



IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF  
ARTHUR “ART” EDWARD GEERS  
JUNE 12, 1922 – MARCH 12, 2021

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021  
11:30 A.M.  
SAINT MARK’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
680 CALDER  
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

*The Celebrant invites the congregation to stand.*

**Opening Hymn 208** “Alleluia! The strife is o’er, the battle done” *Victory*

*The Celebrant says*

I am the Resurrection and I am the 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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Arthur. 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. *Amen.*

*Please 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 121** (*Read responsively by full verse*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*

from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the Lord, \***

**the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved \*

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \***

**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

The Lord himself watches over you; \*

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \***

**nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*

it is he who shall keep you safe.

**The Lord shall watch over your going out and**

**your coming in, \***

**from this time forth for evermore.**

**A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the 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.

*Please stand.*

**Hymn 488**

“Be thou my vision”

*Slane*

**A Reading from the Gospel According to John (6:37-40)** *(Remain standing.)*

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**The Homily**

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** (*Remain standing.*)

For our brother Art, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am the Resurrection and I am the Life.”

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Art, and dry the tears of those who weep.

*Hear us, Lord.*

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

*Hear us, Lord.*

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

*Hear us, Lord.*

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

*Hear us, Lord.*

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

*Hear us, Lord.*

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

*Hear us, Lord.*

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

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

**Offertory**

“How Great Thou Art”

Brian Weaver and McLain Weaver, soloists

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people stand. The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

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:

*Celebrant and People say together*

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*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to

your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *AMEN.*

*And now, as our Savior Christ has 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**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*The people sit. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion today will be in one kind (the bread only). Please follow the instructions of the ushers.*

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

**Communion Hymn 304** "I come with joy to meet my Lord" *Land of Rest*  
"Nimrod" from Enigma Variations Edward Elgar

**Post Communion Prayer** *(Please stand.)*

*Celebrant and people*

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.*

*Please remain standing. The Celebrant and other ministers take their places.*

**The Commendation**

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

*The Celebrant continues*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; 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.*

*The Celebrant says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Art. 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**

**Hymn 473** “Lift high the cross” *Crucifer*

**The Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach

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

## **Committal**

*Once the people are assembled, the celebrant says*

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;  
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

*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 Art, and we commit his body to the ground; \*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 to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. *Amen.*

*Or the deep, or the elements, or its resting place.*

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*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

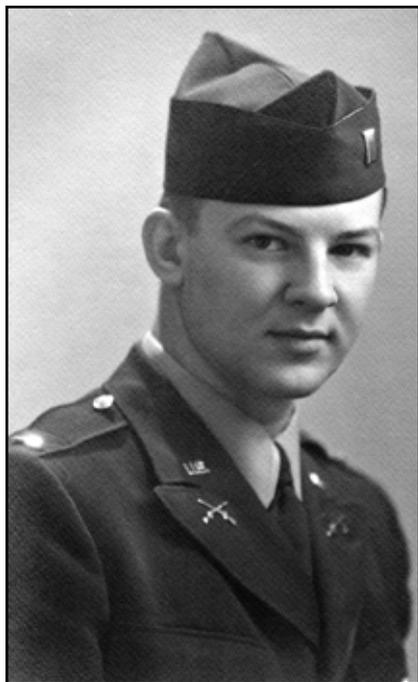
*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*There will be a meet and greet under the Oaks after the Committal.  
(Weather permitting.)*







**Arthur “Art” Edward Geers, 98**, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2021 at Calder Woods in Beaumont. He was born in St. Louis Missouri on June 12, 1922 to George Louis Geers and Viola Helen Kocian Geers. He graduated from Grover Cleveland High School in 1939 and went on to pursue his love of Chemical Engineering and football from the University of Missouri, Columbia. While at “Mizzou,” he took a detour into the United States Army serving in the 50th Military Police Battalion in Manila. The end of the war brought him back to Missouri to complete his Bachelors and then his Masters of Science in Chemical Engineering.

While at the University of Missouri, Art met the first of the two loves of his life, Lillian Marie Toler. They married in 1949, and in 1950, Art went to work for E. I. duPont as a Research Engineer in Wilmington Delaware. He and Lillian moved around with job transfers for the first several years until they settled and fell in love with Beaumont in 1962, where Art served as a Project Supervisor and eventually Process Design Superintendent until he retired. They both became active members at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, where Art was confirmed in 1964. Art suffered a great loss when Lillian passed away suddenly in 1981.

In 1985, not long after retirement, Art went on a blind date with Dorothy Pierce Stafford, who would soon become the second love of his life. The two enjoyed many years of companionship, square and round dancing and traveling together. Art and Dorothy tied the knot in 2001, and they enjoyed six wonderful years of marriage until Dorothy’s passing in 2007.

