

A Celebration of Life

Robert Edwin Denham

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Friday, April 25, 2025

2:00 p.m.

**All Saints Church
Pasadena, California**

*“O Light, that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.”*

—Hymn by George Matheson 1882

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Played by David York.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES *Stand – all who are able.*

Tim Rich

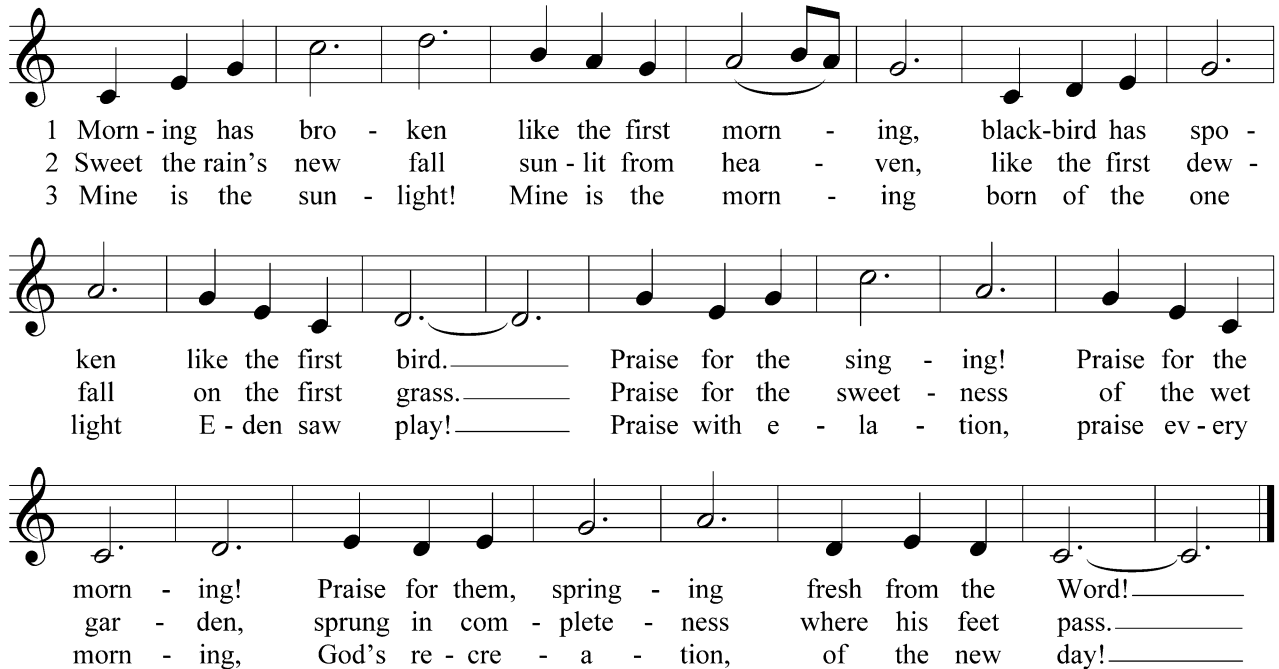
I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Those who have faith in me shall have life,
even though they die.
And all who have life,
and have committed themselves to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
who, at the last day, will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, God will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold God
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For we do not have life in ourselves,
and we do not become our own master when we die.
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.

HYMN "Morning Has Broken" *Remain standing, everyone sings.*



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

ken like the first bird. _____ Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 fall on the first grass. _____ Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 light E - den saw play! _____ Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery

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

— Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965), alt.
 Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody

COLLECT

Priest: God dwells in you.
 People: And also in you.
 Priest: Let us pray.

Remain standing, silence is kept.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Bob. 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.*

READING *Seated.*

Peter Denham

A Reading from John (14:1–6a).

