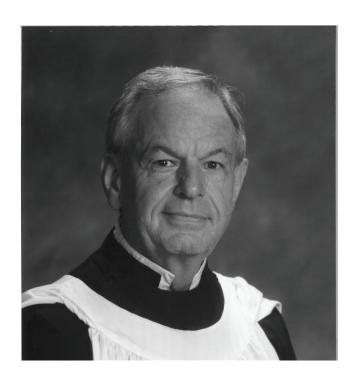
A Memorial Service IN CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

Thomas Charles Foster

April 26, 1938 to January 27, 2024



EPIPHANY PARISH OF SEATTLE
1805 38th Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98122
FEBRUARY 17, 2024 AT 2:00 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

We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service.

Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence.

Thank you for turning off all electronic devices.

Organ Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE

At the sound of the bell, all rise as able. 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.

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



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) Music: William P. Rowlands (1860-1937)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson Job 19:21-27a

Job said, "Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh?

"O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Anglican Chant: Edgar Day

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-11 Domine, probasti sung by the choir

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.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me:

I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit

or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there

if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning

and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me

and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me

then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day:

the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

The Second Lesson Revelation 21:2-7

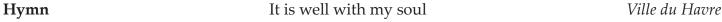
I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"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."

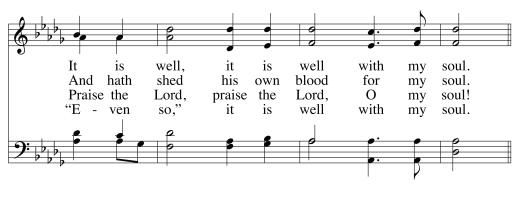
And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.









Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888 Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE, 11 8 11 9 with refrain; Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

The Gospel John 14:1-6

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, '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.

Homily

The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr.

Silence is kept after the homily.

The Prayers

The intercessor and people pray responsively

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 Tom 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.**

The people stand for

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

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

Offertory Anthem

And I saw a new heaven

Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:2-4

The people stand for

Eucharistic Prayer A

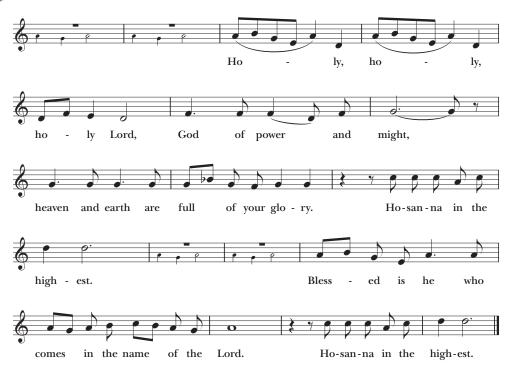
Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you. Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:



The people stand or kneel. Then the Presider 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:

Presider and people

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

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.

Presider and people

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.

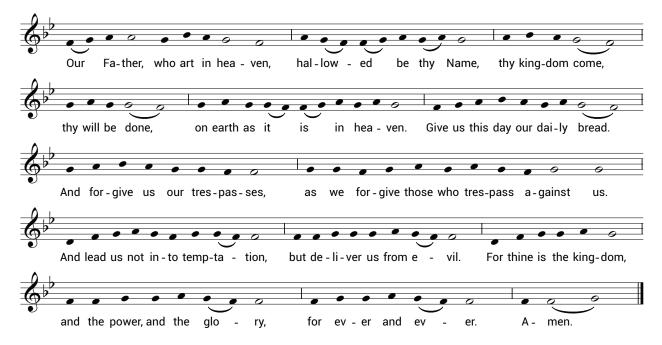
Presider

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

The Lord's Prayer sung by all



Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem Madrona



Words: Timothy T'ingfang Lew, (1891-1948); tr. Frank W. Price Music: Thomas C. Foster (1938-2024)

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to receive the Holy Communion. It is your choice as to whether you receive Holy Communion or a blessing. You may receive Communion or a blessing at the standing station in the front of the nave or proceed to the altar rail. The bread will be placed in your palm. You may consume the bread and then drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice firmly and guide it to your lips); or, you may leave the bread in your palm for the chalice bearer to dip it into the wine and place it on your tongue. Self-intinction is strongly discouraged by the Episcopal church. The people's response to receiving the bread and the wine is "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available. To indicate to the Eucharistic minister that you would like a gluten-free wafer, please present your hands palms down. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Music at the Communion

O quam gloriosum

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

O how glorious is the kingdom in which all the saints rejoice with Christ, clad in robes of white they follow the Lamb wherever he goes. (sung in Latin)



Words: Latin; tr. Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1828-96) Music: Thomas C. Foster (1938-2024)

The people stand.

