

A SERVICE IN MEMORY OF  
**PHILIP WILLIAM TURLEY**

July 20, 1941 - December 3, 2023



December 22, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

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

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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

## WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. 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  
and in loving memory of Phil Turley by Carol Turley.

## 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.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE

*Fantasia in C Minor, BWV 537*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Liturgy of the Word*

Please stand as able

OPENING ANTHEMS

BCP, page 491

*Celebrant* I am the Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.


For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on  
Are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.


HYMN 420

*When in our music God is glorified*  
(on next page)


Engelberg



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! \_\_\_\_\_



1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! \_\_\_\_\_



1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways \_\_\_\_\_



— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## A COLLECT FOR BURIAL

BCP, page 493

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Philip. 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 gate 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.**

A Reading from Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

*Levavi oculos*  
*(sung by the choir)*

Henry Walford Davies

- 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.

A Reading from Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

*Dominus regit me*

BCP, page 476

Leader: Harrison G. Moore, IV

*Read in unison*

- 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 439 What wondrous love is this, O my soul! Wondrous Love

*Unison*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

*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

Dr. Tracy M. Carlson

HOMILY

The Reverend Dr. Steven E. Turley

ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

arr. Philip Turley

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the  
wideness of the sea.

Helokomaika'i ku panaha, Ko ka Mau Loa  
ia kakou.

There's a kindness in his justice, which is  
more than liberty.

Ina kakou e aloha, Ahili na'i na wa apau,  
La'ela'e ke ia olaana, Ma ka malu o Iesu.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more  
graces for the good;

Laula ko ke Akua aloha, Me ka laula o  
kekai;

There is mercy with the Savior; There is  
healing in his blood.

Lokomaika'i, a kaulike, Pomaika'i po'o  
kelanei.

Laula ko ke Akua, Aloha, Me ka laula o  
kekai;

Lokomaika'i ka Hoola, Aloha ia na auwana  
nei,

Lokomaika'i, a kau like, Pomaika'i,  
po'okela nei.

Ho'omaika'i ia na haipule; Ma ona la e  
ola'i.

Lokomaika'i, ka hoola, Aloha ia na auna  
nei,

Ho'omaika'i nah ai pule; Ma ona la e olai.

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Laula ko ke, ke Akua, ke Aloha  
There's a wideness in God's aloha.

'Oi ka laula o Kona aloha, I ko kanaka  
no'o-no'o;

*Please stand as able.*

APOSTLES' CREED

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*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Philip, 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 to our brother 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 was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

**Hear us, Lord.**

He 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.

*Silence*

Father of all, we pray to you for Philip and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to 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.

**People            Amen.**

THE PEACE

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People            And also with you.**

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*The congregation may be seated.*

ANTHEM

*Beati Quorum Via* Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)  
*(sung by the choir)*

Beati quorum via integra est  
Qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way,  
Who walk in the law of the Lord.

*Holy Communion*

*Please stand as able*

GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

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SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

