

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE
OF
MARK BARNETT
MARCH 27, 1932 - SEPTEMBER 26, 2022.**



**MEMORIAL SERVICE
OCTOBER 7, 2022**

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND**

Prelude

Piano Improvisation

Robert Redd

The people stand.

Hymn # 680

O God, our help in ages past

Tune: St. Anne

All remain standing

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

All who have faith in me shall have life,
even though they die.

And all who have life,
and have committed themselves 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 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 Mark. 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.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with his family in their grief. 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.**

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Celebrant Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

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.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:2-7

A reading from the book of Revelation.

And 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; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; 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.

Celebrant Here what the Spirit is saying to God’s people
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Hymn # 664

My Shepherd will supply my need

Tune: Resignation

Gospel

John 10:11-16

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

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

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and

does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

Memories/Eulogy

The Rev. Javier G. Ocampo

Family members

The people stand as able.

The Apostles' Creed

In the assurance of eternal life given, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

**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

For our brother Mark, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Mark, 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.

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

Celebrant

Father of all, we pray to you for Mark, 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Commendation

Celebrant

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 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.

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, Mark. 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 Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

**Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the one who made us, who journeys with us, who breathes us into life moment by moment, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and always. **Amen.**

Hymn # 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah Tune: Cwm Rhondda

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Piano Improvisation

Robert Redd

Obituary

Mark Barnett of Gaithersburg, Maryland, passed away peacefully on the morning of September 26, 2022, after a long life of accomplishment, love, and laughter. Mark was born in Newark, NJ, on March 27, 1932. After graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy from Rutgers University in 1950, he joined the Public Health Service in the Radiological Health Unit, returning to graduate school in 1960 at the University of Pittsburgh, where he graduated first in his class with a Masters of Public Health in Radiation Science.

Mark dedicated his 61-year career to public service in Federal health programs targeted toward radiation risks. He served the last 44 years of that career in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, where he distinguished himself as an educator, writer, strategist and spokesman. During his career, he was recognized with multiple major awards.

A true Renaissance person, Mark balanced his career accomplishments with a plethora of outside interests. Among those, he was a serious jazz devotee — well-known to musicians in the DC jazz community, a contributor to an independent online jazz blog, and the author of “Getting into

Jazz.” He was a recognized restaurant reviewer for the Washington Post newspaper and magazine for many years. Mark also played basketball regularly, four seasons per year, until he was over 70. Mark retired from FDA in 2015 to enjoy his time with a loving family, good music, and great food.

Mark is survived by his wife and best friend of twelve years, Cathy Oliveri Barnett. He also leaves behind two children, Daniel and Mary Jane Barnett, children of his first wife, Gail Barnett, who died in 2007; and three grandchildren, Lula, Jackie, and Katie. He will be profoundly missed by his family and the many good friends and colleagues whose lives he touched.

Service Participants

The Rev. Javier G. Ocampo, *Rector*

Andrew Kullberg, *Minister of Music*

Robert Redd, *Guest Musician*

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