

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF
BRUCE DAVID HALL

January 5, 1954 - February 19, 2024



April 6, 2024
11:00 a.m.

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

***Making God's Presence Real
By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love***

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Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us today. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
in loving memory of Bruce David Hall
by his family.

THE BURIAL SERVICE

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, principalities, 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.

Family Members

Parents, B. D. Hall Jr. (deceased)
and Barbara B. Hall (deceased)
Wife, Lisa Block Hall (deceased)
Sister, Philippa Hall (deceased)
Sister, Margery Hall and Francis Jette
Sister, Barbara S. Hall
and Richard Peitz (deceased)
Brother, B. Dan Hall and wife Janet Bell Hall

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Children, Ashlyn Kelley, Rhett Kelley

Rita Block (Nana)

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Chuck Buschardt, Robert Moore,
and Extended Fire Family

*Liturgy of the Word**Please stand as able.***BURIAL OF THE DEAD
RITE I**

OPENING ANTHEMS

Celebrant

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.

HYMN 473

I come with joy
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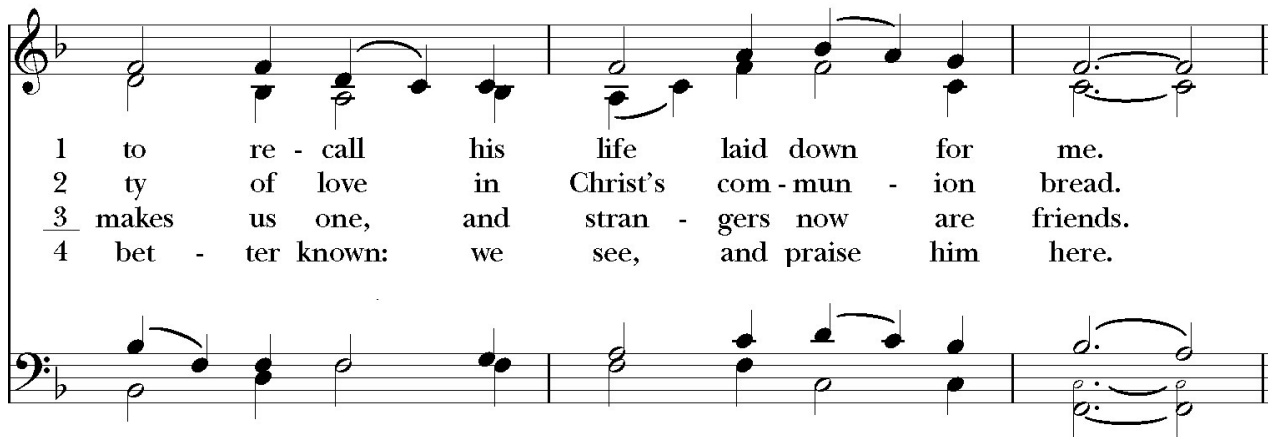
Land of Rest

Unison or harmony


1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.

A COLLECT FOR BURIAL

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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.

People **Amen.**

A Reading from Wisdom.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139: 1-11

Domine, probasti

BCP, page 474
Reader: Janet Bell Hall

- 1 O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me. *
Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising;
thou understandest my thoughts long before.
- 2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed, *
and art acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For lo, there is now a word in my tongue, *
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.
- 4 Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And laid thine hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, *
I cannot attain unto it.
- 6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? *
Or whither shall I go then from thy presence?
- 7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; *
If I go down to hell, thou art there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning, *
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me, *
and thy right hand shall hold me.
- 10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me, *
then shall my night be turned to day.
- 11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as day; *
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

A Reading from Romans.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced 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

Dominus regit me

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(Read in unison by the congregation)

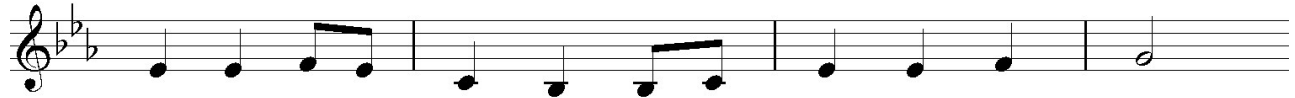
- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul;
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 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.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 482

Lord of all hopefulness

Slane



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Please stand as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14: 1-6

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

People **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 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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

REMEMBRANCES

Margery Hall

HOMILY

The Reverend Rhonda Rogers

Please stand as able.

APOSTLES' CREED

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Celebrant and People

**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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant 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 Priest then leads the following prayers; the People respond to every petition with Amen.

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 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 blessed Bruce and 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

Please stand as able

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

COMMENDATION

The Priest and other ministers take their places at the body. The Priest then leads the following, with the congregation saying those parts that are in italics.

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.**

Celebrant 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.

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Onward Christian Soldiers* Arthur Sullivan

The family invites the congregation to a reception in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

The interment and final committal will be at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

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Bruce David Hall Obituary

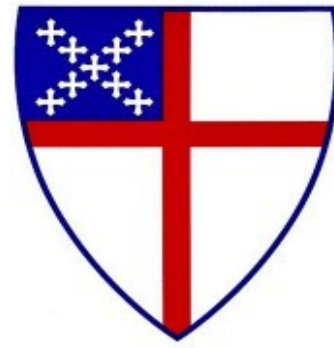
Bruce David Hall, of Houston, TX, passed away peacefully on February 19, 2024, at the age of 70.

He is preceded in death by his parents, B. D. Hall Jr. and Barbara, his wife Lisa, and his sister Philippa. He is survived by his sisters Margery Hall and Barbara Hall, his brother Dan Hall and wife Janet, his mother-in-law Rita Block, his stepson Brad Kelley, wife Katie, and their children Rhett and Ashlyn, and stepdaughter Stephanie Kelley and her children Alli and Eamon.

Born in Houston, TX on January 5, 1954, he grew up in Bellaire, Tx where he attended Maud Gordon Elementary School, Jane Long Junior High, and Bellaire High School. He played football in elementary school and junior high. He was enrolled in auto mechanics in high school where he won awards and competitions. Early on he worked for the Schmidt's family plumbing company and Charlie's Auto Supply in Bellaire.

He followed in his father's footsteps as a volunteer fire fighter. Bruce served the greater Houston community through his volunteer work in the Bellaire Volunteer FD, Westfield Rd. Volunteer FD, Harris County Emergency Corp (EMS), San Jac Crash Rescue Team, Aldine Fire Rescue, Harris County ESD Commissioner, and Harris County ESD 24** He was also involved in the Valley Forge Trail Riders for many years. He drove a wrecker for several companies including A J Foyt Chevrolet. He worked as an independent appraiser and for Demontrond Automotive and Westside Collision. He also drove a wrecker for Frank Gilman Pontiac.

Bruce was a man of simple, straight forward, to the point words. His longtime friend Chuck described him as "the most honest man I have ever known." He had exceptional common sense and an ability to solve problems quickly and efficiently. He loved all his family, dogs, and horses with deep heartfelt love and loyalty.



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