

THE REVEREND GEORGE ANDREW ALLEN, JR.

December 17, 1970 – April 25, 2019



Psalm 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.



Faith Presbyterian Church

Tacoma, Washington

May 11, 2019

12:00 pm

The Reverend George Andrew Allen, Jr.
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Prelude

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God, the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away.

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promise Land.*

No chilling wind nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I see that happy place
And be forever blessed;
When shall I see my Father’s face
And in His bosom rest?

Lyrics: Samuel Stennett (1787)

“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal”

Hark, I hear the harps eternal
Ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters,
With their deep and solemn roar.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.*

And my soul though stained with sorrow,
Fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o’er those waters
To the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly,
To that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly
In the mansions of the blest.

Traditional Spiritual, Tune: Invitation, arr. Alice Parker

“Gather at the River”

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river,
The river that flows by the throne of God.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

*Words by Horatio G. Spafford and Robert Lowry
Arrangement by Susan LaBarr*

Call to Worship

***Hymn**

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

No. 103 (Te Deum)

Unison Reading of Holy Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”;^a the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall^b also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Prayer

“E’en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon!

Even so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Paul Manz

Appreciations

On Behalf of the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest
The Reverend Michael F. Kelly

On Behalf of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Soldotna, Alaska
Dr. Jason A. Lattin

On Behalf of the Family
Mr. Matthew W. Anderson

*Confession of Faith

Q. *How does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?*

A. Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.
Heidelberg Catechism No. 58

*Hymn

"Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide"

No. 402

Scripture Lesson

John 11:17-27 (ESV p. 897)

Sermon

"Defining Death"

*Hymn

"For All the Saints"

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest,
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

William Walsham How (1864, 1875)

"Sine Nomine" Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Benediction

+Silent Prayer

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."

Lamentations 3:22-24

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.
Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

Postlude



Interment follows immediately at New Tacoma Cemetery

All are Welcome

9212 Chambers Creek Rd W
University Place WA

**A Dinner Reception at the Church follows Interment
Childcare is available for the Reception**

Pall Bearers

Mr. Matthew W. Anderson
Mr. Braden P. Cowan
Mr. Peter M. Goodwin
Mr. Samuel L. Green
Dr. Jason A. Lattin
Mr. Michael A. Posey
Dr. Robert G. Rayburn
Mr. Matthew P. Walden

Honorary Pall Bearers

Mr. G. Andrew Allen
The Reverend Michael F. Kelly

Musicians

Mr. Ron Bechtel, organ
Mrs. Ruth Bechtel, piano
Mrs. Melissa McMillan, piano
Mr. Daniel Roberts, vocalist
Faith Presbyterian Church Choir

