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 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."

However, this joy 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 the one we love has entered into a nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.
The Order of Worship

~ We Gather Together As God's People ~

THE ORGAN PRELUDE ................................................................. Mr. Jason Evans, organist

THE HYMN: “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” ........................................... ASSURANCE
Christine Jackle, soloist

THE WORDS OF GRACE & GREETING (Spoken in Unison)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb. Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restored our life. Christ will come again in glory. As in baptism Robert put on Christ, so in Christ may Robert be clothed with glory. Here and now, dear friends, we are God’s children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see Christ as he is. Those who have this hope purify themselves as Christ is pure. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died and behold I am alive for evermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also.”

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, Robert, 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 HYMN OF REFLECTION: “In the Garden” ................................................... Garden
Christine Jackle, soloist

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PSALM

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: "Amazing Grace” ........................................ NEW BRITAN
Christine Jackle, soloist

THE NAMING & WITNESSING

Cathie Callens Feild
Paul Callens

THE EPISTLE LESSON ...................................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

2 Corinthians 4: 16 – 5:1

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

THE GOSPEL LESSON ...................................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

John 11: 17-27

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘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. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.
We Respond to the Word

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Spoken in Unison).............A Declaration of Faith, Ch. 10.3

In the death of Jesus Christ God’s way in the world seemed finally defeated. But
death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God’s victory over
death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best
efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of
death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed, and yet the same
person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced the life God
wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that
life exceeds our imagination but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat
death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we
grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning
and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love
of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Spoken in Responsively)

ONE: For Robert, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am the resurrection
and I am the Life.” Lord, you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress; draw
near to us who mourn for Robert 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 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 Commend Our Brother to God~

THE COMMENDATION (Spoken in Responsively)

ONE: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, Robert, 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, Robert, 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, Robert Callens. 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.

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

THE HYMN OF SENDING: “Rock of Ages”.............................................................. TOPLADY
Christine Jackle, soloist

THE UNITED STATES MILITARY HONORS

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE: “Song of Farewell”................................................................. ERNEST SANDS
Mr. Jason K. Evans, Accompanist
Christine Jackle, soloist

May the choirs of angels come to greet you.
May they speed you to paradise.
May the Lord enfold you in his mercy.
May you find eternal life.
Robert Paul Callens, Sr., son of Annie Ruth Paul and Cecil Callens, was born on October 24, 1934 in Cleveland, Texas. He spent his early years with his grandparents, Florence and Quitman Stokes Paul. Robert moved with his mother and stepfather, Alvin T. Jaques, to Washington, DC, when he was about 8 years old, where he was given his nickname, Tex, by his childhood friends.

Robert graduated from Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, MD in 1952, after which he served in the Army for two years as a Private First Class stationed in Newfoundland. He attended D. C. Teachers College where he met the love of his life, Susan Barnsley McCain, who was studying to be a nurse. They married on September 8, 1958. Robert graduated in 1961 and taught 7th and 8th grade English, geography, and social studies in the Maryland public schools for four years before leaving teaching for a career in the federal government.

His government service started in 1965 with the Department of Defense where, among other things, he prepared urban area studies for use by the National Security Council and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. From there, he developed an expertise in program management and a focus on environmental pollution. He spent the next 30 years working for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Energy, receiving many service awards along the way.

Robert and Susan raised three children, Cathie, Paul, and Susie, in the Maryland suburbs—mostly in a town called Riva on the South River. He loved being near the water and often had a boat that he was “working on.” Family vacations were usually spent in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, or Ocean City, Maryland. After retiring, Robert and Susan moved to Orange Beach, Alabama, but they soon returned home to a house on Kent Island in Maryland. In 2016, they moved to Kill Devil Hills, NC, to live near their daughter Cathie and her husband Dave.

In addition to family, Robert loved babies, dogs, and country music. He usually had at least one, and sometimes as many as three, dogs. Music was always a very important part of his life and he loved to share his knowledge of country music with others. After many years of strumming the guitar, playing old favorites for family and friends, getting up with local bands to sing a song or two, and composing his own songs, he recorded an album titled, “Going Back To Texas,” when he was 78. Three of his original compositions are on this album. He followed this with a Christmas album called “Tex Callens Sings Holiday Songs” on which he sang his original song, “Christmas Is For Children.” He was an avid fan of the Washington Redskins, attending almost every home game for years as a season ticket holder. He never lost his Texas roots. A driving tour through the hill country when the Texas blue bonnets were in bloom was something he thought everyone should experience. He and his wife Susan made this trip for the final time in April of 2019.

Robert “Tex” Callens passed away peacefully at home on August 5, 2020 with family by his side and his song, “Going Back to Texas,” playing in the background. The family thanks Dare County Hospice for their compassionate care, which allowed his family to
take care of him at home during his final weeks. Robert is survived by his wife, Susan, his children Cathie Feild (Dave), Robert Paul Callens, Jr., and Susan Donaldson; his beloved grandchildren, Jerry James, Joshua Donaldson, Olivia Uribe, Valentina Callens, and Angelina Callens; and his seven great grandchildren, Sophia, Alivia, and Jullian James, and Brendon, Christian, Gavin, and Oliver Donaldson. He is also survived by his sister Charlotte Gerde (Dave) and many loving nieces and nephews. Robert was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Edward Trousdale Jaques.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Outer Banks SPCA at PO Box 2477, Manteo, NC 27954 or online at https://www.obxspca.org/donate. A small, private funeral will be held at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church on August 22, 2020.

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