IN CELEBRATION OF AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

PAUL GRANT ROGERS

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OCTOBER 20, 2008
ELEVEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL
IN THE CITY & EPISCOPAL DIOCESE WASHINGTON
"Without research there is no hope."
ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The people stand.

ANTHEM IN PROCESSION

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.

HYMN 688

A mighty fortress

Sung by all.

Ein feste Burg

WELCOME

Canon Huber

COLLECT FOR BURIAL

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.
O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Paul.
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; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.
COLLECT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Officiant Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Becky, Laing, Alexandra, Cole, Lilly, and Rebecca in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
ANTHEM
Psalm 23

My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his Name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy’s sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,
thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
thy oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
oh, may thy house be mine abode
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.

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THE SECOND LESSON

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. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

TRIBUTE

The Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr.

The people stand to sing and remain standing for the gospel.

HYMN 405

All things bright and beautiful  
Royal Oak

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1–6a, 7

Gospeller 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. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.
The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Amazing grace!

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Sung by soloist.

Dr. Charles Parker
The people stand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor  For our brother Paul, 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 Paul, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People  Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor  You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People  Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor  You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

People  Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor  You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

People  Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor  Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

People  Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor  He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People  Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor  Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

COLLECT

Officiant  Father of all, we pray to you for Paul, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All  Amen.
ANTHEM

The Lord’s Prayer

Sung by soloist. Albert Hay Malotte (1895–1964)

Our Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in 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 COMMENDATION

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

Officiant 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.

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

Officiant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Paul. 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.
THE BLESSING

Officiant      The Lord bless you and keep you.
All            Amen.
Officiant      The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
All            Amen.
Officiant      The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
All            Amen.

HYMN 719
America the Beautiful
Sung by all.

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant      Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People         Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY
Fuga pro Organo pleno, BWV 552
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Paul G. Rogers will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors at a later date.
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