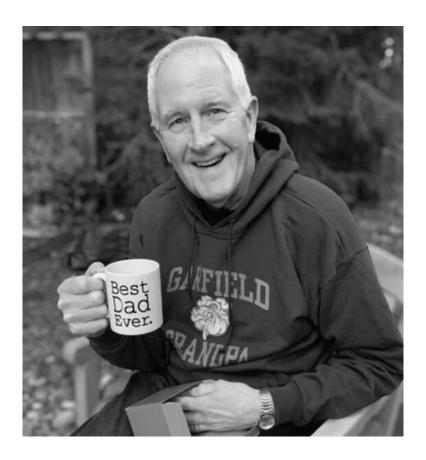
A Memorial Service IN CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF



Barton Keith Amey

November 28, 1942 to December 13, 2022

Epiphany Parish of Seattle 1805 38th Avenue Seattle, Washington

JANUARY 3, 2023 AT 1:00 PM

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.

From The Book of Common Prayer, p. 507

Prelude

Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

J. S. Bach

THE ENTRANCE

 $\label{thm:continuous} The \ people \ stand \ as \ the \ Presider \ says \ the \ following \ anthems \ in \ procession.$

Presider I am 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, and if we die, we die 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.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Bart, 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**.



The people sit.

Reflections

Bart's brother, Steve Amey daughters Carol Meek and Sarah Nadolny

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson read by Sina Nadolny

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 23 read by Lucas Meek

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

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.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

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.

The Second Lesson read by Logan Meek

2 Timothy 4:6-8

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Homily

The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr.

Silence is kept after the homily.

THE PRAYERS

The people stand.

Intercessor As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 intercessor offers the following prayers to which the people respond, "Amen."

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who has knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech you, to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your 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 your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your 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.**

Grant us grace to entrust Bart to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you bear to your people. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life which you have promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Solo Amazing Grace John Newton

THE COMMENDATION

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

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

Presider You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so you did 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.

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

Presider Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Bart. 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.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider Rest eternal grant to Bart, O Lord;

People And let light perpetual shine upon him.

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

People Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn

Presider The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn to Joy



Dismissal

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

The people remain standing as the ministers and family depart.

Postlude Fugue in

Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

J. S. Bach

Following the service there will be a Gathering of Family and Friends at The Seattle Tennis Club

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Barton Keith Amey

It is with the greatest possible sorrow that we announce the passing of our hero, Bart Amey, fifteen days after his 80th birthday and two and a half years after a diagnosis of Bulbar Onset ALS.

Born to Raymond and Lelabell Amey, Bart was raised in Seattle, attending Stevens Elementary, Meany Middle, and Garfield High Schools. He went on to attend the University of Washington, eventually graduating from the University of Puget Sound. He and his high school sweetheart Sally O'Shea married shortly after, in 1965.

Bart and Sally moved to Madison Park in 1968 where they started a family, having two daughters in 1968 and 1970. In 1972, they bought their home on Capitol Hill where they remained for 46 years. In 2018, they moved to Camano Island to enjoy their golden years together.

Bart ran his own business for decades, making connections and friends all along the way. He loved the freedom of an independent business, and always strived for a strong work/ life balance. He lived the fullest life he could and remained a very happy person with a true lust for life until the end.

To know Bart was to adore him. A man of great character and wit, one of his most prominent traits was his genial friendliness to everyone he met. With a bright and open smile on his face, no neighbor, friend, or acquaintance was off limits from his genuine desire to connect. His outreach to the world around him, and his true need to know people and understand them gave him a rich sense of acceptance and wonder throughout his life. His incredible kindness, energy, and sense of giving permeated his character, and was admired by all who knew him. He loved to be the life of the party, and was an exceptional dancer and singer. Most people thought of him as the nicest person they'd ever met, by way of his spectacularly helping attitude, ready to lend a hand or an ear to anyone who needed it. He always found new ways to offer assistance to family, friends, and even mere acquaintances, in the most thoughtful and timely way.

Bart was also known for his ingenuity. His camping, packing, workshop, tinkering, lawn-mowing, fire-building, and organizing skills were second to none. No nail or screw was too insignificant to create special storage for, and no flaw in setting up a campsite or packing a car for a road trip was too unimportant to rearrange to perfection until he was completely satisfied.

He was also greatly admired for his athletic prowess. Bart loved playing basketball early in life, and even played for the Garfield Bulldogs, winning the State Championship in 1961. In later years, he coached both of his daughters', and his granddaughter's teams. He also played soccer and golf, and enjoyed running in his thirties and forties. His greatest athletic passion through most of his adult life, however, was playing tennis at the Seattle Tennis Club. The community he created there was one of his happiest places, and Bart forged meaningful relationships with many members and employees of the Club. He served as Board President from 1995-1997, as well as on multiple other committees before and after, always inspired by his desire to do good and make a difference.

Bart's impact on his world and family cannot be measured. He was a truly exceptional human being, and there is now a hole in the universe that can never be filled. Bart is survived by his devoted wife of 57 years, Sally, his daughters Carol (John) and Sarah (Rick), his three grandchildren Logan, Lucas, and Sina, his brother Stephen (Kathy), and countless others who loved him.

It is impossible to describe his life force, and all his incredible qualities, talents, and accomplishments. We know his light will shine on us always, guiding us with the memory of his humor, strength, humility, unending generosity, love of family, and passionate commitment to having a really good time. A greater example could not be set than the one he has provided to us all.

In his honor, please consider making a donation to either the ALS Association/Evergreen Chapter (webwa.alsa.org) or Providence Hospice and Homecare of Snohomish County (give.providence.org/wa/hospicehomecare).

Serving this day

Rector The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr.
Director of Music Zachary Hemenway
Director of Worship Diane Carlisle
Guest Organist Carole Terry
Soloist Kathea Yarnell
Reflections Steve Amey, Carol Meek, Sarah Nadolny
Lectors Sina Nadolny, Lucas Meek, Logan Meek
Ushers Tim O'Shea, John Meek, Rick Michel, Alex Frink
Flowers Alice Foreman



Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place at Epiphany.