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider 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 to 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

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, 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 Tom. 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.**

The people remain standing.

Anthem Nunc Dimittis in C C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Presider Lord God, we pray to you for 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.**



Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-97) Music: Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

You are invited to follow the cross to the Garden of Remembrance for the Committal or to proceed to the Great Hall for the reception.

THE COMMITTAL

When all have gathered at the graveside, the following anthem is said.

Presider

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.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Tom, and we commit his body to its 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.

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9 *A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

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. For 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. He 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.

Presider

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 Tom and 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 Grant eternal rest to Tom, 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

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider May God, who has given us, in the lives of the saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to be witness to the truth against all adversity.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever.

People Amen.

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

You are invited to proceed to the Great Hall for the reception.

Serving this day:

Rector The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr.

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Mary Anne Howard, Margie Kates, Trish Stone
Pall Bearer CJ Foster

THOMAS FOSTER was a native of Durham, North Carolina and a graduate of Syracuse University (BM) and the New England Conservatory of Music (MM). As a student, he held positions at Trinity Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, NY and Christ Episcopal Church, Andover, MA. Upon completion of graduate school, he joined the staff of Calvary Episcopal Church (1966-72), Williamsville (Buffalo), NY. It was there he received valuable mentoring in liturgy from The Rev. Edward Kryder, who decades later was a teacher of Doyt Conn at Virginia Theological Seminary. (It was the Rev. Kryder who began Carol Foster's education as an organist during her teen years and collaborated in her further training at Syracuse University, where Tom and Carol met and were married in 1961.)

During the Buffalo years, Tom also worked as an apprentice at the Schlicker Organ Company and served as Dean of the American Guild of Organists, Buffalo Chapter. In 1972, he became Organist/Choirmaster at St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville, FL. He also taught organ performance at Jacksonville University and conducting at the University of North Florida.

In 1976, Tom became Director of Music at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills, California where the Choir came to prominence through its four recordings for Gothic Records, its concert tours and commissioned works. As a member of the Commission on Liturgy and Church Music he directed music for many diocesan services. He was coordinator of music for the 1985 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, held at the Anaheim Convention Center, and also coordinated music for the Diocese of Los Angeles' centennial celebration, culminating in a service of Eucharist at the Los Angeles Convention Center on Pentecost 1996, at which he conducted a choir of 1,000 voices in the presence of then-Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey. In 1999, he was made an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Center of St. Paul in the Diocese of Los Angeles by the Rt. Rev. Frederick H. Borsch.

Tom also taught organ performance at California State University, Northridge (1980-86).

He served as a faculty member of summer church music conferences at Sewanee, Mississippi, and at Evergreen, CO. He was a visiting lecturer/conductor in numerous Dioceses of the Episcopal Church and at Virginia Theological Seminary and the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University. He was a contributor to the Hymnal 1982 and is a past president of the Association of Anglican Musicians; he and Carol co-chaired two national conferences of AAM in Los Angeles (1984 and 1995).

Upon his retirement from All Saints', Beverly Hills in 2003, Tom maintained an active schedule as a recitalist, leader of choral workshops and worship in the style of Taizé. He served as Interim Director of Music at St. John's Cathedral, Albuquerque, Church of St. Michael & All Angels, Studio City, CA, Grace

Cathedral, San Francisco, and St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo. His last interim position was at Epiphany Parish, Seattle, in 2007, where he subsequently dropped "interim" and became Director of Music upon the rectorship of Doyt Conn in 2008. He retired in 2017 and in mid-1923, Tom and Carol moved to Plano, TX to be close to family.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Carol Morey Foster – also a church musician and former music director at St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles (for four years before it was demolished in 1980); St. John's Church (now cathedral), Los Angeles; St. Mark's Church, Upland, and Church of the Epiphany, Oak Park, CA, and subsequently, at St. Augustine's, Whidbey Island); their sons, James Morey Foster (Anne Marie) of Southlake, Texas, and Thomas Hunter Foster of Newport Beach, California; and grandsons Nicholas Hunter Foster and Christopher James Foster of Dallas, as well as Lizzie, Tom's faithful canine companion of 14 years.

The Foster family asks that any memorial gifts be made to Epiphany Parish of Seattle, 1805 38th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122



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