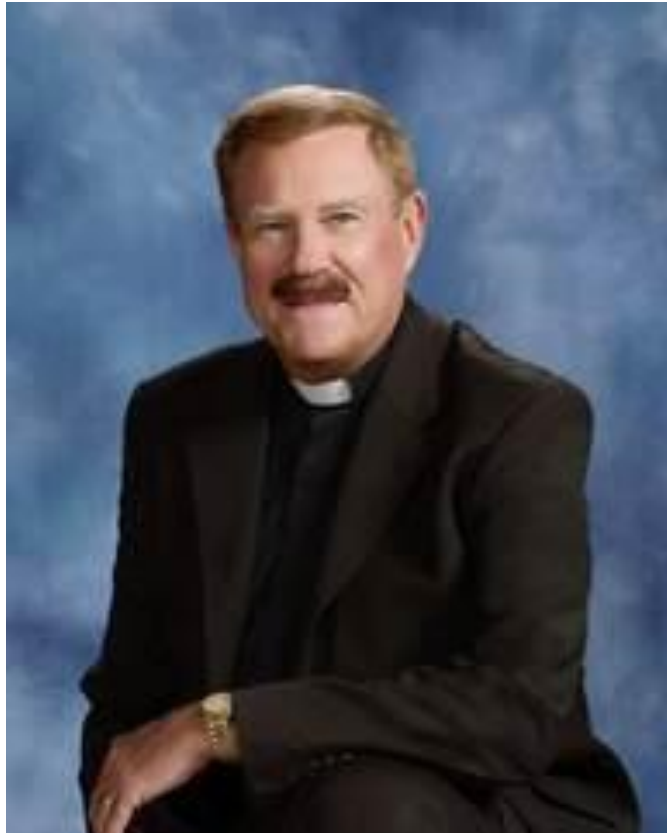


A Celebration of Life

of

Rev. Dr. Al Stott

January 3, 1939 - July 22, 2020



St. John's Episcopal Church

September 19, 2020

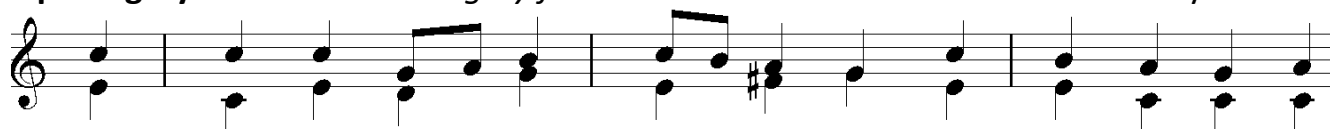
11:00 am

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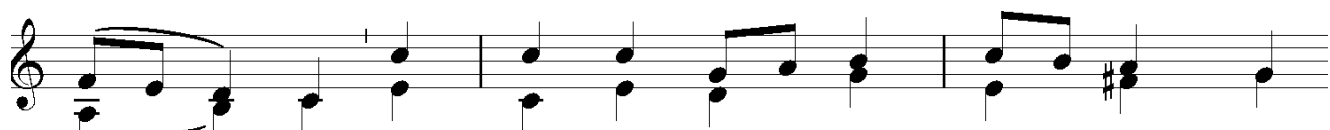
Opening Hymn

A mighty fortress is our God

Hymnal 688



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours



of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
 the man of God's own choos - ing; dost ask who that may be?
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:



and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Presider: Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory,

We remember before you this day our brother Al. We thank you for giving him to us,
 his family, and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage.
 In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.

Give us faith to see in death the grace of eternal life,
So that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth,
until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding:
Deal graciously with Anne, Kim, Bill and Kara, their family who mourn in their grief.
Surround them with your love,
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,
but have confidence in your goodness,
and strength to meet the days to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Family Memories

Madison and Austin Stott

The Lessons

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 61: 1-3

Kara Stott

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion--
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23

Jane Ferguson

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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.

