

*The Burial of the Dead*  
&  
*A Celebration for the Life of*  
**Richard Wernick**

March 21, 1932 - December 23, 2024



*All Saints' Episcopal Church*  
*Chelmsford, Massachusetts*

11:00 AM

Thursday, January 9, 2025



## THE ENTRANCE

Prelude

Here I Am Lord

WLP 812

Wonder Love and Praise 812 I, the Lord of sea and sky

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ I have

heard you call - ing in the night. \_\_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ if you lead me, \_\_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo - ple in my

1. 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 heart. \_\_\_\_\_ heart. \_\_\_\_\_

*All stand while one or more of the following anthems are said.*

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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant says the following Collect*

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Richard. We thank you for giving him to us, her 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.*

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Zachary Bender**

**Isaiah 61 1-3**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup> to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God

**Psalm 23** (*Spoken by all*)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**New Testament Reading**

**Diane Wernick**

**1 John 3: 1-2**

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*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

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

***People*** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Amazing Grace

*Blue Hymnal 671*

**A reading from the Gospel of John**

**John 5:24-27**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

‘Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord

***People*** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Family Remarks**

Elisha Fontana

**Homily**

The Rev. Sean Maloney

**Apostles’ Creed**

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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.***

## **Prayers of the People**

**Debbie Bender**

For our brother Richard, 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.

***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.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant concludes*

Father of all, we pray to you for Richard, 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 Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

How Great Thou Art

*Red/Black Hymnal 60*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

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*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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.

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus** (*Spoken*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Verna and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Celebrant* *Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith,  
you are welcome to receive the communion of Christ.  
Non-wheat bread is available at communion for those who are  
gluten intolerant. Please ask the server for a rice wafer host.*

**Post-Communion Prayer** (*said together*)

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**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**

**Commendation Sentence:**

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.

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

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

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

**Recessional**

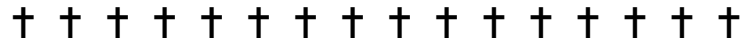
Battle Hymn of the Republic

**Blessing & Dismissal**

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

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

Postlude



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### STATEMENT OF INCLUSION FOR ALL SAINTS' PARISH

All Saints' Episcopal Church welcomes all people who seek the love of God without regard to ability, age, color, economic circumstance, ethnic background, family configuration, gender, nationality, or sexual orientation.

We promise to "seek and to serve Christ in all persons, ...strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." (From the Baptismal Covenant).

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### PARTICIPANTS

Clergy  
Chalice Bearer  
Organist

The Rev. Sean Maloney  
Dave Kuzara  
John Pierce



*Richard Wernick*

March 21, 1933 – December 23, 2024

Richard Albert “Dick” Wernick passed away peacefully at his home on December 23, 2024. He was 91 years old, and the beloved husband of Irene N. (Nadig) Wernick, with whom he shared over 71 years of marriage.

Born on March 21, 1933, in Madison, Wisconsin, Dick was the son of Herbert “Shorty” Wernick and Lucy (Wheeler) Wernick. He was baptized and confirmed at Eastside Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madison and graduated from Madison’s East Side High School in 1951.

Dick and Irene met in their youth when they played the accordion together as students and then teachers at Patti Music Co. in Madison, WI. They married on June 20, 1953, shortly after Dick began his military service.

Dick attended the University of Wisconsin before being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1953, where he served as a radar repairman during the Korean Conflict. After his service, he pursued his passion for aviation, earning an Airplane and Powerplant Mechanic License and attending professional pilot school at Purdue University.

Over the years, Dick’s career took the family across six states, moving ten times between military service and his work with American Airlines. He began as a mechanic and then became a pilot, later becoming a check pilot and Flight Manager. He retired as the Area Director of

Flight Operations for the Eastern Division, operating out of LaGuardia Airport, after 33 years of dedicated service.

Dick's talents and interests were as varied as his career. He was known for his mechanical abilities and could fix anything. He loved music, playing the accordion throughout his life, and enjoyed designing both interior spaces and landscapes. Dick loved the water, whether boating, swimming, or simply spending time near the ocean, lakes, or pools.

Dick and Irene made their home on Long Island in 1966, where they raised their family and became active in their community and church. They were members of St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church before retiring to Sarasota, Florida. In retirement, Dick remained deeply involved in the Episcopal Church of the Nativity, serving as property manager and designing the church's two-acre Memorial Garden.

In addition to his wife, Irene, Dick is survived by his four daughters: Deborah L. Bender and her husband Mark of Amherst, NH; Diane R. Wernick and her wife Eleanor Shavell of Watertown, MA; Donna M. Wink and her husband Christian of Colchester, CT; and Dawn C. Jackson and her husband Mark of Wakefield, MA. He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Zachary Bender and his wife Marieke, Elisha Fontana and her husband Chris, Jason Bender, Taylor Wink, Emma Wink, and Henry Jackson, and step grandchildren Susan Dorfman and her husband Jeff, Alison Elliott and her husband Jack, his great-grandchild Clara Fontana and step great-grandchildren Adina and Sam Dorfman.

He was predeceased by his siblings and their spouses, Donald Wernick and his wife Eleanor, Ruth Carl and her husband Robert, Marion (Nomeyko) Sodergren and her husband Frank, and Sandra Siehr and her husband Jim.