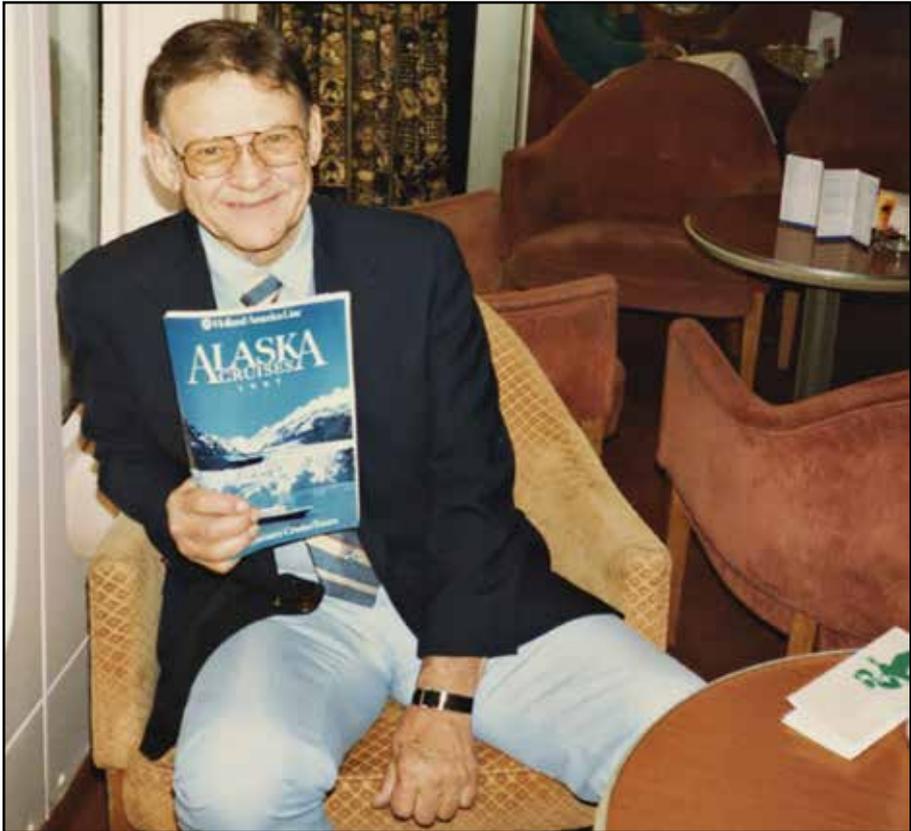
The engineer in Art was apparent in any project he was involved with as he was a “Do It Yourself” kind of guy. His thoughtfulness was often seen in how he took care of others, whether they be neighbors or family friends. He loved family gatherings and enjoyed bringing special dishes for the occasions.

Art paid tribute to his late wives by establishing scholarships in their memory at both University of Missouri and Lamar University. He loved getting to meet and hear about every scholarship recipient. He also had a great love of music and enjoyed attending the Symphony and the Lamarissimo concert series.

Art is survived by his “Beaumont Family”, Mary Anna Glasgow, James Hansard, Susan Weaver, Vicki Holcombe and Gary Holcombe and nieces, Patricia Johnson, Joanne O’Keefe and Susan Welsh of St. Louis, along with numerous extended family members.

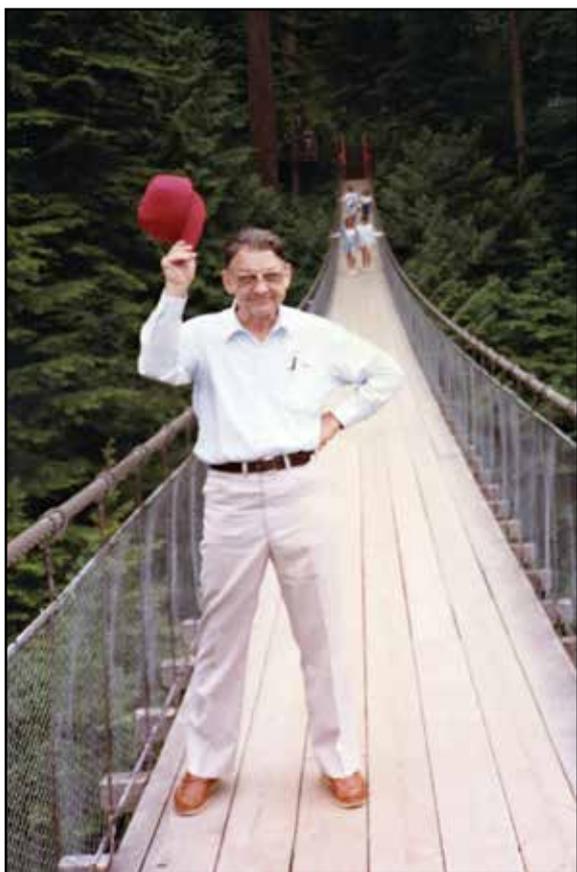
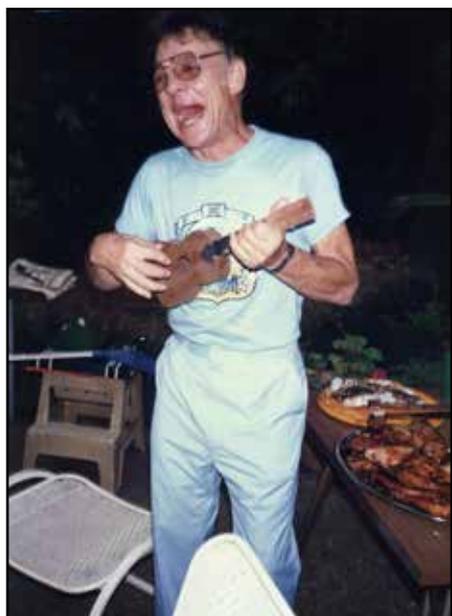
He is preceded in death by his parents; spouses, Lillian and Dorothy; and sister, Viola Geers Whaley.

The family would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Earth Angels and the attentive caregiving of Joe Robertson and Charmaine Guillory for the past two years, as well as his Kindred Hospice Nurse, Valencia Williams, and the staff of Calder Woods, especially Tiny Bean.















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