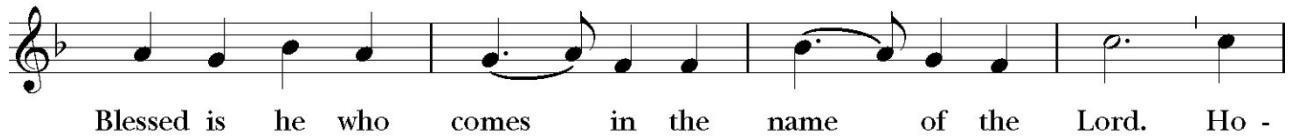
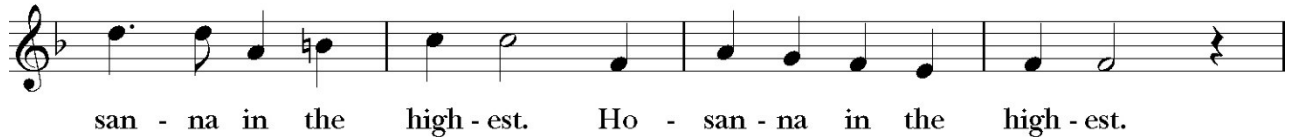
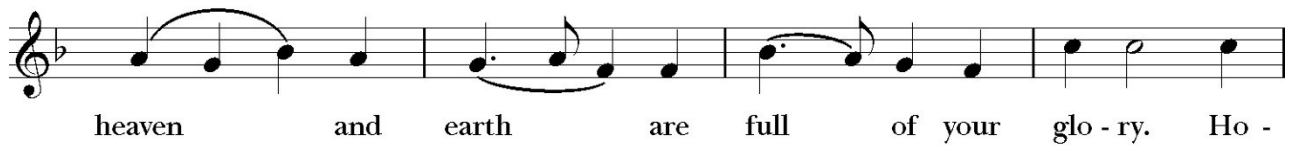
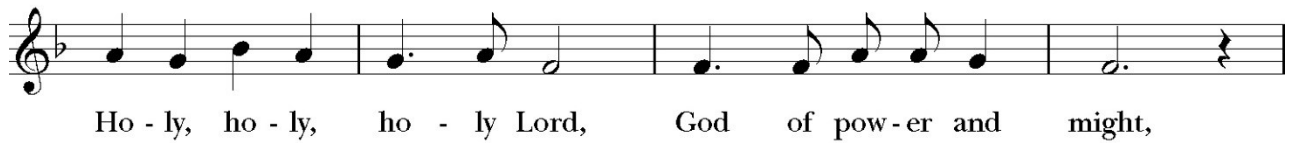
*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



*Please kneel or stand as able.*

*The celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**People AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S155

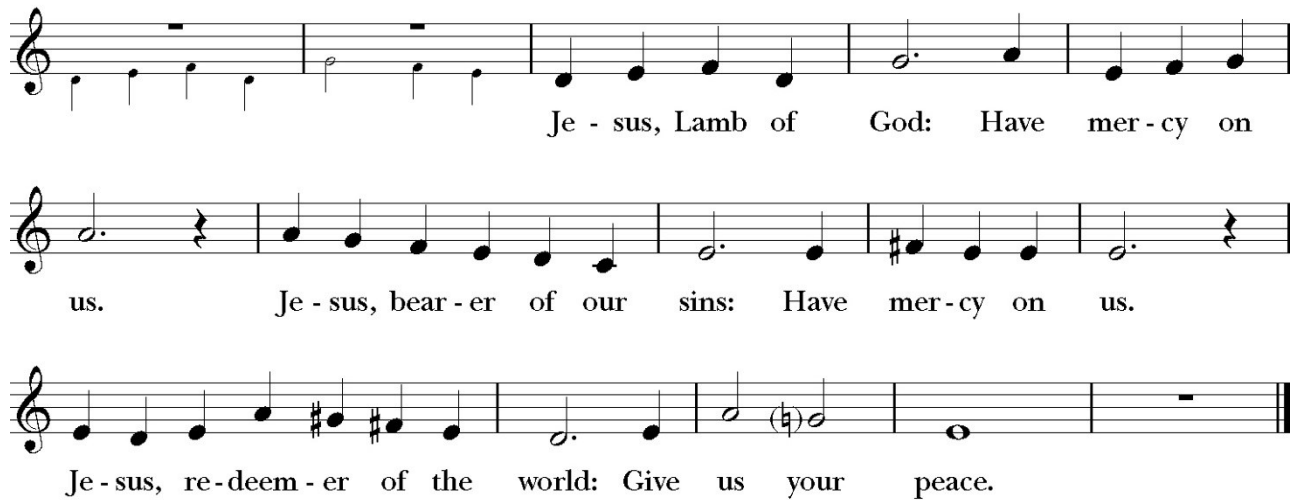
Gerald R. Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI S166

Gerald R. Near



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on  
 us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward to receive communion at the Altar rail. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only. If you are unable to come forward for communion, it will be brought to you in your pew.*



*We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when the priest administering the bread approaches you.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*  
*(sung by the choir)*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,  
 Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.  
 Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Almighty God,  
 Who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell there-in,  
 Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
 For Christ is coming, is coming soon,  
 For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
 And night shall be no more;  
 They need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
 For Christ will be their All.

