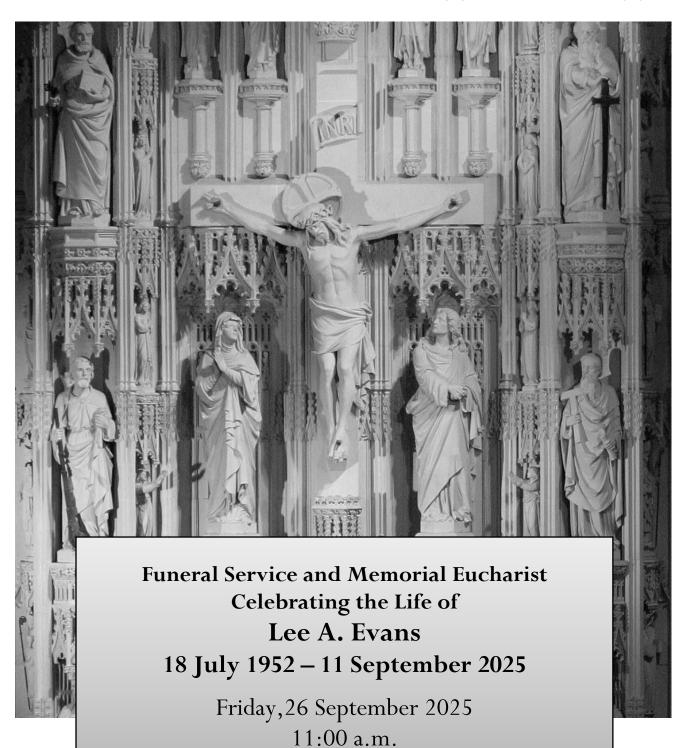


# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL



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**Welcome** to Christ Church Cathedral, the Episcopal Cathedral of the Diocese of Missouri.

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The People's responses are in **bold** print.

# CELEBRATING THE BELOVED LIFE OF LEE A. EVANS



#### ABOUT THE LITURGY OF THE DEAD

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

#### **PRELUDE**

Prelude on St. Columba by Healey Willan

#### THE RECEPTION OF THE CREMAINS PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

The Dean meets the cremains at the entry to the Cathedral.

Dean Friends in Christ, we gather in this sacred space to entrust to Almighty God the mortal remains of our brother Lee A. Evans, beloved child of God. Lee was washed in the waters of Holy Baptism and made one with Christ Jesus in his life, death, and resurrection. Therefore, with faith in Jesus Christ, we receive his remains.

Dean With this water and the covering of this pall, we call to mind his baptism. As Christ went through the deep waters of death for us, so may he bring Lee to the fullness of resurrection and life. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that Lee will be raised to perfection in the company of the saints in light.

The pall is placed; the cremains are sprinkled with holy water. Silence may be kept.

Dean Deliver your servant, Lee, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set him free from every bond, that he may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations. **Amen**.

#### **THE OPENING ANTHEM** Please stand as you are able.

Assistant I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I know that my Redeemer lives, and that on the last day he shall stand upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold the one who is my friend and not a stranger. For none of us lives to themself, and no one dies to themself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; so says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.



*Presider* The Lord is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

#### THE COLLECTS

Please remain standing as you are able.

Presider O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Lee, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Presider:* O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Lee. 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.** 

#### WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

#### THE FIRST READING

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Reader A reading from Lamentations

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:* Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 67** Prayed responsively by whole verse at the direction of the Leader.

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \*

show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*

your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase;

may you, O God our God, bless us.

May you bless us, \*

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

#### THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

Reader A reading from Second Corinthians.

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 Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.



#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL: John 14:1-6a

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

#### People Glory to you, O Christ.

'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."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

#### THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Kathie Adams-Shepherd, Dean

Moment for silent reflection

#### **THE APOSTLES' CREED** Please stand as you are able.

*Priest* In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

All 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 OF THE PEOPLE

Presider For our brother Lee, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Assistant Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Lee and dry the tears of

those who weep.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

hope.

Presider Creator of all, we pray to you for Lee, beloved Daddy, husband, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin, Kappa

Alpha Psi brother 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. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

A sign of peace is offered to one another.

