



*See what love
the Father has given us,
that we should be called
children of God;
and that is what we are.*

A Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of the Life of

Douglas K. Benson
June 8, 1944 - Dec 6, 2023



December 16, 2023
2:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Wamego, KS

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Prelude

Josephine Benson, Granddaughter
Pianist

The Seating of the Family

The Resurrection Anthem *(Please stand as you are able)*

The celebrant says

*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 forever.*

*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.*

Words of Welcome

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken

The 1982 Hymnal #8

Donald Livingston, Organist

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for voice and organ. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and an organ line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes two verses of lyrics. The fourth system concludes the hymn with two verses of lyrics. The organ part provides a harmonic accompaniment to the vocal line.

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

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Words of Remembrance

*Craig Benson, son
Eric Benson, son*

The Collects

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Doug, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Doug's family and friends 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.**

Please be seated for the lessons.

The Old Testament Lesson (Sit) Isaiah 25: 6-9

Larry Hannan

Lector *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-matured wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death for ever.

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,

Lo, 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Said by all in unison

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
It is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The New Testament Lesson

1 John 3:1-2

Lector: *A reading from the first letter of John*

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Santo, santo, santo

Wonder, Love & Praise #785

We will first sing this hymn in English and then in Spanish

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

The Gospel

John 14: 1-6

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

People **Glory to you, Lord 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. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Very Rev. Casey Rohleder

The Apostles' Creed (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 for the Departed

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

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

People **Holy One, hear us.**

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

People **Holy One, hear us.**

Deacon You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

People **Holy One, hear us.**

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

People **Holy One, hear us.**

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

People **Holy One, hear us.**

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

People **Holy One, hear us.**

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant then says

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Doug, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

After the People greet one another in the name of the Risen Christ, everyone is seated.

Offertory Hymn

Unidos, unidos

Wonder, Love & Praise #796

We will sing this hymn with the English verse/refrain first, and then in Spanish

UNIDOS (Together)

WLP796

U - ni - dos, un - i - dos, en tu nom - bre u - ni - dos. U - ni - dos, un -
To - geth - er, to - geth - er, in your name, we gath - er. To - geth - er, to -

i - dos, en tu nom - bre u - ni - dos. Pues en es - te mun - do paz y a -
geth - er, in your name, we gath - er. Then we'll have in this world peace and

mor ten - dre - mos. Pues en es - te mun - do paz y a - mor ten -
love a - round us. Then we'll have in this world peace and love a -

dre - mos. U - ni - dos, siem - pre u - ni - dos, to - mán - do - nos las
round us. To - geth - er we're u - nit - ed; we hold hands as we

ma - nos i - re - mos por el mun - do can - tan - do al a - mor. _____
strug - gle; we walk in - to the world sing - ing God's song of love. _____

_____ La glo - ria de Je - sus, al fin res - plan - de - ce -
_____ The glo - ry of Je - sus will ev - er shine in

1. _____
rá Y el mun - do lle - na - rá de a - mor y de paz, _____
splen - dor. The whole world will be joy - ful with love and peace, _____

2. _____
paz, de a - mor y de paz, de a - mor y de paz, _____
peace, with love and peace, with love and peace, _____

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant 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.**

The Celebrant continues

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:

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of power and might.
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest***

The People may stand or kneel, as the Celebrant continues

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:

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.

People: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Invitation to Communion

All God's Children are invited to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood at the Altar. The priest and the deacon will stand at the front of the church. The left side of the church (family side) will come forward first, followed by the right side. If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

The Bread and Wine are ministered with the following words and responses.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Music

Afro-Cuban Lullaby (recording)

*Performed by Steven Saulis
Elisio Grent, composer (arr. Parkening)*

Instrumental

David Livingston, Organist

Prayer After Communion (Stand)

The Celebrant begins and the People join in.

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.

The Commendation

*The Celebrant recites the following anthem, the People joining in on the **bold text**.*

*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 Doug. 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

Celebrant

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to Himself.
May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in His service
May the joy of the Lord fill your souls: and
the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always.

People

Amen.

Closing Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light

The Hymnal 1982 #490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude



Douglas K. Benson, 79, passed away on December 6th, 2023, from complications due to duodenal cancer.

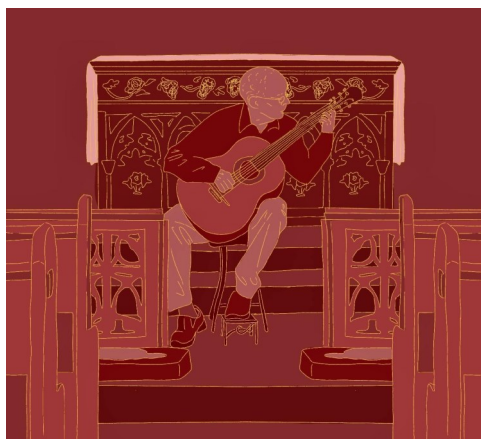
Doug was born on June 8th, 1944 in Marysville, California, to Dr. Reo and Mary (Lamb) Benson. They moved to Taos, New Mexico, following his father's release from the military after World War II. Doug met his wife of 58 years, Cecille (Cele) Herrell Benson, while attending New Mexico State University. They were married on August 21st, 1965. He went on to get a Ph.D. at the University of New Mexico.

Doug began his career at Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska, where he taught Spanish and French. There, Doug and Cele had their two sons, Eric and Craig. In 1980, he got a teaching position in the Department of Modern Languages at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, where he was a Professor of Spanish until his retirement in 2015.

Doug was a man of many passions. He was never more at home than when in the mountains of New Mexico, although he loved the Flint Hills, too. He enjoyed music, especially playing classical guitar. He was a dedicated teacher, constantly adopting new teaching methods and caring for his students in a way that made them feel like family. Doug was a strong advocate for multiculturalism and diversity at the University. He loved Spanish and Latin American culture; traveling with students to Granada was a highlight of his teaching career.

Never one to sit still, after "retirement" he threw himself into volunteering at the Flint Hills Community Clinic as a translator, continued in a leadership position for the KSU Latinx advocacy group Alianza, was active in the Northview neighborhood where he lived, and functioned as Senior Warden for St. Luke's Episcopal Church. He did all of this while caring for his wife, keeping up with his bird feeders and yard, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Doug is survived by his wife, Cele Benson; siblings, Karen Benson, Don Benson, and Patti Timmons; his children, Eric (Emily) Benson and Craig (Kelly) Benson; and six grandchildren, Margaret, Josephine, David, Riley, Laura, and Casey. His family meant everything to him. Respected by colleagues and beloved by neighbors, students, and family, he



*Doug's family invites everyone to a reception in Guild Hall
(the attached parish hall) following the service.*

Memorials may be given in Doug's name to the Flint Hills Community Clinic