Please stand or kneel as able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Officiant Let us pray.

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

Please stand as able.

COMMENDATION

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Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

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

Celebrant 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; 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.**

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Philip. 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.**

BLESSING

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

**People Amen.**

Remain in place.

HYMN 357

Jesus, Son of Mary

Adoro devote



1 Je - sus, Son of Ma - ry, fount of life a - lone,  
2 Think, O Lord, in mer - cy on the souls of those  
3 Of - ten were they wound - ed in the dead - ly strife;  
4 Rest e - ter - nal grant them, af - ter wea - ry fight;



now we hail thee pres - ent on thine al - tar throne.  
who, in faith gone from us, now in death re - pose.  
heal them, Good Phy - si - cian, with the balm of life.  
shed on them the ra - diancy of thy heaven - ly light.



Hum - bly we a - dore thee, Lord of end - less might,  
 Here mid stress and con - flict toils can nev - er cease;  
 Ev - ery taint of e - vil, frail - ty and de - cay,  
 Lead them on - ward, up - ward, to the ho - ly place,  
 in the mys - tic sym - bols veiled from earth - ly sight.  
 there, the war - fare end - ed, bid them rest in peace.  
 good and gra - cious Sa - vior, cleanse and purge a - way.  
 where thy saints made per - fect gaze up - on thy face.

POSTLUDE *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* Johann Sebastian Bach

THE COMMITTAL *The congregation may follow the procession to the Columbarium..*

*Celebrant* 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.

*Officiant* O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Philip. 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 gate 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.**

*Celebrant* Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

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

*Celebrant* May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
 Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**People Amen.**

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

## THE BLESSING

Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People

**Amen.**

The congregation is invited to a reception in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the service.

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## **Sustenance**

**by Philip Wm. Turley**

My nourishment is the music,  
A chord well tuned, A phrase well swelled then diminished,  
A silence filled with ecstatic anticipation Of exquisite release,  
A psalm chanted in perfect and meaningful accord.  
A full-throated organ postlude,  
Or an alternate harmonization on one verse of a beautiful hymn,  
An a cappella piece completed perfectly in tune,  
Or an ending consonant placed perfectly together by many,  
In an exalted, holy coordination of blessed, singing souls.  
These touch my heart, Make me feel, Sometimes make me weep  
At the sheer force of absolute, astounding beauty.  
These help me see Him, Feel His love, Absorb His grace.  
A catch in my throat sometimes leaves me  
Unable to utter a phrase or two of a hymn or an anthem  
So elegant in text, harmony or melody that it leaves me  
Helpless in the face of its transcendental power.  
Aural art work, accomplished by a gathering of inadequate souls  
Locked together in intimate and sacrificial devotion  
To the continuously frustrating, yet wholly satisfying pursuit  
Of even a second of pure, lovely human sound moves me profoundly.  
These are my connections To All we hope to experience in perpetuity  
These are what enable me to believe there is, In existence, a state so glorious  
That it is inaccessible to our feeble human understanding  
Until we, only through His grace, are invited in.

# Philip William Turley Obituary

Philip William Turley, born July 20, 1941 in Indianapolis, IN, passed away December 3, 2023 in Houston, TX. He was surrounded by family at the time of passing.

Philip is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Carol Carlson Turley; children, Gwendolyn (William) Harrison of Tupper Lake, NY and Steven (Ruth) Turley of Houston, TX; sister, Barbara Warvel of Johnson City, NY; grandchildren, Stone Harrison, San Antonio, TX, Brooke (Mitch) Keniston, Tupper Lake, NY, Alejandro Turley and Gabriel Turley, Houston, TX; great granddaughter, Avery Keniston, Tupper Lake, NY and several nieces and nephews. One son, Douglas Turley, passed away in 2011. Philip was also preceded in death by his father, Roy H. Turley; mother, Vesta Braner Turley; brothers, Roy Turley and Howard Turley, and a sister, Jane Schaub.

