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THE RIGHT REVEREND GEORGE EDWARD COUNCELL, D.D.

ELEVENTH BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

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TRINITY CATHEDRAL
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
The Right Reverend George Edward Councell,
XI Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey
2003-2013

Bishop Councell presided during a time of conflict in both The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of New Jersey. His gifts for listening, pastoral care, and healing became the hallmarks of his episcopate. "I will always be grateful for the pastoral gifts that were embodied in George Councell," said the Right Reverend William H. Stokes, Councell's successor as Bishop of New Jersey. "He turned over to me a diocese that had been broken, but that had experienced tremendous healing through his ministry and his capacity to love Jesus and love God's people."

In a 2013 interview with the Times of Trenton, Bishop Councell laughingly noted: "I wanted to become a bishop to get closer to God, but with so many people here to look after, I thought, 'Wow, I'll really have to get closer to God to do this.' But I feel that I have."

Bishop Councell actively encouraged recognition and giving voice to marginalized communities within the church. As bishop, Councell allowed his clergy permission to officiate over same-sex marriages in their churches in 2013. "It was very dear to me to keep everyone at the table, the Lord's table, and not needlessly build these boundaries among one another," he said in a 2013 interview. "The church isn't the totally safe place I want it to be [for the LGBTQ community], but I think we've made it a safer place for them, and a place where they can come, and be seen as people who want the same things as all of us: to have a healthy, happy, strong, supportive family."

Bishop Councell also made the dismantling of structural racism a priority within the Diocese. "Bishop Councell's immense kindness and capacity to listen as a healer were instrumental in moving towards racial reconciliation in the Diocese of New Jersey, particularly in his unwavering support of our Anti-Racism ministries," said Barbara Okamoto Bach, longtime member and a leader and educator in the Diocese's Anti-Racism Commission. "His strong belief in our efforts, and that healing and reconciliation were attainable through the redemptive power of God's love, made so many difficult paths of healing possible."

"Never have I known a more spiritual, loving, compassionate man of God," said The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Geitz, who served as Bishop Councell's transition officer, a position dedicated to clergy placement, for the majority of his episcopate. "What a loss for us."

Bishop Councell graduated from the University of California at Riverside Phi Beta Kappa with honors with a Bachelor of Arts in 1971. In 1975 he earned a Master of Divinity from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Councell was ordained a priest in 1975 in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. Among other positions, he served as Rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest, IL from 1995 to 2003 and as Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts from 1986 to 1995.

After retirement, Councell served as resident Chaplain of Doane Academy, an Episcopal college preparatory school in Burlington, New Jersey. He taught courses on Ethics and World Religions.

Councell lived in Pennington, New Jersey with his wife of 47 years, Ruth May Tietjen, an artist and illustrator. They met while undergraduate students at the University of Redlands. He is survived by Ruth and their two daughters; Sarah Councell Turner, who graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary with a Master of Theological Studies degree, Martha Councell-Vargas, Professor of Flute at Western Michigan University, his six-year-old granddaughter, Alma Susana Vargas, his sister, Pamela Plouffè, nephews Jerry Roberts III, and Justin Roberts, and his niece, Dawn Drootin and their families.
Love (III)

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,
   Guiltie of dust and sinne.
But quick-ey’d Love, observing me grow slack
   From my first entrance in,
   Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
   If I lack’d any thing.

“A guest,” I answer’d, “worthy to be here”;
   Love said, “You shall be he.”
“I, the unkind, the ungrateful? ah my dear,
   I cannot look on thee.”
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
   “Who made the eyes but I?”

“Truth, Lord, but I have marr’d them; let my shame
   Go where it doth deserve.”
“And know you not,” says Love, “who bore the blame?”
   “My dear, then I will serve.”
“You must sit down,” says Love, “and taste my meat.”
   So I did sit and eat.

— George Herbert, 1593-1633
The Liturgy of the Dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the Resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor thing present, nor thing 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.” (Romans 8:38-39)

The 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, Lazarus. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we grieve in sympathy with those who mourn.
Prelude

Processional Hymns

All stand as able

The Hymnal 1982: 470 & 518

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.  Music: Beecher; John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.
4 Here vouch-safé to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ever

corner-stone, chosen of the Lord, and precious,
God on high, in exultant jubilation
Hosts, to-day; with thy wonted loving-kindness
with the blessed to retain, and hereafter

bind-ing all the Church in one; holy Zion's
pours perpetual melody; God the One in
hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest
with the blessed to retain, and hereafter

in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

help for ever, and her confidence alone.
Three adoring in glad hymns externally.

in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.
The Liturgy of the Word

The Dean 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.

Dean The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Dean Let us pray.

Silence may be kept; after which the Dean says

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

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Ruth, Martha, Sarah, and the family and friends of George in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture

Reader: A Reading from the book of Lamentations (3:22-26, 31-33)

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according
to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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

Psalm 23 *said in unison*

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.

Reader  A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans (8:34-35, 37-39)

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.
Sequence Hymn  

Lift Every Voice and Sing II: 194

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o er my weak est hour; Help me
2. aid when sa tan and sin op press; I am
3. blind without thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark ness thy face to see,
2. putting all my trust in thee.
3. always let me thy servant be.

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1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
The Holy Gospel  

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

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.

People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Tribute  

The Right Reverend Alan M. Gates  
Bishop of Massachusetts

Sermon  

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry  
Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church

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

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

Intercessor For our brother George, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Intercessor Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for George, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor 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 Bishop says

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother George, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his 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 Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.
The people exchange a sign of the Peace.

The Offertory

The Offering is designated for the George E. Councell Fund for UrbanPromise Ministries in the Diocese of New Jersey. Please make checks payable to “Diocese of New Jersey.”

