

A Memorial in Thanksgiving for the Life of

# Brent Foster

February 4, 1934 – January 1, 2023



January 11, 2023  
at ten-thirty o'clock in the morning

**SAINT PAUL'S CATHEDRAL**  
San Diego, California

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## A Gentle Reminder about Mask Etiquette

Masks are now optional in worship for the congregation. We still ask anyone serving in the Chancel (clergy, choir, altar servers) to wear masks as this remains a high-risk area.

*This message brought to you by your Cathedral Regathering Task Force*

*As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices. This service is being streamed live and if you don't wish to be seen on camera, please ask an usher for appropriate seating.*

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## Organ Voluntaries

§ *At the tolling of the bell, please stand as you are able.*

## The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two

*The Book of Common Prayer, 491*

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*The Officiant says*

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 Officiant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant says the Collect*

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Brent. We thank you for giving her 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.**

§ *Please be seated.*

**From the Old Testament**

Isaiah 61:1-3

*The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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 brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
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** (*King James Version*)    (*said by all*)

**The Lord is my shepherd; \***

**I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \***

**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul; \***

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his  
Name's sake.**

**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.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of**

**mine enemies; \***

**thou anointest my head with oil;**

**my cup runneth over.**

**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.**

**From the New Testament**

Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39

*The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

§ Please stand as able.

## Hymn 671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
\*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790;  
compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus  
Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921);  
harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (1919-2010)

## The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord 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.

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

§ *Please be seated.*

**Remarks**

Janet Foster,  
Rebecca Foster

**Homily**

by The Rev. Canon Richard Lief

§ *Please stand as able for the Apostles' Creed.*

*Officiant*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

*Officiant 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.

*Officiant*

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

**The Lord's Prayer (*Officiant 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.

**The Prayers of the People**

BCP 497

*Deacon says*

For our sister Brent, 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 Brent, and dry the tears of those who weep.

*People* **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 sister eternal life.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Officiant concludes with the following prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Brent, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

*The Deacon may dismiss the people, saying*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*   **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn 645



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
\* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
\* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness

1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.  
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Sources Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23

Music: *St. Columba*

## Organ Voluntary

§ *The Clergy and Altar Party exit.*

§ *Following the service, everyone is invited to a reception in the Guild Room, access through the courtyard breezeway to entrance doors north of labyrinth courtyard.*

*in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to:*

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San Diego, CA 92103

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**Ministers of the Liturgy:**

*Officiant:* The Reverend Canon Brooks Mason

*Homilist:* The Reverend Canon Richard Lief

*Dean:* The Very Reverend Penny Bridges

*Readers:* Pat Tedford, Paul Teyssier

*Remarks:* Janet Foster, Rebecca Foster

*Verger:* Don Mitchell

*Sacristans:* Canon Konnie Dadmun, Scott Strickland

*Organist:* Canon Martin Green

*Choir:* Members of St Paul's Cathedral Choir

*Usher:* John Will

*Audio Visual Technicians:* Mike Thornburgh, Paul Young

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*In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers and remain as quiet and calm as possible.*

*The exit doors are:*

- South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
- Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
- West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*

*Please locate an exit nearest you.*



## Brent Foster

February 4, 1934 to January 1, 2023

Brent was a devout member of the Episcopalian church. She was an inspiring and talented artist, educator, loving mother, and good friend. She will be dearly missed.