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in
his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the
kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may
the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

THE COMMITTAL

The following anthem or one of those on pages 491-492 is sung or said

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

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

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

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.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty
God our sister Kathie, and we commit her body to the ground; *
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. **Amen.**

** Or the deep, or the elements, or its resting place.*

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Other prayers may be added.

Then may be said

Rest eternal grant to *her*, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon *her*.

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

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

or with the following

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through
the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in
every good work to do his will, working in you that which is
well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be
glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Lift high the cross”

Hymn, 473

~THE BELLS SHALL PEAL~

PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROCESSION FROM THE CHURCH TO THE ST. DUNSTAN'S
COURTYARD FOR AN OUTSIDE RECEPTION WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENT.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THIS LEAFLET IN THE PEWS.
PLEASE TAKE IT WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF IT OR RECYCLE IT. THANK YOU!**

THE CHRISTIAN'S COMFORT

“The Christian’s comfort in sorrow is to be found not in memory, but in the presence of the one we love. The Christian is in Christ; the departed loved one is in Christ, too, only nearer to Him than we on earth. One is on this side of the veil, the other on that. By coming nearer to Christ the living and the dead come nearer to each other in Him, not in any physical manner by sight or sound or touch – that would only be to restore what is most imperfect and what death was meant to end – but in the deep, hidden bonds that bind the souls of them that love Him together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thus prayers and good works and Holy Communion and personal love of Jesus become the comfort of one that sorrows, not because they make one forget or benumb one’s feelings, but because through them, the soul is being drawn nearer to Christ.

Thus there comes to be a deep meaning in the benediction, ‘Blessed are they that mourn.’”

(from a letter by The Rev. Dr. James DeKoven, written just before his death, to a friend in affliction, March, 1879)

KATHRYN “KATHIE” ALEXANDER BLINN

November 4, 1947 – October 3, 2020



Kathryn Alexander Blinn, 72, passed away of cancer after a very brief illness on Saturday, October 3, 2020, with her sons by her side.

Kathie was born November 4, 1947, in Austin, Texas, and reared in Fort Worth. She was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 47 years, Bruce W. Blinn in 2015, parents Neil Kenton and Alma Widén Alexander, and nephew David Neil Alexander.

Kathie is survived by her two sons Randall Bruce Blinn and Garrett Alexander Blinn, sister Connie Alexander of Fort Worth, brother Ken Alexander (Susan) of Houston, nephews Matthew Alexander (Allison) of Houston, Reid Alexander (Cheryl) of Sandy, Utah, Christopher Alexander of Lake Tahoe, Nevada, great-nieces Emilia and Elinor Alexander of Houston and a host of cousins to whom she remained close across Texas, Utah, Ohio, Florida, and North Carolina.

Kathie graduated from R.L. Paschal High School in Fort Worth and began her college education at Texas Tech University where she met Bruce. She became a member of Alpha Delta Pi at Tech. After Kathie and Bruce married, she continued her education at Kent State University, and later graduated from University of North Texas, achieving the goal she set when they married. After stints in St. Louis, Cleveland, Dallas, and Little Rock, they settled in Houston. Kathie founded her own interior design firm, using her talents to assist families with home design. Kathie was active as a Northwest Assistance Ministries Meals on Wheels volunteer for twenty years, and was a member of the Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum, Bible Study Fellowship, and Raveneaux Country Club. She made many lasting friendships through tennis, bridge clubs, book clubs, gourmet girlfriends, bunco, and St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. Kathie, Bruce, and their sons relished active family vacations, enjoying snow skiing, boating, rafting, ATVing, fly fishing, and zip-lining in multiple locations. She and Bruce traveled to France, Italy, and Costa Rica. She and her sons continued these traditions, with trips to Bali, Peru, and South Africa.

Kathie and her husband Bruce were active members of St. Dunstan's for over 40 years where Kathie was a member of the Altar Guild and Daughters of the King. Memorials in Kathie's honor would be appreciated for St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Northwest Assistance Ministries, 3645 Cypress Creek Pkwy. Houston, TX 77068, and the Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum Scholarship Fund, 14015 Park Drive, Suite 206, Tomball, Texas 77377 or to a charity of your choice.