Bishop  Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Anthem  “How lovely is thy dwelling place”  Johannes Brahms

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.  Music: Rockingham, melody from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1789; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)
The Liturgy of the Table

The people remain standing. The Bishop faces them and sings

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:

Sanctus S 130  Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, 

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might, 

heaven and earth are full, 

full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
The Bishop continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully
receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

All AMEN.

The Bishop continues

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

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.

Fraction Anthems

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread.
Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Be still, my soul: The Lord is on thy side;
2. Be still, my soul: Thy God doth undertake
3. Be still, my soul: The hour is hast'ning on

With patience bear thy cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy
To guide the future as he has the past. Thy hope, thy
When we shall be forever with the Lord, When disap-
The Invitation

Bishop  The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please follow the Ushers instructions of what Communion Station to go to when directed.
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Traditional Spiritual
Taylor Ward, Alto
Dr. Shelley Zuckerman, Piano

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982: 339

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light’s
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how
won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o’er all the heavens he 
be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from
vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.
heav-en, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.
give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: Schmücke dich, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906
Communion Hymn

Sung in Spanish / Canto en Español

1. Tú has venido a la orilla, no has buscado
2. Tú sabes bien lo que tengo: en mí
1. You have come down to the lake shore seeking
2. You know full well my possessions: Neither

caído ni a sabios, ni a ricos, tan sólo
barca no hay oro ni espadas; tan sólo
neither the wise nor the wealthy, But only
treasure nor weapons for conquest, Just these my

Estribillo

(Refrain)

quieres que yo te siga.
recedes y mi trabajo.
asking for me to follow.
fish nets and will for working.

sí, me has mirado a los ojos; sonrí-
Jesus, you have looked into my eyes; kindly

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3. Tú necesitas mis manos,
mi cansancio que a otros descanse,
amor que quiera sequir amando.
Estríbilo

4. Tú, Pescador de otros mares,
ansia eterna de almas que esperan.
Amigo bueno, que as’ me llamas.
Estríbilo

3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary
a love that’s willing to go on loving.
Refrain

4. You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that
are yearning;
As loving Friend, you have come to call me.
Refrain
Communion Hymn

Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on. And when from death I’m free I’ll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a-side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I’ll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I’ll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I’ll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835  Music: Wondrous Love, from The Southern Harmony, 1835; harm. Carlton R. Young (b. 1926) Copyright ©1964 by Abingdon Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work’s in vain, But
2. If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot preach like Paul, You can
3. Don’t ever be discouraged For Jesus is your friend, And

1. Then the holy spirit Revives my soul again.
2. Tell the love of Jesus, And say He died for all.
3. If you lack for knowledge, He’ll ne’er refuse to lend.
Postcommunion Prayer

The Bishop continues

Let us pray,

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

During the hymn, the Bishops will take their places at the body.
The Bishop says

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

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.

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

The Bishop, facing the body, says

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

Musical Offering

“Precious Lord”

Thomas A. Dorsey
Sung by Canon Deborah Ford, Soprano
The Blessing

The Bishop says

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be with you all for ever more. Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

During the Recessional Hymn, the Clergy are to follow the Cross out the Narthex doors through the Narthex to the hearse. The family will follow the casket.
Recessional Hymn

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our
All are invited to a reception in Synod Hall and the front lawn of the Cathedral immediately following the service.

At 2 PM, a procession will leave Trinity Cathedral for St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 145 West Broad Street in Burlington, NJ for the interment.

**The Committal**

*The Priest says*

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Bishop says*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother George, and we commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. Amen.
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Priest: Let us pray.

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,
    for ever and ever. Amen.

The Priest says

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon him.
May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Bishop dismisses the people with these words

Bishop: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Bishop blesses the people.

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.
Participants

Celebrant:  The Right Reverend William H. Stokes, 12th Bishop of New Jersey
Preacher:  The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church
Tribute Presenter:  The Right Reverend Alan M. Gates, 16th Bishop of Massachusetts
Assisting Bishop:  The Right Reverend G. P. Mellick Belshaw, 9th Bishop of New Jersey
Dean of Trinity Cathedral:  The Very Reverend René R. John
Deacon of the Gospel:  The Reverend Daniel L. Fowler
Deacon of the Table: The Reverend Carol B. Gilbert and The Reverend Christopher E. Cox
Officiant at Interment:  The Reverend Michael J. Marrone
Master of Ceremonies:  The Reverend Valerie L. Balling
Chaplain to the Councell Family:  The Reverend Ronald N. Pollock
Chaplain to the Presiding Bishop: The Reverend Canon Jayne J. Oasin
Chaplain to the Bishop of New Jersey: The Reverend Ricardo W. Sheppard
Chaplain to the Assisting Bishop:  The Venerable Carmen J. Viola
Chancellor of the Diocese:  Canon Paul Ambos
Thurifer: Akeem John
Readers: Gabrielle John and Gemelle John
Prayers of the People: Curtis Colden, Cousin
Oblation Bearers: Pamela Plouffé, Sister
      Susan Roberts, Niece
Organist: Dr. Kerry Heimann
Choir Director and Soloist: Canon Deborah Ford
Soloist from Doane Academy:  Taylor Ward accompanied by pianist Dr. Shelley Zuckerman
Pall Bearers: Robert Turner, Son-in-law
      Luis Vargas, Son-in-law
      Jerry Roberts, Nephew
      Justin Roberts, Nephew
      Matthew Marrone, Godson
      Andrew Marrone, Godson

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Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours,
no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ’s compassion
looks out to the world;
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good;
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless people now.

— St. Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582