A Reading from the First Letter of John

1 John 3:1-2

Anne Grignon

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***

Gradual

(Please stand as you are able)

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Hymnal 632

The Gospel

John 14:1-6

Rev. Cathey Dowdle

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains full soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you the palm of His hand.

Meditation

It is well with my soul

Jane Ferguson

The Apostles Creed

(please stand as you are able)

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

**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.**

Lord's Prayer

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

***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.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Brian Oltman

For our brother, Al, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

For Al, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord

Lord, hear our prayer

For our brother who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord

Lord, hear our prayer

For the family and friends of our brother Al, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord

Lord, hear our prayer

Many people die by disease, violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. We pray to the Lord

Lord, hear our prayer

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord

Lord, hear our prayer

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother, Al, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism.

Grant that his 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.***

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Greet one another in the Name of Christ, maintaining social distancing and with regrets, no physical touch.

Clergy Memories

Bishop Andy Taylor and Rev. Brian Oltman

Anthem

Be not afraid

Jane Ferguson

The Commendation

Presider: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

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

Presider: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto 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.***

Presider: Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant Al.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, 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.

People: **Amen.**

Presider: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:

People: **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

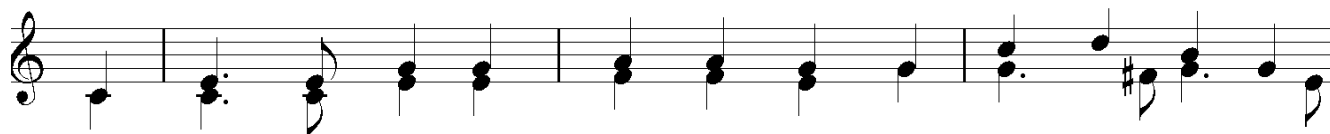
Presider: May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save (Navy Hymn)

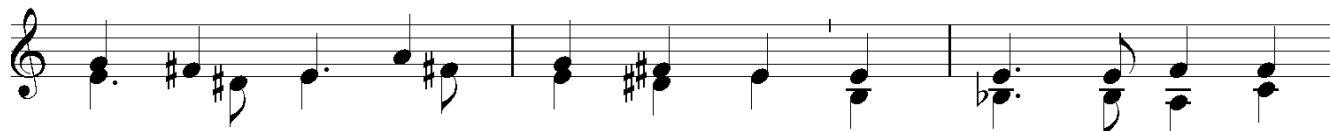
Hymnal 608



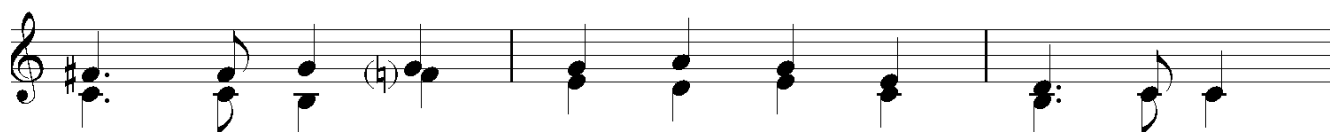
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Blessing

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

Dismissal

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Taps

Pallbearers

The Men of St. John's

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| Tim Attaway | Mark Jordan |
| Jamie Attaway | Tom Brzeczek |
| Phil Bajo | Mark Higginbotham |
| Bill Cheney | David Dennehy |
| Bob Dunn | Bernie Duignan |
| Ted Garcia | Mike Gollihur |
| Bill Rogers | |

Liturgical Ministers

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| Presider/Preacher | The Rev. Roger Haenke |
| Gospeller | The Rev. Cathey Dowdle |
| Readers | Kara Stott and Anne Grignon |
| Prayers of the People | The Rev. Brian Oltman |
| Remembrances | Bill Stott, Kim Stott, Madison and Austin Stott |
| Psalmist/Vocalist | Jane Ferguson |
| Organist | Cheryl Seppala |
| Trumpeter | Ted Garcia |
| Greeters/Ushers | Mark Higginbotham |
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