

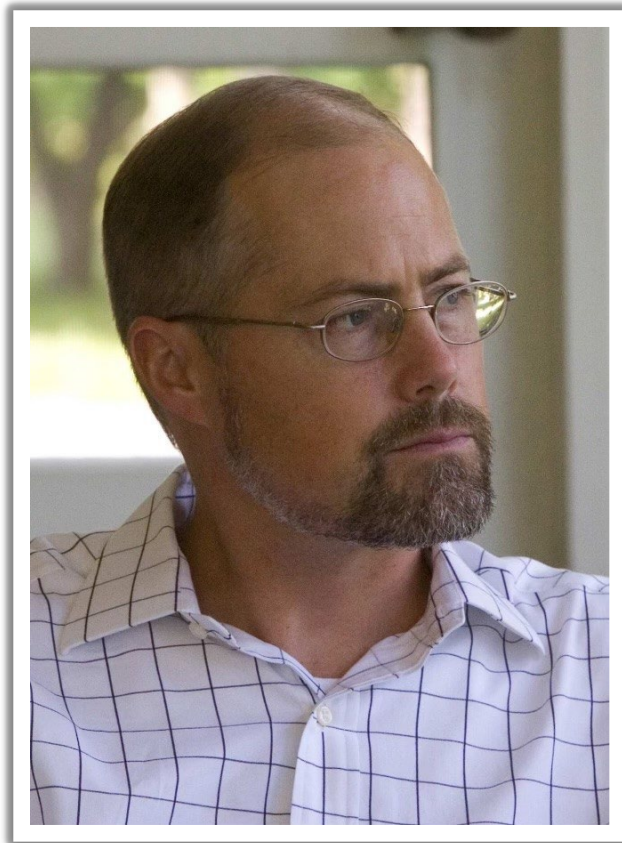
# **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

The Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande

A LITURGICAL CELEBRATION  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

**John Cooper "Sean" Murphy**

**July 2, 1963 - July 1, 2024**



**Saturday, August 3, 2024**

**1:00 p.m.**



# The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two

## Organ Prelude

*All stand together and sing*

### **Opening Hymn – *Morning has Broken* Blue Book (1982 Hymnal) #8**

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

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### **Opening Anthem - Red Book (*Book of Common Prayer*) p. 491 *Sung by celebrant***

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.

## **Opening Prayers**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Sean's family and friends, 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. **Amen.**

## **Remembrances**

Von Roberson  
Tim McIntire  
Helen Rose Murphy

## **Old Testament Reading – Wisdom 3:1-5, 9**

**Tom Blueher, Reader**

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.

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.

*Reader:* Here ends the reading.

## **Psalm 23 KJV**

**Katrina Murphy, Reader**

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.

*All stand together and sing*  
**Hymn – There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy**  
**Blue Book (1982 Hymnal) #469**

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea; there’s a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.

2. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

3. For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word; and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

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**Gospel Reading – Luke 6:43-45**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon - The Rev. Canon Julian Bull**

*All pray together*

**Prayers of the People - Red Book (BCP) p. 497**

*Intercessor:* For our brother, Sean, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and I am the Life."

*Intercessor:* Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Sean 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.

**The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**Offertory Music – *Your Long Journey***  
**Danna Manganaro, Soloist**

**The Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer B**  
***Congregation says words in bold.***

*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 our 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.

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:

***Celebrants and People:***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*Celebrant:* 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, our 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 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, gave thanks, 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,

***Celebrant and People: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.***

*Celebrant:* 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 that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_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 forever. **Amen.**

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



**The Lord's Prayer - *All pray together***  
**Red Book (BCP) p. 364**

**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.**

**Prayer after Communion**  
**Red Book (BCP) p. 498**

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 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

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

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.

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

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says,*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Sean. 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 Blessing of the Congregation

## **Closing Hymn – *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling***

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain: Come home, come home; you who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)

3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me; shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. (Refrain)

4. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. (Refrain)

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## **Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## **Organ Postlude**

***A reception follows in the Parish Hall.***

## ***Staff and Participants in the Liturgy***

Co-Celebrants – The Rev. Rhonda Smith McIntire & The Rev. Sylvia Miller-Mutia

Preacher – The Rev. Canon Julian Bull

Deacons – The Rev. Judith Jenkins & The Rev. David Martin

Organist – Jeremy Wirths, Director of Music

Lectors – Tom Blueher & Katrina Murphy

Ushers/Greeters – John Murray & Pauline Artery

AV Desk – Jonah Camp

Flowers – Barbara Jupin & Dinah Pierotti

Altar Guild – Karen Pound and Doreen Gonsalves-Givens

Order of Worship and Logistics – Jennifer Lind

Reception – Heather Gaume and April Brannon Coordinators. Holly Barreras, Karen McDaniel, Dinah Pierotti and Timothy McIntire.

Food – Friends from Bosque School