



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH BAYTOWN, TX

The Burial of the Dead (Rite One)

Robert Wilcox “Foxy” Matherne

March 13, 1940 - April 9, 2021

The service of The Burial of the Dead and Holy Eucharist: Rite One are found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 469 and 323 respectively. Foxy had specifically requested Rite One.

PRELUDE *Lift High the Cross*

WELCOME

ANTHEM

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.

OPENING MUSIC

Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace — how sweet the sound — That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to
now am found, Was blind but now I see.
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

THE COLLECT

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 *Foxy*, 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. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson *Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 (NIV)*

Remember your Creator

in the days of your youth,

before the days of trouble come

and the years approach when you will say,

"I find no pleasure in them"—

before the sun and the light
and the moon and the stars grow dark,
and the clouds return after the rain;
when the keepers of the house tremble,
and the strong men stoop,
when the grinders cease because they are few,
and those looking through the windows grow dim;
when the doors to the street are closed
and the sound of grinding fades;
when people rise up at the sound of birds,
but all their songs grow faint;
when people are afraid of heights
and of dangers in the streets;
when the almond tree blossoms
and the grasshopper drags itself along
and desire no longer is stirred.
Then people go to their eternal home
and mourners go about the streets.
Remember him—before the silver cord is severed,
and the golden bowl is broken;
before the pitcher is shattered at the spring,
and the wheel broken at the well,
and the dust returns to the ground it came from,
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Response *Amazing Love*

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted You were condemned
I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.

Amazing love how can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing love I know it's true
It's my joy to honor you
In all I do, I honor you

The Psalm *Psalm 23 (KJV)*

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

THE GRADUAL ALLELUIA

The Strife is O'er (v. 1 & 5)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to - ry of
5. Lord, by the stripes which woun - ded thee, from death's dread sting thy

life is won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants free, that we may live and sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel *John 14:1-6 (NIV)*

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him,

“Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

People The Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

THE APOSTLES CREED

**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 OF THE PEOPLE

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 Foxy 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 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 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

Celebrant
People

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

I Can Only Imagine by Mercy Me

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes would see
When your face is before me
I can only imagine
I can only imagine, yeah

Surrounded by your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for you Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in your presence
To my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine (x3)

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself
Standing in the sun
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship you
I can only imagine (x2)

I can only imagine...

I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship you
I can only imagine

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer II*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction;

and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer arr. Albert Hay Malotte

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 debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of Silence is kept. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*We invite all who are baptized Christians, including children of any age, to receive Holy Communion. At this time, we are all only receiving the Bread, which is full communion. The Wine and the consecrated host that is broken will be buried and not consumed. At the time of distribution we ask that you come forward when it is your turn and stand single file a line down the center aisle. **Please use the hand sanitizer before reaching the clergy and stretch out your arms as you are able fully away from your body so that the clergy may drop the Bread in your palms. Please then take the Bread with you, and return to your place to consume beneath your mask.** We know this is strange for a season, and we trust that together we can make loving sacrifices so that all may stay safe and still receive Eucharist. If it is not your custom to receive Communion, you are*

invited to come forward with everyone for a distanced blessing or a prayer. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will pray a blessing for you. If you would like communion, but are unable to come forward, please advise an usher and we will come to you. This is God's table, not ours, and you are all very welcome here.

HYMNS AT THE ADMINISTRATION

How Great Thou Art / How Great is Our God

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Con-sider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r through - out the universe dis - played

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art

Name above all names, You are worthy to be praised,
My heart will sing, how great, is our God.
How great is our God, sing with me,
how great is our God,
And all will see how great, how great, is our God.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE PROCESSIONAL *Onward Christian Soldiers (v. 1 & 4)*



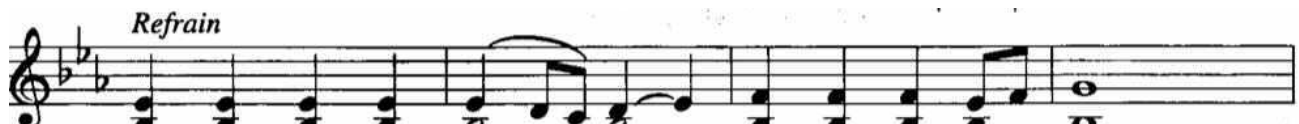
1. On-ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war, With the cross of
4. On-ward, then, ye peo - ple, Join our hap - py throng; Blend with ours your



Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore. Christ, the roy - al Mas - ter, Leads a -
voic - es In the tri-umph song. Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to



gainst the foe; For - ward in - to bat - tle, See His ban-ners go!
Christ, the King; This thro' count-less a - ges Men and an-gels sing.



Refrain
On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.



Robert W. "Foxy" Matherne, born on March 13, 1940, the son of Robert "Bob" Matherne and LaVerne Hester Matherne, died peacefully in his sleep in the early morning of April 9, 2021, at the age of 81. A native Baytonian, he graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1958. He received a BA in social sciences from Southern Methodist University in 1962, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the SMU Letterman's Association. After graduating from SMU, Matherne received his MS in outdoor education and recreation from Indiana University. For the next two years, he was assistant director of Camp Sequoyah, a private camp for boys near Asheville, NC, before returning to Baytown in 1965.

Foxy worked with his father, Bob, at Matherne's, Inc., the family office products, furniture, and printing business, until Bob's death in 1977. He then served as President of the company until selling the business and retiring in 2001.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, where he served as a lay reader, vestryman and stewardship chairman. He was a Rotarian for 50 years, and served on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Houston Chapter of the Red Cross, and St. James House. He was also active in the National Office Products Association, serving as the elected governor of District 7 and a member of the board of directors.

Matherne was given the nickname of "Foxy" at birth, in honor of his godfather. He adored Gloria, his beloved wife of 34 years, and was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved spending time with his family, Thanksgiving gatherings in Brackettville, Lionel trains, Ford Model "A" cars, history, John Wayne movies, talking to old friends, telling long stories, and SMU football.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Johnson Matherne; his sons, Robert Collord Matherne and Richard Collord Matherne (Rebecca); his daughters, Julie McWhirter Stevenson (Kim) and Kelles Kennedy Villeneuve (Robert); his six grandchildren, Caylor Ryan Matherne (Valentina), John Ramsay Matherne, Joseph Robert Matherne, Tara Monette Kennedy, Aaron Gregory Stevenson, and Nicole Quin Stevenson (Osiel); his 3 great-grandchildren, Connor Michael Matherne, Myles Samuel de la Mothe, and Harbor Gregory Stevenson; and a large extended family.

The family will host friends for a reception at Navarre Funeral Home, 2444 Rollingbrook Dr., on Wednesday, April 14, from 5:00-8:00 pm, with a memorial service (outdoors, with masks and social distancing) at Trinity Episcopal Church, 5010 N. Main St., on Thursday, April 15, at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Foxy's honor to Trinity Episcopal Church [Trinity Episcopal Church Baytown - Donate \(trinitychurchbaytown.net\)](https://www.trinitychurchbaytown.net).



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