

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

And Thanksgiving for the Life Of

John Russel Kraemer

January 18, 1945 ~

January 8, 2018



Saturday, January 13, 2018

11:00 am

The service of Death and Resurrection is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

This service, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into a nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

The Order of Service

~ We Gather Together as God's People ~

THE ORGAN PRELUDE Jason Evans

✦ THE PROCESSION HYMN NO. 819: “Be Still, My Soul” FINLANDIA

✦ THE WORDS OF GRACE & GREETING

Christ has risen from the dead, trampling down death with his death, and giving life to those in the tomb. Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restored our life. Christ will come again. In his baptism John put on Christ, so now in death he is clothed in Christ’s glory. Here and now, dear friends, we are God’s children. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, who comforts us in all our sorrows, so that we can comfort others in their sorrow, with the consolation we have received from God. Jesus said, “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. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I was dead and behold I am alive forever and ever; and I hold the keys of Death and Hades. Because I live, you also will live.”

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Let us pray.

✦ THE INVOCATION

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant, John, 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 forever. **Amen.**

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE EPISTLE LESSON Revelation 21: 1-4, 22-25

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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; 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.’

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

THE NAMING AND WITNESSING

Jim Dillon (*Brother-In-law*)

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “Refuge” Setting by Keith Christopher
(Lyrics may be followed on the inside back cover)
The Sanctuary Choir

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....John 14: 1-6, 25-27

Jesus said, “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.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.’

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

✠THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*) The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic (*universal*) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

THE LITANY OF PRAYER & THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Responsive*)

ONE: For John, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am the resurrection and the Life.” Lord, you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for John and dry the tears of those who weep.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

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

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

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

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

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

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: Our brother was washed in the waters of Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit, give him fellowship with all your saints.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

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

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

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

THE SILENT PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken in Unison)*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

~ We Go Forth in Jesus' Name ~

✠THE COMMENDATION *(Responsive)*

ONE: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, John, with your saints

ALL: Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

ONE: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created us, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us to dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

ALL: Give rest, O Christ to your servant, John, 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, John Kraemer. 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.**

THE UNITED STATES MILITARY HONORS

THE BENEDICTION

✠THE HYMN OF SENDING: "In the Garden" GARDEN

**I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.**

(Refrain) And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me,
Within my heart is ringing.

(Refrain) And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Tho' the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

(Refrain) And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE..... Jason Evans

*A reception will be held in the fellowship hall
immediately following the service where you
may visit with the Kraemer family.*

~ Service Participants ~

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore
Pastor

Jason K. Evans
Director of Music Ministries / Organist

Jim Dillon
Eulogist

Nonie H. Booth
Sanctuary Choir Leader

The Sanctuary Choir

The Obituary

John Russel Kraemer passed away on Monday, January 8 at his home in Southern Shores.

Born in Mt. Vernon, New York, John was a disabled American veteran. He served 2 terms in Vietnam with the United States Air Force.

John was predeceased by grandson, Louis R. Bizzarro. He was the loving husband to Bette Burkart Kraemer of Southern Shores, father to Kristine Kraemer Bizzarro of DeLand FL.; Kyle Kraemer of Sparta NJ., Jeffrey Kraemer (Kristie) of North East, PA. as well as grandfather to Marissa, Mia, Liam, Jeffrey Jr., Jacob and Hamilton.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, January 13, at 11 am at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church in Kill Devil Hills, NC. The family will receive friends at a reception in the fellowship hall immediately following the service. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore will officiate.

Condolences to the family may be expressed via the online register at www.gallopfuneralservices.com. Gallop Funeral Services was entrusted to serve the Kraemer family.

The Ship

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean.

She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch her until at length she is only a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky meet and mingle with each other. Then someone at my side exclaims, "There, she's gone!"

Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all. She is just as large in hull and mast and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of her destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her.

And just at the moment when someone at my side says, "She's gone," there are other eyes watching for her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "There, she comes!"

And that is dying.

- Unknown

Refuge

*Based on Psalm 46: 1-2 and Isaiah 43: 2-3
Setting by Chris Christopher*

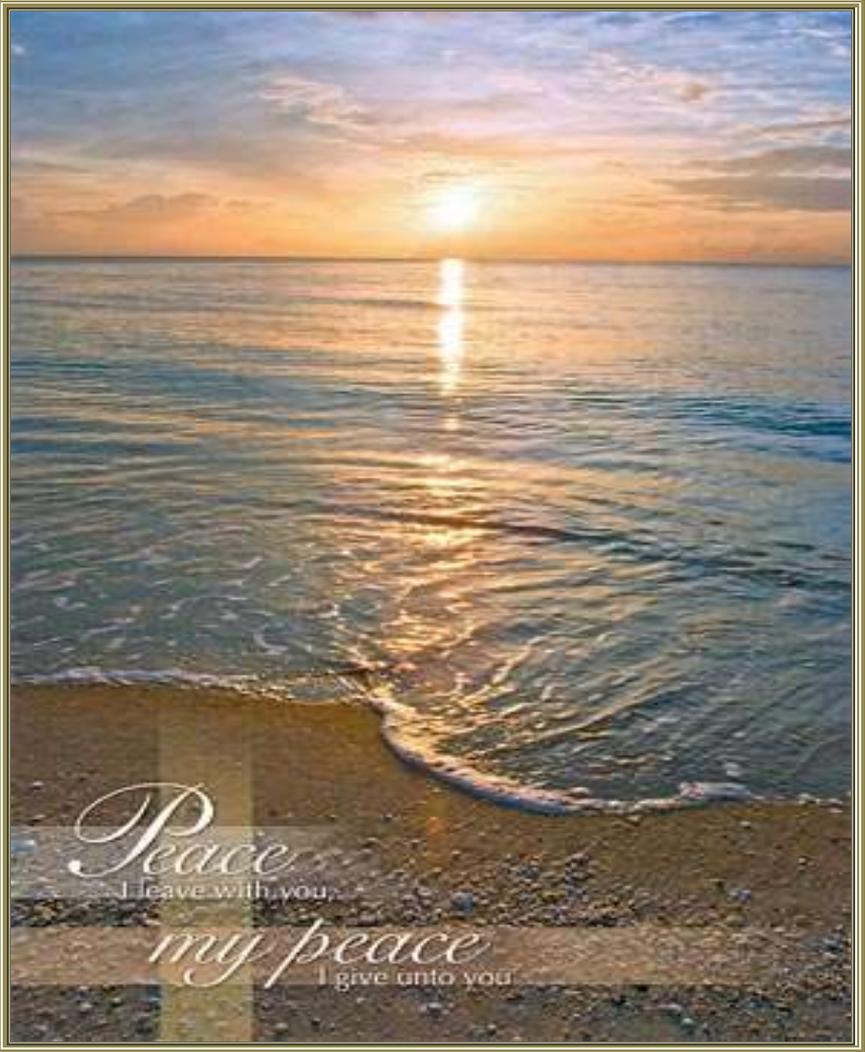
I am your refuge, I am your strength.
I am your helper in time of trouble;
so do not fear, no, do not fear for I am your God.

I am your refuge, I am your strength.
I am your helper in time of trouble;
so do not fear, no, do not fear for I am your God.

And when you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
And when you cross o'er the river, I will be your guide.
And when you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,
for I am your God.

I am your refuge, I am your strength.
I am your helper in time of trouble;
so do not fear, no, do not fear for you are my God.
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