#### A WELCOME FROM THE DEAN and OFFERTORY SENTENCES

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Give Me Jesus, Spiritual arr. by Mark Hayes Lea Hurdler, soloist

In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus. You may have all this world, Give Me Jesus Dark midnight was my cry, Give me Jesus. You may have all this world, Give Me Jesus Oh, when I come to die, Give me Jesus. You may have all this world, Give Me Jesus

#### **GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE** *Please stand as you are able.*

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord is with you. People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

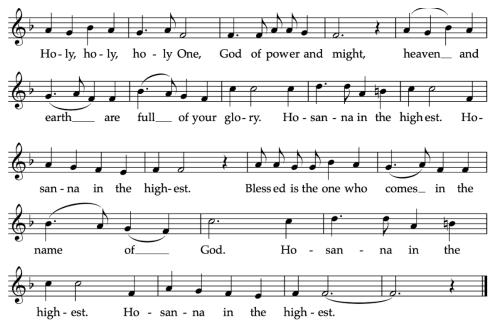
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise. People

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 offer this hymn to the glory of your Name:

#### **SANCTUS S-125**

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Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### A11Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 bread is now broken. Silence is kept.

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Celebrant Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

#### THE INVITATION

Celebrant These are God's holy gifts, for you, God's holy people.

The Celebrant may add:

So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

#### SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

This is Christ's table and all are welcome and all are fed. All are invited to partake in the sacred meal.

Please follow the movement forward by the center aisle as instructed by the ushers.

Communion is administered at the head of the aisle in front of the altar.

Remember to take your purse/personal belongings with you when leaving your seat for communion.

Gluten-free wafers and chalice are available; please let the clergy know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

The common cup is offered; if you prefer, you are fully communed by Bread alone. If you practice intinction (dipping the Bread in the Wine); please hand your Bread to the Chalice Bearer and they will intinct and place it in your hand.

If you prefer not to receive communion, you may still come and ask for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

Please let an usher know if you need communion or a blessing from your seat.

#### ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE COMMUNION; IT IS CHRIST WHO INVITES YOU HERE.

Those participating at home may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion:

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.



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#### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray. Please stand as you are able.

All 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.

A GIFT FROM LEE: SPIRIT EARTH, WIND AND FIRE PLEASE BE SEATED.

Earth Wind And Fire

Spirit

Spirit

Many years has passed and a day
Still we walk, in the path
That leads, to the light
Shining down, on this great beyond
Thoughts ignite us, let love unite us
Then turn your face to the wind
And taste his love within

You'll find a friend - everlasting love
You can depend, everytime you smile
You bless a child
Our spirit perpetuates
Our spirit meditates love and faith

We must make our brother see
That the light is he
Shining on you and me
And the land he gave
Roads we must pave
Looking thru each others eyes
Humanity will rise
In love

And our spirit will Be at one with thee.

#### THE COMMENDATION PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

Celebrant We now commend Lee to the mercy of God, our maker, redeemer, and comforter. Silence is kept for a time. Please remain standing as you are able.

Dean Lee A Evans, our companion in faith and our brother in Christ, we entrust you to God. Go forth from this world in the love of God who created you, in the mercy of Jesus who died for you, in the power of the Holy Spirit who receives and protects you. May you rest in peace where pain and grief are banished, and life and joy are yours for ever. **Amen.** 

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

People where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Dean 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.

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

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

#### **BLESSING**

The Celebrant blesses the people with these words

Celebrant 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 eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; And the blessing of God Almighty, the grace of Christ the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you forever. **Amen.** 



#### THE RECESSION

Dean Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia by Healey Willan

## May the Risen Christ bless and keep you.

The family of Lee Evans thanks you for your prayers and presence. Please join them for the repast here in this cathedral following the service.

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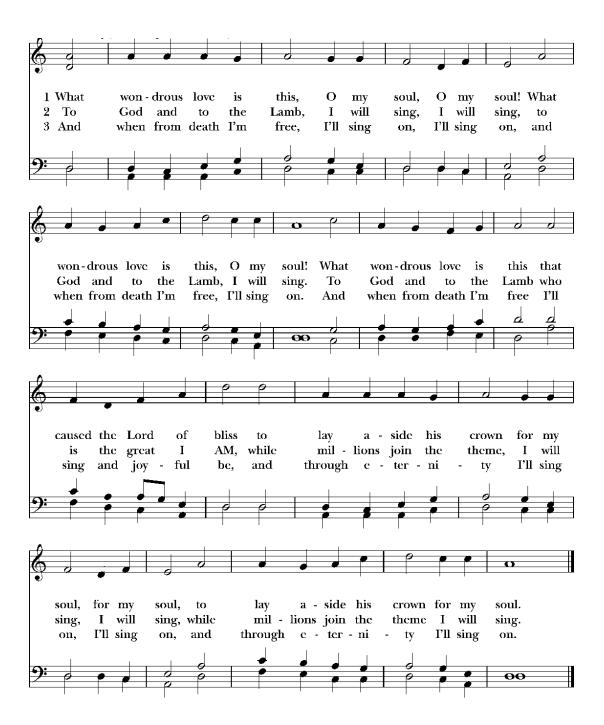
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COMMUNION HYMN 439 Wondrous Love



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