

A Celebration of the Life  
of  
**Henry Daniels “Dan” Minor**

May 29, 1938 - August 11, 2023



August 26, 2023  
11:00 AM  
St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church  
Athens, GA

The Reverend Nikki Mathis, Officiant

# The Rite of Christian Burial

## Henry Daniels “Dan” Minor

**Prelude**

*Auf dem Wasser zu singen*

Franz Schubert

**Opening Procession**  
*(all stand)*

**Opening Anthems**

The Book of Common Prayer 491

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 Collect**

The Book of Common Prayer 493

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Let us pray.*

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Dan, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with Dan's family 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.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Beulah Land*  
*(see insert)*

John Robson Sweney

## The Liturgy of the Word

**Old Testament Reading** read by Celeste Minor Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33  
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 for ever. 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.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 46** (*in unison*) led by Christina Minor BCP 649

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**New Testament Reading** read by James Mullinax Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39  
For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of

this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
Thanks be to God.*

**The Gospel**

John 14:1-6

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to John.*

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

*The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Words of Remembrance**

Paul Mullinax  
Marion Mullinax

**The Homily**

The Rev. Nikki Mathis

**Solo**

*Meditation from Thais*

Jules Massenet

**The Apostles' Creed**

BCP 496

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

BCP 497

For our brother, Dan, 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 Dan, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Father of all, we pray to you for Dan, 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 the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

## The Commendation

Celebrant     *Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,*  
People         *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.

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Dan. 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.**

**Hymn**

*Beautiful Savior*  
(see insert)

**ST. ELIZABETH**

*Please follow the cross and the family to the Memorial Garden for the Committal.*

*As the ashes are carried from the church, these anthems are said:*

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.*

*The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.*

*The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.*

*Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.*

*Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.*

**The Committal**

*Celebrant*

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;  
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.  
He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies,  
through his indwelling Spirit.  
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.  
You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Celebrant*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother, Dan; and we commit his ashes to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us 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.*

*Celebrant*

God our Comforter, you are a refuge and a helper close at hands in times of distress. Help us to hold fast to our faith, that fear is dispelled, loneliness eased, and hope reawakened. May your Holy Spirit lift us above our natural sorrow to the peace and light of your constant love. We have been parted from Dan, but none of us, living or dead, will ever be separated from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

**Song**

*O Danny Boy*

Irish Folk Melody

Oh, Danny Boy, the pipe, the pipes are calling,  
from glen to glen, and down the mountain side.  
The summer's gone, and all the roses falling,  
It's you, it's you must go and I must bide.  
But come ye back when summer's in the meadow,  
or when the valley's hush'd and white with snow.  
'Tis I'll be there in sunshine or in shadow,  
Oh, Danny Boy, oh Danny Boy, I love you so!

But when ye come, when all the flow'rs are dying,  
and I am dead, as dead I well may be,  
ye'll come and find the place where I am lying,  
and kneel and say an Ave there for me;  
And I shall hear, tho' soft your tread above me,  
and all my grave will warmer sweeter be.  
For you will bend and tell me that you love me,  
And I shall sleep in peace until you come to me!

*Celebrant* Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:

People **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

*Celebrant* May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Please join the family for a reception in Parish Hall.*



**Servers**

Officiant: The Rev. Nikki Mathis

Pianist: Greg Hankins

Violin: Molly Schneider

St. Gregory's Choir

Crucifers: David Stooksbury & Maggie Reinberger

Torches: June Ball & Richard Cooper

Ushers: Lois Alworth & Gail Eilers

Altar Guild: Jane Sheridan & Jenifer Marquardt

*BCP = Book of Common Prayer*