Philip graduated from Española (NM) High School where he played trombone and was the high school band drum major. He also sang with a male quartet, The Heartbreakers, in New Mexico. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Indiana Central College (now University of Indianapolis). While in college, he majored in trombone for a year and a half and then switched to a voice major. He sang in the college choir and in a male quartet that traveled to churches to perform and promote the college. In the summer they would sing at church camps for young people and sometimes lead Bible studies or teach classes.

Philip started singing with the Trinity (Episcopal) Madrigal Singers during his senior year of college. He continued with them for 20 years. Upon graduation from college, after finishing his church camp travels, Philip married his college sweetheart, Carol Carlson, on August 25, 1963. He then started his teaching career at Perry East Junior High, where he taught general music and choir for 4 years. He earned his Master of Science degree in Music Education from Butler University during those 4 years and he also began his career as a church musician with the choir of Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis.

In 1967 Philip moved to Hartford City, IN, to become the choral director at 2 high schools that were then consolidated into Blackford High School after 2 years. He taught 4 choirs, music history, music theory, music technology and swing choir. He commuted to Indianapolis to continue singing with the Trinity Madrigal Singers and he continued his career as a church musician.

Philip saw his family increase while in Hartford City with the addition of Gwendolyn, Douglas and Steven. He had the privilege of having all three of them in his classes at the high school and of watching each of them graduate from college and begin their careers. He founded and directed the Hartford City Madrigal Feasts, the Arts Chorale, and he was the choral conductor at various churches through the years. He was privileged to be able to take time out of his teaching to earn his Doctor of Arts degree from Ball State University, Muncie, IN.

Philip retired in 1998 after 35 years of teaching. He and Carol moved to Honolulu, HI to be near grandchildren. He became a staff singer at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral, singing with the traditional choir as well as the Hawaiian choir. He started composing and arranging in earnest and acted as "tour guide" for our visitors from the mainland. He has stated that these were the best 5 years of his life!

Philip's 2003 move to Moultrie, GA was again to be near grandchildren. He also took part time work as a church choir master.

The 2010 move to Houston, TX brought him near the youngest two grandchildren. The move was blemished with the passing of his son, Douglas, in early 2011. Philip and his wife found a good fit at Trinity Episcopal Church in Midtown Houston. Both sang in the choir until the pandemic caused in-person services to cease. Phil's weakening heart had him worshiping via live stream postpandemic.

Philip's personal goal in his teaching was to let each student know that they possessed the skills necessary for participation in whatever musical or artistic endeavor they felt called to attempt. "I feel a strong sense of accomplishment every time I hear of a former student who is enjoying being a member of their church or community choir. This act of using music to enrich one's whole life and the lives of those around one is the real power of music. My objective has been to help as many students as possible to experience music, not aiming for the 'perfect' choir. A lifelong love of music is priceless."

Philip was described by such words as: gentle, humble, talented, a loving and compassionate soul, enthusiastic, wonderful laugh and sense of humor, brilliant, dedicated, encouraging, kind, patient, a class act, full of dedication, an amazing teacher and mentor to students over the years.

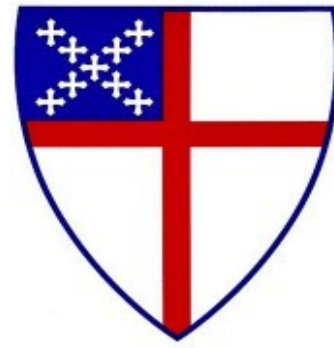
A student summed it all up with,

"'Well done, good and faithful servant!' Praising God that Dr. Turley knew Jesus and lived life in a way that reflected that faith! He touched so many lives and is a part of so many fond memories for people scattered over the globe now."

A funeral service will be at 10am Friday, December 22, 2023, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1015 Holman St., Houston, TX 77004.







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