



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

CHARLES SPENCE CALVERT, II

January 1, 1956 – March 3, 2025



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Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all of the Coast Salish tribes.

Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy.

Please stand, as able, as the procession enters the cathedral nave.

ANTHEMS

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

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

O GOD of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Charlie. 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. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All* Amen.**

WELCOME

Dean Thomason

REMEMBRANCE

Kemp Battle, Daniel Calvert

OPENING HYMN *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

TUNE: *Hymn to Joy*



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - brok - en praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

read by Linda Smith

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

PSALM*Psalm 42:1-7**Please join the Presider in reading the Psalm aloud.*

AS THE deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
“Where now is your God?”

I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God. ♦

READING*1 John 3:1-2**read by Laura Staat*

SEE what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God.

After a brief pause, the Presider stands; all rise, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN *O God, our help in ages past*

TUNE: *St. Anne*

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;
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

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.
5. they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.
6. be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:1-6a*

Presider 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.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

Please stand, as able, when the Presider stands to introduce the Creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *spoken by all in unison*

**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

Presider For our brother Charlie let us pray to God our Creator saying:
Hear our prayer.

Presider God, your will for us is abundant life;
receive Charlie now into the fullness of life in your presence.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Presider You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith;
shed the brightness of your light on Charlie, who also sought
understanding.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Presider You are greater than all our ideas and images of you;
draw Charlie into the mystery of your being.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Presider We know you as perfect Mercy and Love;
welcome Charlie in the grace of that love and mercy.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Presider We praise you as the giver of life;
gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Presider The Church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit; and so we commend
Charlie to you, giving thanks for the gift of his life.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Presider May the Holy One, to whom all the desires of our hearts are known
before we ask, hear our prayers for Charlie, and for all who mourn,
and grant us newness of life, and peace.

***All* Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SOLO *The Call, from Five Mystical Songs*

WORDS: George Herbert;
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart as joys in love.

Please stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

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.**

Presider 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:

***All* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**All We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Presider invites us to the meal: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

Please follow the directions of the Liturgical Ministers. The bread will be placed into your outstretched palm. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask for one at the time of Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.

Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as you pass by the chalice. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

Please stand, as able, when the Presider stands and returns to the Altar.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Almighty God,

All 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

The ministers stand at the Paschal Candle, the symbol of our risen life in Christ.

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 did you 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 Charlie.
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.

***All* Amen.**

BLESSING *The Presider asks God’s blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN *Amazing grace*

TUNE: *New Britain*



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me, his word my hope se - cures;
4. Through ma - ny dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please remain standing, as able, for the closing procession.

VOLUNTARY *Toccata All' Offertorio*

Domenico Zipoli

All are invited to join the family in Bloedel Hall for a reception.

***To access Bloedel Hall, go to the first floor by using the stairs on the west side of the nave,
or by using the elevator in the southwest corner.***

CHARLES SPENCE CALVERT, II

January 1, 1956 – March 3, 2025

WITH great sorrow, we announce the death of Charles Spence Calvert, II on March 4 after a valiant battle with the long-term effects of cancer treatment. Born in Washington, DC on January 1, 1956 to the late James F. Calvert and the late Nancy Ridgeway King, Charlie was loved by all who knew him.

Charlie's childhood was influenced by two great loves: sailing—he loved the wind and water; and music—he played the guitar with passion and skill. Charlie wrote five novels before he went to Evergreen College and earned degrees in Communication Arts and in Computer Science. He loved his first job as a reporter for the Morton Journal in which he documented all the news in the small town of Morton at the foot of the Cascades. He learned there to be a photographer.

He came into his own as an evangelist for computer programming companies. He would write books on computer programming, and give presentations demonstrating how to code using the software produced by his company. He was sent on lecture tours to many parts of the world, and after his lectures he would be mobbed by admirers who had read his books or were touched by his lectures.

Charlie's calling was teaching. In his books on computer coding (and he wrote quite a few, somewhere between 11 and 13, he wasn't quite sure), he explained complex ideas in simple terms. Many people learned computer programming through his books, which were often well over 800 pages long and profoundly accessible. His work was hugely popular and translated into many languages. He liked to say that he paid for his house through his books, and it would be hard to argue the point.

After he was diagnosed with oral cancer at the age of 52, Charlie left the corporate world and became a beloved Computer Science teacher at Bellevue College. After he retired, he would remain grateful to have been able to teach at Bellevue College for ten years, and often said it was the highlight of his career.

Everyone Charlie met was touched by his kindness. He was gentle and accepting and many commented that a kind of light shone through him. People walked away from their encounters with him always feeling a bit better about themselves and the world around them. If you were one of his students, he would push you to your limits. “Never crump” was his motto. By that he meant that it didn’t matter if you succeeded at something, but it really mattered whether you tried or not.

Charlie was a spiritual man. When he was in his early teens, his sister took him to transcendental meditation retreats which he loved. As an adult, he embraced the 12 steps, studied Buddhism and went on multiple silent retreats. Over time, he returned to Christianity and his Christian faith sustained him. Toward the end of his life, he ended each day with prayers and a blessing.

He was very proud that he walked the Camino de Santiago, a nearly 500-mile pilgrimage across northern Spain and he lived his life with bravery and commitment taking each day as it came. Even after he had a feeding tube, Charlie would put his gear into a backpack, and go for long walks. At the end of his life, he endured several surgeries which were hard on his body, and he was not able to get back to health. He died after a brief hospitalization.

In addition to his wife and beloved companion, Margie, Charlie is survived by his brother Jim; step-brothers Craig, John, David and Kemp Battle; and nieces and nephews including Dan Calvert, Hannah Peters, Jae Starfox Calvert-Warren, Nancy Calvert-Warren, and Mike Luce. He also leaves behind many friends whom he cherished deeply. ♦

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