

A CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

# ROBERT PHINEAS KNAPP III

DECEMBER 12, 1952 — DECEMBER 2, 2023



SATURDAY — MARCH 16, 2024

ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PORT WASHINGTON, NEW YORK

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## Burial Office — Rite I

### PRELUDE

*All stand.*

**HYMN #662: *Abide with me***

*In the Hymnal*

### OPENING PRAYERS

*BCP, p. 469*

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.

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

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

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee that we, with all those who 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. ***Amen.***

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### *A reading from the Old Testament*

**Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33**

*Michal Brownell*

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 121** - Congregation reads the verses in bold text

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
2. **My help comes from the Lord, \***  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**
3. He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4. **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \***  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
5. The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6. **So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \***  
**nor the moon by night.**
7. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8. **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \***  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

SOLO: *Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major, Prélude* (J.S. Bach)

*Aaron Knapp, cello*

### *A reading from the New Testament*

**Revelation 21:2-7**

*Frederic Knapp*

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice

from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 106:1-5** - *Congregation reads the verses in bold text*

1. Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
2. **Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord\***  
**or show forth all his praise?**
3. Happy are those who act with justice \*  
and always do what is right!
4. **Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, \***  
**and visit me with your saving help;**
5. 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.

*Please stand.*

**HYMN #645: *The King of love my shepherd is***

*In the Hymnal*

### **THE GOSPEL**

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

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

### **John 10:11-16**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOMILY

*The Reverend John J. Park*

## REFLECTIONS

*Fred Knapp, Michal Brownell, Henry Knapp & Esther Knapp*

*Please stand.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

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.**

*Please kneel or stand.*

## THE PRAYERS

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 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 Robert 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.**

**CHORUS:** *Laudate Dominum* (from *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*) W.A. Mozart

*Maria Whisenand, soprano & The St. Stephen's Adult Choir*

#### THE COMMENDATION

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

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.

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

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Robert. 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 DISMISSAL

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

#### HYMN: *All to Jesus I Surrender*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

Refrain:

*I surrender all, I surrender all.*

*All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,  
Take me, Jesus, take me now. (Refrain)

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,  
May I know Thy pow'r Divine. (Refrain)

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me. (Refrain)

## POSTLUDE

*The family invites you to join them at a reception in the Parish Hall.*

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Reverend Lauren T. McLeavey
<i>Assisting Priest</i>	The Reverend John J. Park
<i>Music</i>	Thomas M. Fierro, organ The St. Stephen's Adult Choir Maria Whisenand, soprano Aaron Knapp, cello
<i>Lectors</i>	Michal Brownell & Frederic Knapp
<i>Reflections</i>	Michal Brownell, Esther Knapp, Frederic Knapp & Henry Knapp
<i>Ushers</i>	Alicia Brownell, Emma Brownell, Michael Brownell & Samuel Brownell
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Robin Schroeder, Lori Murphy, Christine Cheng & Elisa Delaney
<i>Flowers</i>	S.F Falconer Florist



*Rob was a cherished, longtime member of the St. Stephen's Adult Choir.  
As per his family's wishes, donations in memory of Robert Phineas Knapp III  
may be made to "The St. Stephen's Music Fund".*



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