

A Celebration of Life
of
Edwin Dale Evans

St. John's Episcopal Church
February 19, 2022
1:00 pm



Edwin Dale Evans
March 27, 1933 – January 10, 2022

Edwin Dale Evans, known as Dale throughout his life, was born in Wichita, Kansas, to Jack and Lena Yeoman Evans, the fifth child of seven. After some financial ups and downs, the family moved back to Jack and Lena's hometown of Kingman, Kansas.

As he grew older, Dale worked in his uncle's dairy, doing everything from putting up hay to separating cream to delivering milk (that, he said, is where he learned he didn't want to be a dairyman). An avid patron of the Kingman Carnegie Library, he got in trouble at school for reading aloud from his father's un-Bowdlerized edition of Shakespeare. In high school, he also played football, worked as a skating guard at the local roller-skating rink, and was voted "most likely to become a history professor."

He followed his older brothers to college at the University of Kansas at Lawrence, majoring in political science, training for the Navy in the ROTC program, and working in a soda shop. One night a blind friend asked him to walk one of his readers back to her dormitory, and so he met Jean Frances Gurley, of Hamilton, Missouri, who was majoring in music. They married in 1955, after they had both graduated from college and Dale had earned his wings in Pensacola. He then set about a career of flying planes and raising children.

The Navy took him and the family to live in Oakland, Sunnyvale, Olathe, Georgia, Escondido, Japan, and San Diego. Ships took him to Europe, South America, Hawaii, Guam, Hong Kong, Vietnam, the Philippines, and many other places. He flew many different planes, but his favorite was the F-4 Phantom. After serving as a flight instructor, he flew carrier combat missions during the Vietnam War; served on Seventh Fleet staff; was a test pilot for the conversion of E-2Bs to E-2Cs; and was operations officer at FACSAC North Island.

After he retired from the Navy, he wound up writing computer code with his brother-in-law Ed Ehler.

He had an incredible fondness for growing roses. He loved a good pun (“good” being open to interpretation), winning at cribbage, playing the guitar, St. John’s Church, black-and-white photography, singing in the choir, Cursillo, telling stories about flying, sailing, Sea Explorers when we girls were teens, and KU basketball. He also continued to read voraciously and enjoyed cross-stitch, Stilton cheese with a really good port wine, and always—always, always—a well-honed knife.

He survived his six brothers and sisters and his wife, Jean. He loved them all and grieved their deaths for the rest of his life.

Dad loved his children with all his heart. He loved, in a sometimes bemused way, his four grandchildren and his adopted granddaughter. He cherished his relationships with his many nieces and nephews, however distant.

He is survived by his four daughters and two sons-in-law (Elizabeth and Jack, Mary Margaret and Hal, Nancy Lynn, and Jeanie Kay); his grandchildren Alex, Gloria, Nathaniel, and Jesse, and his adopted granddaughter, Kim; and three rambunctious great-grandchildren—Henley, Meredith, and Lyra.

Dad was blessed to have had Jeanie Kay, Jesse, and Kim living with him for so many years. He was blessed to have been himself to the end. And we are blessed to have had him in our lives.



Military Honors

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Navy Hymn)

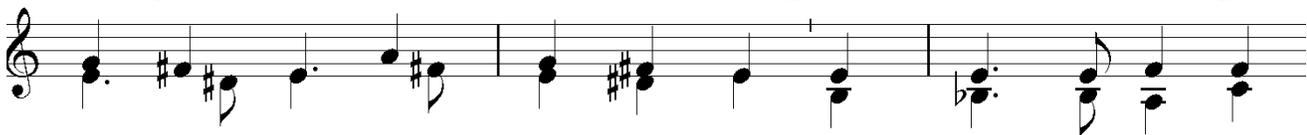
Hymnal 608



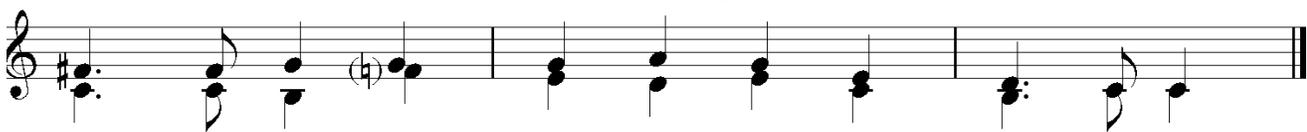
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
 3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Baptismal Remembrance

Sprinkling of Holy Water and Placing of Pall

Entrance Procession

soloist, Jane Ferguson

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.

