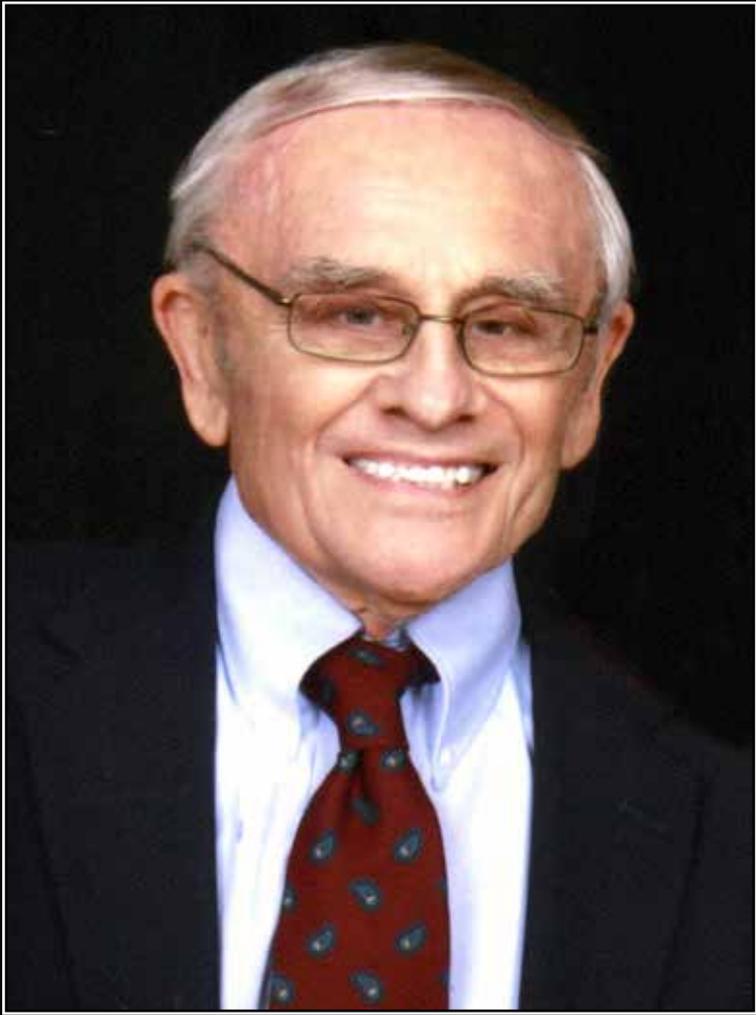


IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
CHRISTOPHER EDOUARD DOBSON
DECEMBER 2, 1923 – MAY 13, 2021



SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021
10:00 A.M.
SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
680 CALDER
BEAUMONT, TEXAS 77701

Organ Prelude

Hymn 208 “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o’er”
[verses 1-2, antiphon]

Victory

Solemn Anthems (*please stand*)

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.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Christopher, 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 may be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations (3:22-26, 31-33)

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46 (*said responsively by whole verse*)

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the**
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 **The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.**
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *

**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the
shields with fire.**

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

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation (21:2-7)

I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (*spoken in unison*)

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.

Please stand.

Hymn 637

“How firm a foundation” [verses 1, 2, 5] *Lyons*

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (*John 14:1-5*)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Obituary

The Reverend A. Dean Calcote

The Apostles' Creed (*Please stand.*)

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.

The Prayers (*The People kneel.*)

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 Chris 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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Music at the Table Setting *Ave Maria* Franz Schubert
(1797-1828)

Mr. Thomas Schroeder, cello

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II (*All standing.*)

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 unto our Lord God.

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

The People kneel. Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds
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,

Celebrant and People

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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
9 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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

The people sit. Please follow the directions of the ushers. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you receive communion at your church, you are invited to do so here. Communion today will be by intinction (dipping of the wafer) only. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palm over palm. To intinct, dip the wafer partway into the wine when the chalice is brought to you.

In lieu of receiving Communion, you may come forward for a prayer for God's blessing. Please indicate your desire for a prayer for God's blessing by crossing your arms on your chest.

Communion Hymns 508, 711

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People together

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.

Please stand.

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

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, facing the body, says

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Chris. 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 Dismissal

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

Hymn 376 “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee” *Hymn to Joy*

During the final hymn, please make your way to the outside columbarium, following the ministers who will process first.

The Committal

Once the people are assembled, the Celebrant says

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me;
and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

He that raised up Jesus from the dead
will also give life to our mortal bodies,
by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth;
my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life;
in thy presence is the fullness of joy,
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

The Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Chris; and we commit his body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious unto him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Then the Celebrant says

O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be made perfect unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, grant that we, who now serve thee on earth, may at last, together with them, be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*There will be a reception in the Cloister Room
immediately following the Committal.*



Christopher Edouard Dobson passed away peacefully in his home on May 13, 2021 at the fabulous age of 97. Chris was an adventurer who came from a family of adventurers. He was born in Baker, Oregon in 1923. His mother was born in Figeac, France and his father, a copper mining engineer, was born in Sioux City, Iowa. His parents first met while his father was stationed in France during World War I. Her father was a highly decorated French General and his family had emigrated from England.

Chris, the middle of three children, spent much of his youth in the Pacific Northwest as his family moved between mining towns. When he was just one year old his pregnant mother took him and his sister across Canada to the East Coast, boarded a steamer, sailed across the Atlantic to visit her family in France, deliver her third child then retrace their steps back to British Columbia.

Chris was a teenager when World War II broke out. He spent time as a civilian building air bases in Alaska before enlisting in the Army. Chris volunteered for demolitions and paratrooper training and then deployed to the European Theater, serving with the 507th Paratroop Infantry Regiment and the 17th Airborne Division. He worked to disarm land mines and booby traps ahead of eastward advancing armored and infantry divisions. Chris was awarded a Bronze Star for heroic service and later a Purple Heart for his actions during a covert, nighttime raid behind enemy lines to destroy a German 88mm gun installation. Four weeks later he parachuted across the Rhine River in Operation Varsity.

After returning to civilian life Chris received a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and subsequently took a one year teaching scholarship at Bucknell University. Upon graduation he was he was hired by Dupont Chemical Company in Wilmington, DE. It was here that he met, fell in love with and married LaVonne, his wife and best friend for 69 years.

Chris and LaVonne raised a family together, made multiple moves over his working career together and travelled the world together, visiting 6 continents. Chris loved his church, his country and his family of whom he was most proud. Family and friends would know him as strong, determined and rarely missed a chance to tell a story.

Chris was extremely proud of his wife LaVonne who earned two college degrees and a diploma from the St. Nicholas Montessori School of London, England. When Chris ultimately retired in 1984 LaVonne was able to devote even more time to her passion for educating preschool children. Chris was always so proud of her Montessori School. He saw her as a most gifted and wonderful educator of preschool children.

Chris is survived by his wife, LaVonne, who has been by his side for 69 years; his twin daughters, Neva Yearwood and her husband, Kip, of Sanger, TX and Yvonne Currie of St. Charles, MO and his son, Chris Dobson and his wife, Rebecca, of Orlando, FL.

He is also survived by four grandchildren, Russell, Rachel, Brittany and Garrett, and six great-grandchildren, Jolie, Emilia, Lilette, Martha, Oliver and Emma.

He is further survived by his two sisters, Yvette Gunther of Highlands Ranch, CO and Jacqueline Placak and her husband, Jim, of Oakland, CA.

The family gives special thanks to the doctors and nurses of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Texas Home Health Hospice and the wonderful caregivers of Synergy Home Care for their kindness and care of Chris during his end days.



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