

In Celebration
of the life of
Francis Hopkinson Smith III



August 19, 1930 – August 24, 2023

**St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church
St. Augustine, Florida
September 15, 2023**

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.

Book of Common Prayer, page 507

A Celebration of the Life of Frank Smith

Prelude

"Jesu, Priceless Treasure"

Bach

The Celebrant then begins with

I am 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.

The Celebrant says the following Collect, first saying

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 Frank. 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.

First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Read by David Spaulding

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy 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 cast off for ever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the sons of men.

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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

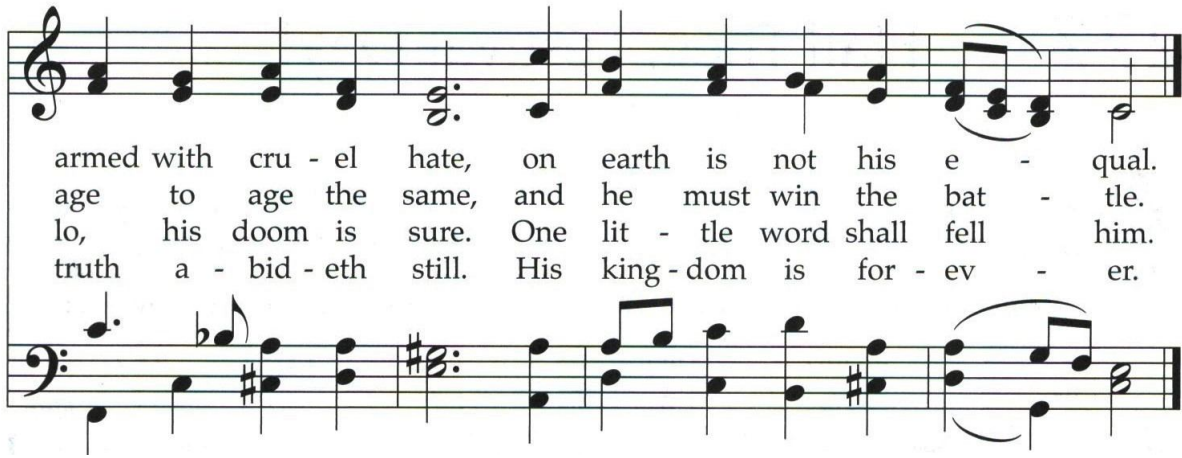
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

The musical score consists of five systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are in a traditional hymn style, with a focus on the power and protection of God.



Psalm 23

Read by Ivan Kish

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

1 John 3:1-2

Read by Arthur Chapple

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 **Amen. Amen.**



Gradual Hymn

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

From the Gospel of John

John 6:37-40

Read by Deacon Steve Seibert

All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out. 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 at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

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

People: **Amen. Amen.**

Apostles' Creed

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, 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

Read by Ivan Kish

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who has knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your 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 your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of your 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.**

Grant us grace to entrust Frank to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you bear unto your people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, Frank may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life which you promise to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

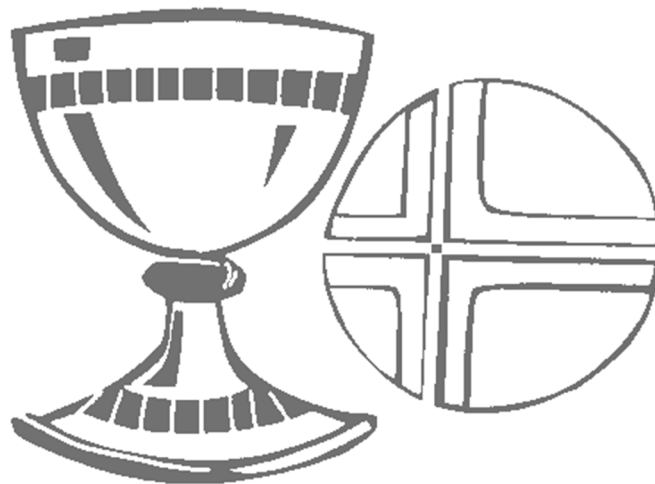
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Communion Hymn

