

Harry Edgar Burns, Jr.

**August 15, 1948 -
June 4, 2026**

**This Service and Bulletin are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of**

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June 13, 2026

3:00PM

PRELUDE

(We Stand)

THE CONGREGATION IS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE BY RESPONDING
WITH THE **BOLD** VERSES AND SINGING THE HYMNS.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother, Harry, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

ELW 856

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Harry. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(We Sit)

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Kathryn Nelson
Harrison Burns

ANTHEM

“The Lord’s Prayer”
(Lauren Hodges, Viola)

Albert H. Malotte

FIRST READING

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. ² Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. ⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-7

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(We stand to welcome the Holy Gospel and say together:)

THE VERSE

**Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and power forever and ever.
Amen.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, ¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ 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.

(We Sit)

SERMON

Pastor Jason Antley

ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"
(Jacquelyn Burns, soloist)

ELW 779

(We Stand)

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Hear us, Lord.

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

Hear us, Lord.

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant us grace to entrust Harry to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people.

Hear us, Lord.

God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
forever and ever. Amen**

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Harry to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Harry. 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.

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, you heal the broken in heart and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits, and dispel our doubts and fears. In Christ's rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life. Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love we shall one day be brought together again with our brother, Harry. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Just As I Am"

ELW 545

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Committal service will follow in the St. Stephen's Cemetery

COMMITTAL

Grace and peace from our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus, your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother, Harry, whose cremains we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise him up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

A reading from 1st Corinthians: ⁵¹ Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in 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 will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother, Harry, and we commit his cremains to the ground;

earth to earth,
ashes to ashes,
dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him.
The Lord's face shine on him with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon him with favor and give him peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Rest eternal grant him O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

ANTHEM

"In the Garden"
(Robert Johnson, soloist)

C. Austin Miles

Let us pray,
O Lord, support us all the daylong of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Visitation will follow in the Social Hall

Pastors	The Rev. Jason T. Antley The Rev. Ralph G. Hill
Organist	Susan Wilson
Crucifer	Shannon Burnett
Lector	Jamie Hodges
Ushers	Benjie Rhoad, Jim Nantz, and Bill Galardi
Honorary Pallbearers	James Harold Burns, Jr. (Jay), Alton Wilson, Greg and Carolyn Peck, James New, Jim Privette, William Billingsley, and Glenn Hayes

THE PASCAL CANDLE is a reminder of the presence of Christ, the Light of the world, who brings His power to the darkness of our hearts, helping us to grieve, not as others do who have no hope, but in the sure and certain hope that is ours through His death and resurrection.

THE PALL, which covers the urn, is a reminder of the baptismal garment God puts on God's children as they are welcomed into God's Holy Family. It also symbolizes that in Holy Baptism we have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ and given the gift of eternal life through His death and resurrection. In addition, the pall enables all urns to come equally before the altar, a reminder that God loves everyone, rich and poor alike.

LEXINGTON—With heavy hearts, the Burns family shares the passing of Harry Edgar Burns, Jr. of Lexington, South Carolina, who completed his earthly journey on June 4, 2026, at age 77.

Harry was an enthusiastic lover of life, his family, and the Lord.

He was born in Columbia, South Carolina, and he grew up in several places, including Camden, North Augusta, Key West (FL), and Charleston. After graduating from St. Andrews High School in Charleston, he completed his B.S. degree in civil engineering at the University of South Carolina. A 34-year career followed as Bridge Design Engineer and Squad Leader at South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Harry is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ninette Watson Burns, daughters Kathryn Nelson of Austin, Texas, Lauren Hodges (Jamie) of Gainesville, Florida, and son Harrison Burns (Susan), of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has five special grandchildren: Siobhan and Genevieve Nelson, Jameson and Lawson Hodges, and Ryan Burns. He was predeceased by his parents, Iva Mae Broome Burns and Harry Edgar “Eddie” Burns, Sr., and brothers Bobby, Hal, and Dannie. He leaves behind a sister, Cynthia Burns duPont (Nicholas) and extended family. His family extends thanks to Timbergate neighbors, St. Stephen’s church family, and special friends/family Jim and Doris New, Laurie Jordan, and Ann Bridwell.

Honorary pallbearers are James Harold Burns, Jr. (Jay), Alton Wilson, Greg and Carolyn Peck, James New, Jim Privette, William Billingsley, and Glenn Hayes. Vocalists are family friend, Robert Johnson, and niece, Jacquelyn Burns.

South Carolina Cremation Society is assisting the family. Donations can be made to St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church.

Harry’s leisure time was spent on family activities, enjoying beach music, bargain hunting, volunteering at Lexington Medical Center, and sharing computer skills with others. Harry’s family remembers him greeting each new day by flinging the curtains wide open and proclaiming, “Good morning, world!” His legacy of love, faith, and laughter will endure in the hearts of those who love him.