

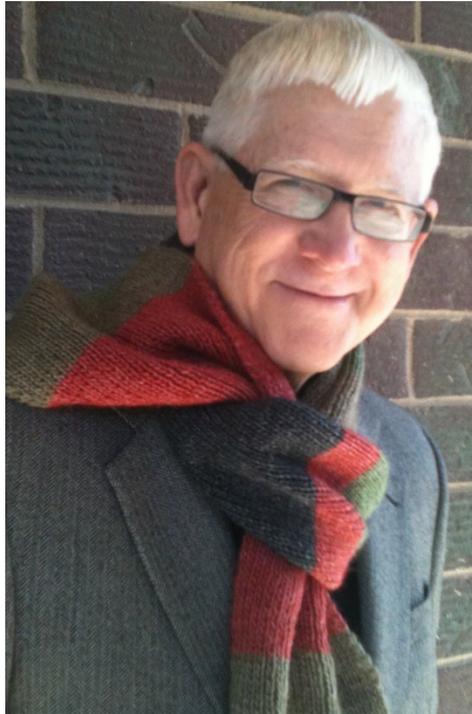
THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Charles William Berberich

March 8, 1943 – March 7, 2022

THURSDAY | APRIL 28, 2022

TEN-THIRTY IN THE MORNING



Charles William Berberich died on March 7th at his home in Denver, Colorado. He was born in Queens, New York on March 8, 1943. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Marilyn Munsterman, and two brothers, Paul and Joseph.

Charles grew up in Port Washington, NY. He graduated from University of Notre Dame and has a PhD from Northwestern University, specializing in African History. He was a professor at Southern Illinois University and Rutgers University. He served in the International Division of The Solar Research Institute in Golden, CO, and other renewable energy organizations.

Charles and Marilyn moved to Denver in 1978. He had many passions about his life in Colorado: The Denver Croquet Club, Opera Colorado, Saint John's Cathedral, Friends of Chamber Music, the Denver Public Library, his weekly bridge club and *The Stones*, a wonderful book group. Charles loved to travel, especially to his house in France. His academic research led him to specialized archives in Paris, Den Hague, Salamanca, and London. Further field research of trade routes took him to Ghana and Senegal, where he loved the food and culture. His delight in cooking incorporated the foods and traditions of his travels. His legacy will be his loving kindness and generosity for his wife and friends. He will be remembered for his amusing puns, inventive cooking and an encyclopedic knowledge of obscure topics, which enlivened many gatherings with friends.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

VOLUNTARIES

All stand for the Procession

I am resurrection and I am life says the Lord.
Those who believe in me,
even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives
and believes in me will never die.
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last will stand upon the earth;
and though worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God,
whom I shall see and my eyes behold,
who is my friend and not a stranger.
We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.
If we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die,
we belong to the Lord.
Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labor.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE COLLECTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understand: Deal graciously with Charles' family and friends 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. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Solomon 2:10-13, 8:6-7

A Reading from the Song of Solomon.

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-11

All read in unison.

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
 where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
 if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
 and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
 and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
 darkness and light to you are both alike.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:2-7

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

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; 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.

All stand.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-6a

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many mansions. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All sit.

HOMILY

MUSICAL MEDITATION Enigma variations: Nimrod

Edward Elgar

All stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

For our brother Charles let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and I am Life." Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Charles, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give our brother Charles eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

Our brother Charles was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

Our brother Charles was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

Presider

Father of all, we pray to you for Charles, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another with a sign of God's peace then sit for announcements.

All stand to sing the hymn.

HYMN 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - jice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

THE COMMENDATION

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

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.

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Charles. 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.

Amen.

ANTHEMS

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.

VOLUNTARY Fantasia in G major, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach

During the Voluntary the People proceed to All Souls' Walk for The Committal.

THE COMMITTAL

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.

As earth is cast upon Charles's remains, the Presider says

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Charles and we commit his remains to this resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Father of all, we pray to you for Charles and for all those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Amen.

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings but one equal eternity; in the habitations of your glory and dominion, world without end.

Amen.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy and love of God,
rest in peace and rise in glory.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

All are invited to a reception in Dagwell Hall.

PRESIDER

The Very Reverend Richard Lawson *Dean*

HOMILIST

The Reverend Elizabeth Randall

ASSISTING PRIEST

The Reverend Canon Katie Pearson *Canon Pastor*

MUSICIAN

Dr. Michael Boney *Director of Music and Organist*

LECTORS

Jack Finlaw
Greg Movesian

SACRISTAN

Emily Smith

“The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all 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.”

- *The Book of Common Prayer, page 507*



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