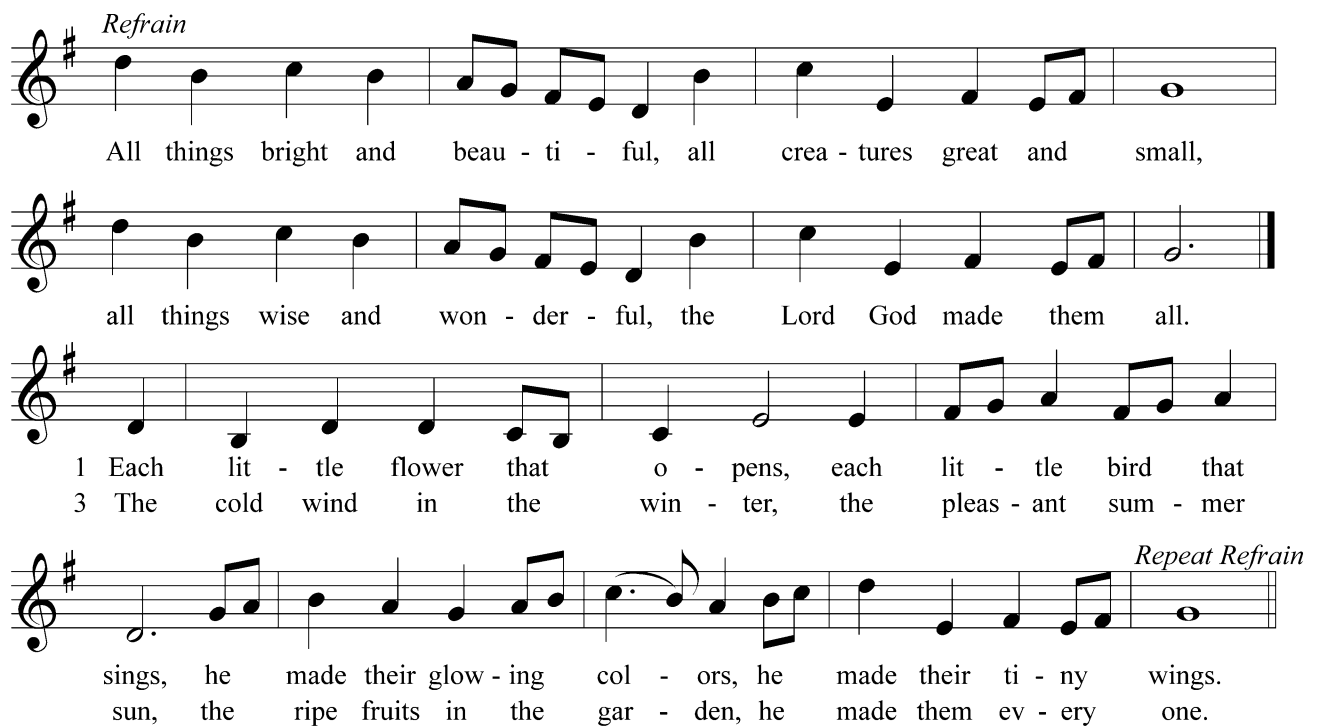
Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In God's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*A period of silence is observed following the reading.***HYMN** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" *Remain seated; everyone sings.*

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer

Repeat Refrain

sings, he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
sun, the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.

— Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)

Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875–1958)

REFLECTIONS *Remain seated.*

Jeffrey Denham (*son*)
 Peter & Gillian Denham (*grandchildren*)
 John Frank (*friend*)
 Elliot (Skip) Stein (*friend*)

HYMN "It Is Well with My Soul" *Standing – all who are able, everyone sings.*

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, it is well with my soul!"

It is well with my soul!
 It is well, it is well with my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live;
 If dark hours about me shall roll,
 No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
 Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

It is well with my soul!
 It is well, it is well with my soul!

– Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.
 Music: *Simple Gifts*, Shaker melody

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Tim Rich

Minister: The Good News of Jesus as written in John (11:21–27).

People: Glory is yours, O Christ.

Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Chosen One, the one coming into the world."

