

IN CELEBRATION OF AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

**Kelly Bruce Loble**

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at one o'clock in the afternoon



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
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# The Burial of the Dead: Rite One

## Prelude

## Anthem

*All stand while the anthem is said.*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord; and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

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

*Please be seated.*

## The First Reading

Lamentations 3:22–26,31–33

Hunter Sheuerman

*Reader*        A reading from Lamentations.

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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 106:1–5

Mike Sheuerman

*Confitemini Domino*

Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord \*  
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice \*  
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, \*  
and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.

## The Second Reading

1 John 3:1–2

Cecilia Valenzuela

*Reader*        A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been

revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

Melinda Crevoisier

*Please stand.*

## Hymn 680 (*stanzas 1–4*)

O God, our help in ages past

*St. Anne*

## The Holy Gospel

John 14:1–6

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

*People*           **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

*Celebrant*       The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Homily

The Reverend Edward L. Stein

## The Apostles' Creed

*Celebrant and People, all standing.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
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, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy 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 thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

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

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy 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 Bruce to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

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

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

## The Peace

*Celebrant*                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                              **And with thy spirit.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Solo

I cannot tell why Him whom angels worship

Joel Goodloe

*Londonderry Air*

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*            Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*            Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*                **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life, for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People kneel or stand, then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant,

which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

*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.**



## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Episcopal Church invites all baptized persons to the Lord's Table. Either kneel or stand at the altar rail receiving the bread in the palm of your hands. If you do not wish to receive Communion, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free communion wafers are available for persons with dietary restrictions. Notify the priest during the administration and one will be offered.*

## At Communion, Solo

There is a balm in Gilead

*American Spiritual*

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Commendation

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

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

*Celebrant*            Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

*The Celebrant then says*

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Bruce. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*            Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People*                **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

*Following the service, all are invited to a reception in  
Sanders Hall, upstairs in the Latham Building.*



## Clergy

The Reverend Edward L. Stein, Celebrant

## Music

Joel Goodloe, soloist

Ian Martin, bagpipe

Thomas Marvil, Cathedral Organist

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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. 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.*

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The desire to be a doctor came at an early age for Bruce. This came from his own experiences after receiving open heart surgery from the renowned cardiothoracic surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley. After that, Bruce set his sights on going to medical school and becoming a surgeon; however, during his pediatric rotation, his plans took an unexpected turn when he found out he had a gift for working with children and loved it too! He refocused on becoming a pediatrician and never looked back. Bruce attended Baylor College of Medicine in Houston followed by a Pediatric residency, also with Baylor College of Medicine.

Bruce was strongly recruited to join the Kelsey-Seybold Clinic pediatric practice in Spring as he completed his residency in 1988. Bruce was a well-respected and popular pediatric clinician throughout his 27-year Kelsey career. Bruce was appointed Managing Physician of the Spring Clinic in 1990 and when it relocated in 2005, Bruce was appointed the Managing Physician of the Spring Medical and Diagnostic Center, a position he retained until his retirement. Bruce was also elected to the Kelsey-Seybold Board of Directors in 2004 and served until 2013. Bruce served in a multifaceted career with KSC. He was part of a team that led the implementation of the Clinic's electronic medical record and he eventually split his time between his pediatric practice and information technology. He loved his work and his patients but was sidelined by his own health issues. In 2015, in a letter Bruce wrote to his patients, he let them know that he held them close to his heart and that being their doctor had enriched him.

Bruce also strongly supported and encouraged those in his work. In remembering Bruce, they said, "He had an amazing way of making you feel like he was listening to everything you said, like you were the only person in the room". Another expressed – "Bruce was a gift to me. I learned so much from him and appreciated working with him". And yet another, "He is one of the greatest men I have known. I am incredibly fortunate to have been his friend".

Everyone who knew Bruce was aware of how much he loved music – all genres-- folk, rock, classical and opera. He had season tickets to the Houston Symphony and Houston Grand Opera and made annual trips to the Kerrville Folk Music Festival. Bruce also loved sports, art and serving/supporting his church, Christ Church Cathedral. Bruce participated as a Lay Worship Leader, Lay Eucharistic Minister and also served as Coordinator of Lay Liturgical Ministries. He was described as faithful and devoted to the church and members expressed that they enjoyed working with him.

Bruce was a smart, talented man filled with love, kindness, service, and faith. He had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. A mother beautifully summed up Bruce with these kind words, " I remember his gentle spirit and easy laugh. His ease with Olivia and the way he connected with her showed the grace he had with children. What a gift he brought to those who knew him."

Bruce is survived by his loving wife, Bernice (Valenzuela) Lobley; sister, Melinda (Michael) Crevoisier, nieces Audrey and Victoria; sister, Melanie (Mike) Sheurman and nephew, Hunter. He is also survived by his father, Stanley Lobley. His mother, Shirley Christian Lobley, preceded him in death. Bruce is also survived by sisters and brothers-in-law: Cecilia, Lucila, Tomas and Lazaro Valenzuela and nieces, Sara and Lina. His mother-in-law, Angelita Valenzuela also preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to:  
Christ Church Cathedral, Kids Meals, Inc or favorite children's charity.