



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
CHRISTOPHER LEE
BRYSON

March 30, 1971 – March 12, 2022



April 9, 2022

2:00 PM

Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Duwamish Tribe.

Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy.

PRELUDE *Music for organ by J. S. Bach, G. F. Handel, and W. A. Mozart*

Please stand, as able, for the anthems and entrance procession.

ANTHEMS

IAM Resurrection and I am 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.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O GOD of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Chris. 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. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

WELCOME

Dean Thomason

REMEMBRANCES

Stephan Fihn
Jiho Bryson

HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling ♦ sung by all

TUNE: *Hyfrydol*



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
2. Come, a - lmight - y to de - li - ver, let us all thy life re - ceive;
3. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, ne - ver - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art
Thee we would be al - way bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vi - sit us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trembl - ing heart.
pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33

read by Tom Hayton

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 Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 121 ♦ read by all, in unison

Levavi oculos

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. ♦

READING*1 John 3:1-2**read by Chuck Maynard*

SEE WHAT love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

After a brief pause, the Presider stands; all rise, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Amazing grace* ♦ *sung by all*

TUNE: *New Britain*



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me, his word my hope se - cures;
4. Through ma - ny dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:1-6a*

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

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

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.”

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

The Reverend Cristi Chapman



All stand, as able, for the recitation of the Creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(spoken by all in unison)*

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

led by Deborah Washington

Presider For our brother Chris let us pray to God our Creator saying:
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor God, your will for us is abundant life;
receive Chris now into the fullness of life in your presence.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith;
shed the brightness of your light on Chris, who also sought
understanding.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor You are greater than all our ideas and images of you;
draw Chris into the mystery of your being.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We know you as perfect Mercy and Love;
welcome Chris in the grace of that love and mercy.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We praise you as the giver of life;
gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor The Church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit; and so we commend
Chris to you, giving thanks for the gift of his life.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Presider May the Holy One, to whom all the desires of our hearts are known
before we ask, hear our prayers for Chris, and for all who mourn,
and grant us newness of life, and peace.

***All* Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

All exchange a sign of peace, respecting others' desires for distance to be maintained.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SOLO *If thou but trust
in God to guide thee*

If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move.

WORDS & MUSIC: George Neumark (1621-1681)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving;
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.

All stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider 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:

***All* Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***All* We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

***All* AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Presider invites us to the meal: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

Please follow the directions of the Liturgical Ministers. Bread and wine are distributed at the head of the center aisle. Bread will be placed into your outstretched palm taking care not to touch your hand. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask for one at the time of Communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.

Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as you pass by the chalice. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

All stand, as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Almighty God,

All 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.

THE COMMENDATION

The ministers stand at the Paschal Candle, the symbol of our risen life in Christ.

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

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

Presider 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.**

Presider Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Chris. 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.

***People* Amen.**

BLESSING*The Presider asks God's blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.***CLOSING HYMN***Lord of all hopefulness ♦ sung by all*TUNE: *Slane*

1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3. Lord of all kind - lin - ess, Lord of all grace,
 4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pre - sence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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DISMISSAL*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please remain standing for the closing voluntary and procession.

After the family has exited, all may be seated through the conclusion of the organ voluntary.

VOLUNTARY *Hyfrydol*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*A reception follows the service in Bloedel Hall,
accessible via the stairs and elevator at the west end of the Cathedral. All are invited.*

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

PRESIDER

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

PREACHER

The Reverend Cristi Chapman

CRUCIFER

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Stephan Fihn

Jiho Bryson

MUSICIANS

Gregory Bloch, *soloist*

Canon Michael Kleinschmidt, *organist*

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CHRISTOPHER LEE BRYSON

March 30, 1971 – March 12, 2022

CHRISTOPHER LEE BRYSON, 50, of Seattle, Washington, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2022 surrounded by his loving family.

Chris was born in Norfolk, VA, to Jerrell and Carolyn Bryson, and raised in Irving, Texas. He graduated summa cum laude from Austin College in 1993 and, four years later, received his medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern. In 2000, Chris moved to Seattle, Washington, where his unique gifts as an empathetic clinician and a rigorous academic led to an impressive medical career that improved the quality of care for patients across Washington state and beyond. For medical reasons, he retired in 2013. He was appointed Associate Professor Emeritus of the University of Washington Department of Medicine (General Internal Medicine) in 2018.

A core investigator in the VA Northwest Health Services Research and Development Center of Excellence, Chris pioneered early efforts to measure medication adherence, examining the relationship between how and whether patients take prescribed medications and subsequent clinical outcomes and quality of care. Conducted using large, national pharmacy databases, this research lay the foundation for thousands of future investigations. He also researched a number of other important topics in pharmacoepidemiology and strategies to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease.

Chris's research was widely recognized and highly influential; he published nearly 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals. He also received numerous grants from the VA, NIH and other institutions. From 2009-2013, Christopher served as the medical director for the Clinical Outcomes Assessment Program (COAP), a program that measures the quality of care and outcomes for patients undergoing cardiac interventions and surgeries in Washington. He was instrumental in helping hospitals use the COAP data registry, allowing them to compare results and learn from each other. His impact at COAP continues to be felt throughout the state.

In addition to his demanding research and administrative roles, Christopher was an outstanding and supremely compassionate physician. A supportive and encouraging colleague, he always made time to assist other physicians. He mentored more than a dozen students and fellows and continued to mentor early career scientists even after his retirement. He was a much sought-after second opinion when other physicians encountered a medical dilemma.

In his personal life, as in his professional, Chris's love and compassion for others shone through. He was fiercely devoted to his family and loving and generous to his friends. Although he had lived in Washington for the last 20 years, he was still a Texan at heart. His interests were eclectic: he was fluent in ancient Greek, and over the pandemic he began translating the New Testament with his Aunt Lea; he loved hiking and camping and the mountains of the Pacific Northwest and traveling to Taiwan with his wife and in-laws; he listened to every kind of music, from jazz and classical to rock and roll. While Dr. Christopher Bryson will be missed for his many contributions to medicine, the loss of Chris Bryson, husband, son, brother, friend and colleague, will leave a gaping hole in the hearts of everyone who knew him well.

Chris is survived by his wife, Jiho Huang Bryson, of Seattle; parents Jerrell John Bryson and Carolyn Thompson Bryson, of Irving, Texas; and brother Jeffrey Brooke Bryson, of Houston. Extended family include his uncle Bernard Glenn Bryson III, with his wife Louise; uncle Paul W. Bryson, with his wife Cindy; aunt Lea Olsan Jones, with her husband Peter Jones; and uncle Dhu Charles Thompson, with his wife Mary Ellen. Chris is predeceased by his grandparents Dr. B.G. and Babs Bryson and Judge Lea S. and Eleanor "Nibby" Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory can be made to the University of Washington Division of General Internal Medicine Research Fund (contact Michelle Lynch – lynchm@uw.edu).



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