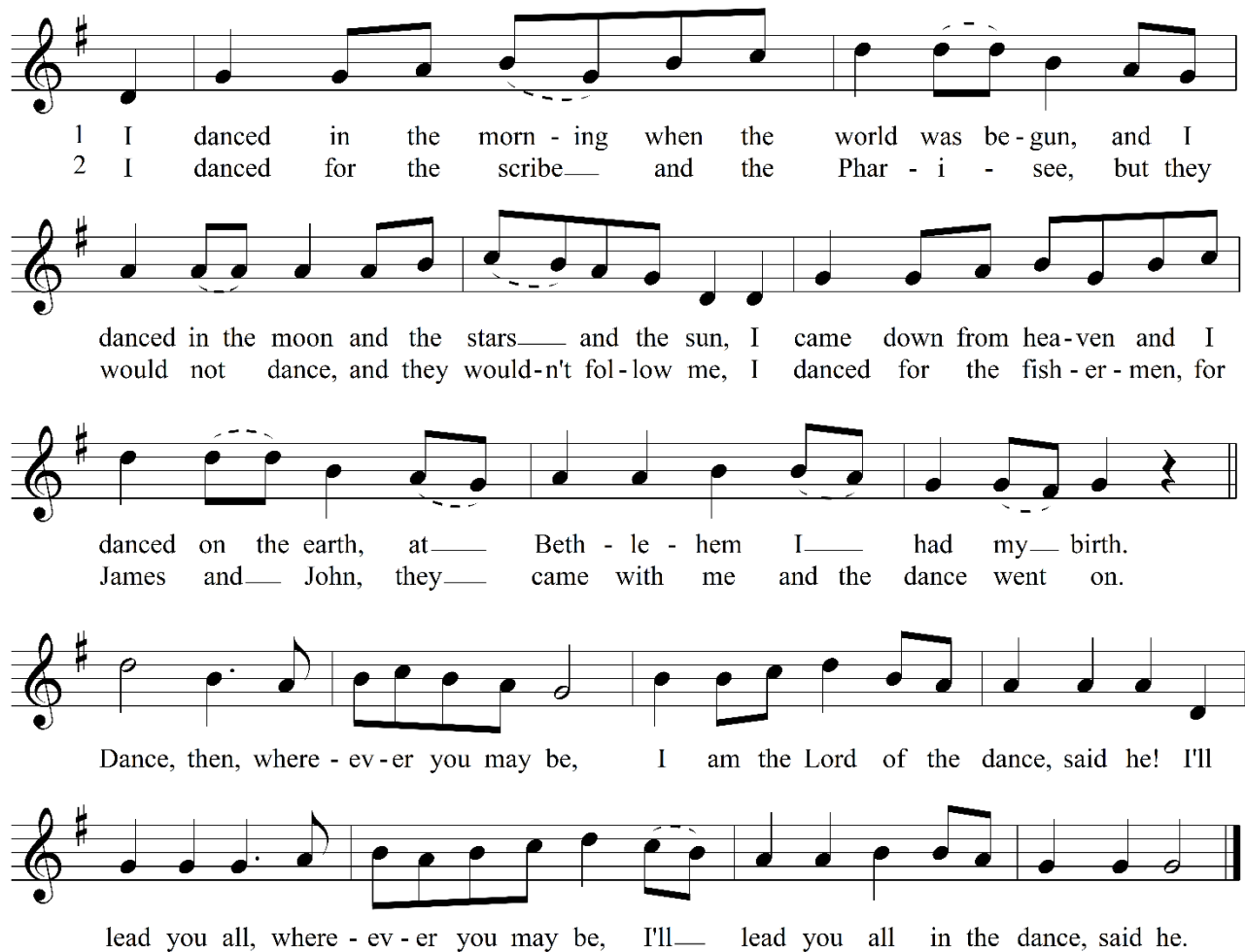
Minister: The Gospel of the Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY *Seated.*

Tim Rich

HYMN "Lord of the Dance" *Standing – all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I
2 I danced for the scribe— and the Phar - i - see, but they

danced in the moon and the stars— and the sun, I came down from hea - ven and I
would not dance, and they would - n't fol - low me, I danced for the fish - er - men, for

danced on the earth, at— Beth - le - hem I— had my— birth.
James and— John, they— came with me and the dance went on.

Dance, then, where - ev - er you may be, I am the Lord of the dance, said he! I'll

lead you all, where - ev - er you may be, I'll— lead you all in the dance, said he.

— Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.
Music: *Simple Gifts*, Shaker melody

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Jeff Evans

Reader: For Bob, 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 Bob,
and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: Hear us, God.

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

People: Hear us, God.

Reader: You raised the dead to life; give to Bob eternal life.

People: Hear us, God.

Reader: You promised paradise even to the thief who repented; bring Bob to the joys of heaven.

People: Hear us, God.

Reader: Bob was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

People: Hear us, God.

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

People: Hear us, God.

Reader: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of one we loved so deeply; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Great God of all that is, we pray to you for Bob 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 your mercy, rest in peace. *Amen.*

Reader: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language of your heart, we are bold to say,

Reader and People:

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.*

PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Carra Evans

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where
there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we
may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved
as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in
dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

PEACE

Tim Rich

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of Christ.

BLESSING *Standing – all who are able.*

Tim Rich

DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN “Be Not Afraid” *Remain standing; everyone sings.*

You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety,
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands,
And all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come follow me,
And I will give you rest.

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you.

Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come follow me,
And I will give you rest.

— Words and Music: Robert J Dufford (b. 1943)

VOLUNTARY

Played by David York.

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Participants

Presider & Homilist
The Rev. Tim Rich

Organist
David York

Soloist
Elliot Z. Levine

Coordinator
Anina Minotto