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory,
We remember before you this day our brother Dale. 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 have gone before us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People ***Amen.***

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Dale's
family and friends 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.

People ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 61:1-3

Jesse Crowell

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

The Lord My God My Shepherd Is

Hymnal 663



1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how
2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the
4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for



1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by
2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for
3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for
4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and
5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy



1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.
2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.
3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.
4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.
5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

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

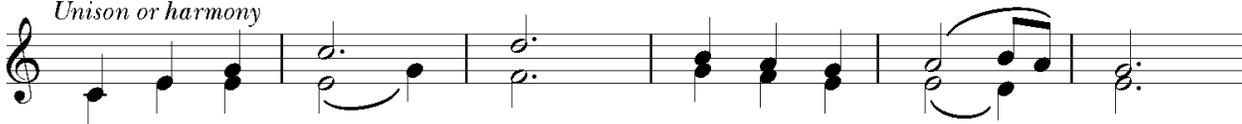
People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn

Morning Has Broken

Hymnal 8

Unison or harmony



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

The Gospel

John 1:1-13

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

Remembrance

Mary Margaret Hurst

The Apostles Creed *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider 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

Gloria Hurst and Alex Hurst

For our brother Dale, 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 Dale, and dry the tears of those who weep.

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 brother eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Presider Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Dale, 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Preparation of the Altar

Our God Reigns

The Great Thanksgiving

(please respond where bold)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

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. ***Amen.***

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

***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 Breaking of the Bread

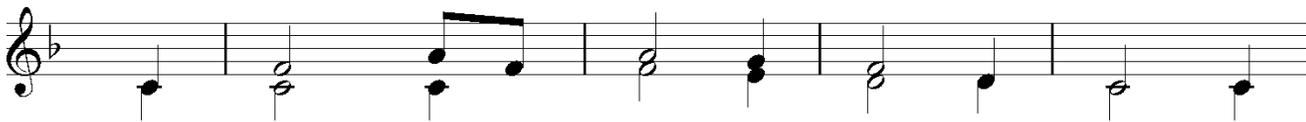
Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the peace. Alleluia!***

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

You are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. We offer Holy Communion under both forms of bread and wine by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). Please indicate, with a nod of your head, yes or no, if you desire communion under both forms. If you do not want to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.



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.

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Presider 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

Commendation Hymn

Give Rest, O Christ, To Your Servant

soloist, Jane Ferguson

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.

Presider Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Dale.
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.

People **Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider 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; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for
ever and ever. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn

Thou Whose Almighty Word

Hymnal 371



1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound-less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

***The family requests that memorial donations be made
 to the Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation at <https://www.rls.org/>***

Liturgical Ministers

Presider/Preacher	The Rev. George Keith
Concelebrant	The Rev. Roger Haenke
Readers	Jesse Crowell, Nathaniel Exum
Prayers of the People	Gloria Hurst, Alex Hurst
Acolytes	Marge Moore
Remembrance	Mary Margaret Hurst
Soloist	Jane Ferguson
St. John's Choir	Alice Burnham, Tom Brzeczek, Denise Eddleman Ted Garcia, Joe and Maria Love, Chelsey Nyaradi, Nancy Painter
Organist	Cheryl Seppala
Livestream	Cliff Berkowitz

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St. John's is a Christian community that intentionally gathers to experience God's love through Episcopal worship, education, fellowship, and ministry to the wider community.

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