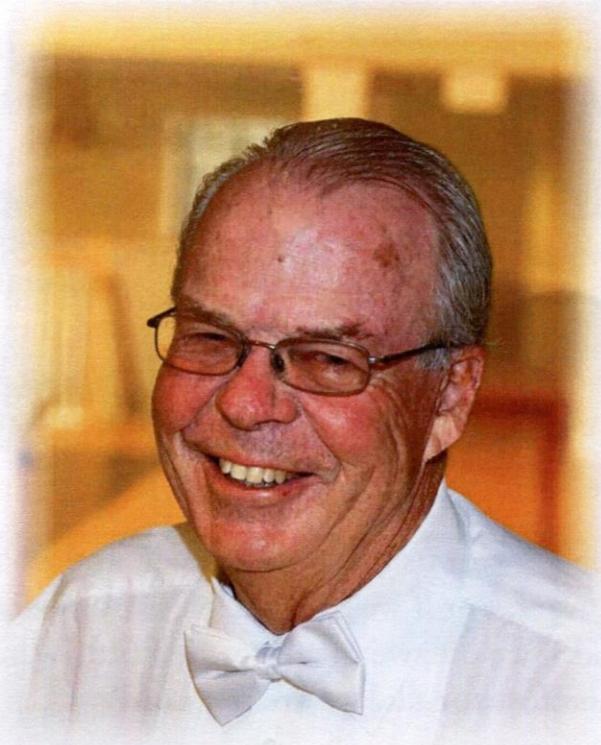


A Celebration of the Life of
George Conway Walker



October 13, 1938 – September 5, 2025

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

September 20, 2025 † 1:00 p.m.

Organ Preludes

Prelude on <i>Terra Beata</i>	Charles Callahan
Voluntary on <i>Tallis Canon</i>	Charles Callahan
<i>Panis Angelicus</i>	César Franck

(Please stand, as able, when the church bell is rung)

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 of Praise *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Hymnal 207

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant George, being

raised with him, may know the strength of his presence,
and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy
Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever Amen.

The Lessons

Hebrew Scripture

Wisdom 3 1-5, 9

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 121 (*in unison*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling—if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Alleluia (*Please stand*)

Fintan O'Carroll

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a fermata over the first measure. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. The second staff begins with a fermata over the first measure. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Gospel

John 6:37-40

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Words of Remembrance

The Prayers of the People

For our brother George, 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 George, 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.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother George, 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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, says:

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **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. *(Here a Proper Preface is said)*

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

Sanctus

Hymnal S125

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

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.

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray:

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to come forward for Communion or a blessing

Communion Music

Anthem

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

(Please join the Cantor in singing the refrain.)

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings.

Bear you on the breath of dawn

Make you to shine like the sun

And hold you in the palm of His hand.

Hymn *I Will Raise Them Up* Hymnal 335

Refrain: And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.

Hymn *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Hymnal 324

Post Communion Prayer (*stand*)

Celebrant Let us pray

All 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.*

The Commendation

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

All 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 unto earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created 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.

All Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,
Where sorrow and pain are no more,
Neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant George. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine 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.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* Hymnal 620

Organ Postlude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Charles Callahan

Participants in Today's Service

The Rev Geoffrey Ward - Rector, Celebrant
C. Christian Rich - Organist
Valerie Ward - Cantor
Tyler Kristopeit - Acolyte
Chuck Walker & Beth Sande - Lectors
Kip Jacobs & Kathy Housiaux - Ushers
JoAnn Shaw - Executive Administrator

**Everyone present is invited to a reception in the
Community Room following the Service**