"Rock of Ages"

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de-mands.
3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound-ed side which flowed
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un-known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Commendation

The Celebrant then says

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

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

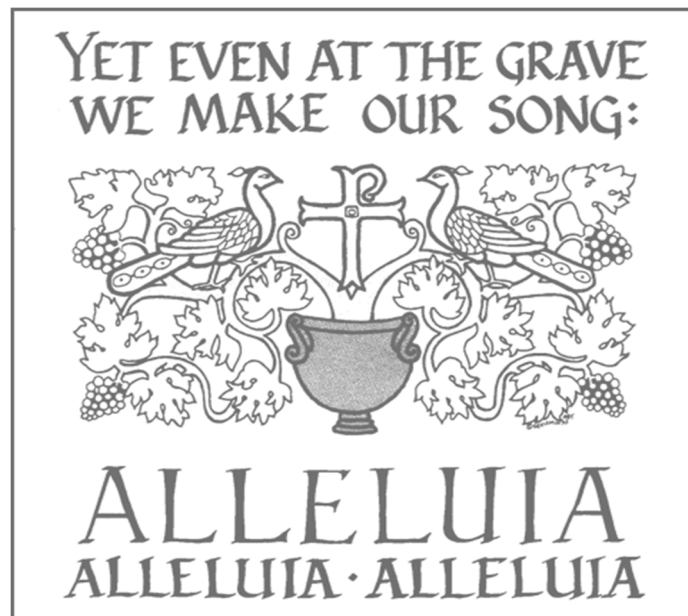
You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

The Celebrant then says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Frank. 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 peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**



Please join us for a reception celebrating Frank's life.

We will process next door to the Voorhees Mission House after the Closing Hymn. The congregation will be released by row after the family.

Closing Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain
the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Postlude

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Fleischer

Francis Hopkinson Smith III

August 19, 1930 – August 24, 2023

Francis Hopkinson Smith III passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at the age of 93.

He is survived by his partner of 11 years, Anita McDonough; a son, Francis "Hop" Hopkinson Smith; daughter in-law, Meadow Smith; half-sister, Elizabeth Daniel Large; daughter, Dabney Elizabeth Smith; and five grandchildren: Ivey Smith, Emma Grant, Ellie Smith, Holly Smith, Alex Grant, and several caring cousins.

Frank was predeceased by his father, Francis Hopkinson Smith; mother Mary Ware Daniel; wife, Jean Schaeffer Smith; daughter, Cameron Crawford Smith; and half-brother, James Thomas Daniel.

Frank was born in Brooklyn, New York and grew up in Sewanee, Tennessee. He came from a distinguished and historical family. In 1777 his great grandfather, Francis Hopkinson designed the American flag and the seal of the State of New Jersey. He was also a close friend of Benjamin Franklin.

At an early age Frank became interested in the field of architecture. After completing high school at Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg Virginia, he attended the University of Oklahoma, the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee and the North Carolina State University College of Design in Raleigh. He then joined the Air Force. He returned to the School of Design and graduated in 1955. He worked with NASA in his early career under Wernher von Braun and other German scientists.

Buckminster Fuller, a famous architect, was his professor, mentor and friend. Later he was fortunate in joining the company FABRAP, where he excelled in planning and design. Increasingly, he became interested in and developed a private nationwide consultant firm. After thirty years, he retired and moved to St. Augustine, Florida.

Frank was a lifelong Episcopalian and devoted member of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church. He was a dedicated volunteer at the St. Augustine Public Library. He loved playing tennis. At social gatherings, everyone enjoyed his sense of humor. He will be missed by all.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, September 15th at 11:00 at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church (and YouTube Live) where the family will receive friends immediately following the service. He will be laid to rest in Sewanee, Tennessee within his family's plot. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Episcopal Relief and Development located at 815 2nd Ave, New York, New York 10017. To send a contribution by mail: Episcopal Relief & Development, P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Website: www.episcopalrelief.org



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