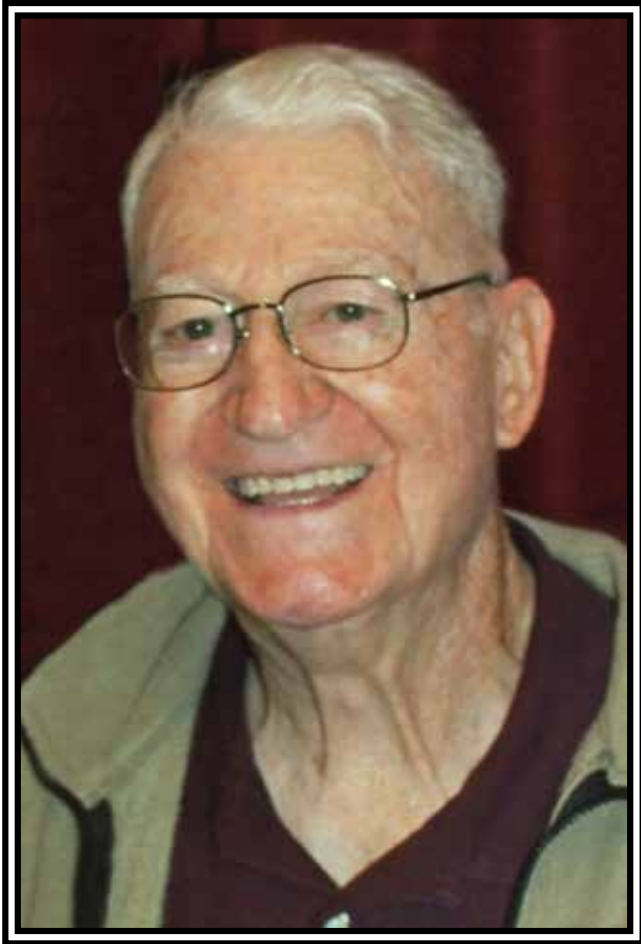


IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
ENOCH “JOE” BRIDGES
JULY 16, 1925 – JUNE 17, 2019



MEMORIAL SERVICE
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JUNE 21, 2019
11:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude

Solemn Anthems

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.

The Celebrant says the following Collect, first saying

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, Joe, 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 people are seated.

A Reading from the Book of Job (19:21-27)

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, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 (*read responsively by half verse*)

God is our hope and strength,*

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,*

And though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell,*

And though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,*

The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

God is in the midst of her,

Therefore shall she not be removed;*

God shall help her, and that right early,

Be still then, and know that I am God;*

I will be exalted among the nations,

And I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us;*

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

A Reading from the Book of Romans (8: 14-19, 34-35, 37-39)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: John 14:1-6

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

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.” Thomas saith unto him, “Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?” Jesus saith unto him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

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

The Homily

Fr. Dean Calcote

The Apostles’ Creed (please stand)

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 Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People, kneeling

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.

The People, kneeling, respond to every petition with Amen.

The leader says

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 Joe 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 that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. *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 blessed Mark and 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 Commendation *(please stand)*

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

The celebrant continues

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, “Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant and people

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

The Celebrant says

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Joe. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Hymn 376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”
Hymn to Joy

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

You are invited to a reception following the service in the Cloister Room.

Memorials

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
501 St. Jude Place
Memphis, Tennessee 38105

Enoch “Joe” Bridges, 93, of Beaumont, died Monday, June 17, 2019. He was born on July 16, 1925, in Kelso, Washington, to Bessie Tarvin and Enoch Clyde Bridges.

Joe was a long-time resident of Beaumont. He was a retired mechanic and was very involved in the community, including Beaumont Community Players, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol, St. Mark’s Treasure House, and being a Jefferson County Reserve Deputy.

Survivors include his son, Kenneth Bridges and his wife, Rosemary; daughters, Carol Petersen and her husband, Jim; Karen Fridelle; and Cathey Bridges; sister, Helen Jones; grandchildren, Stuart Petersen, Ryan Petersen, Wayne Fridelle, Sarah Fridelle Tiller, David Bridges, and Joanna Bridges; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; uncle, Robert Bridges; and wife, Virginia Murphy.

He was preceded in death by his wife of sixty years, Ann Harwel Bridges; parents; step-mother, Pauline East Bridges; son, Enoch Edward Bridges; brother, Charles Bridges; and son-in-law, Gene Fridelle.

Enrichment

St. Mark's Garden Columbarium
Beaumont, Texas

Military Honors

United States Army

Memorial Contributions

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Memphis, Tennessee 38105

*A gathering of family and friends
will follow in the Cloister Room.*



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