William J Hayden

A Celebration of Life

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St Michael's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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William J Hayden (1947-2026)

Bill was born April 3, 1947, in Marshall, MO. His parents, Dr. William J. Hayden and Maxine D. Hayden, were life-long residents of Marshall. His father, William, was a well-known and respected veterinarian who served the local farming community. His parents instilled in Bill a respect for education and the value of defining a career in order to live well, provide for family, and guide others into constructive paths.

Bill embodied these teachings and did just that. He graduated from the University of Missouri, Columbia in 1969, followed by Dental School in Kansas City. He practiced dentistry for several years in Marshall, then continued his education at UCLA with master's degree in public health in 1988. He joined the faculty at UMKC Dental School for several years and then finished out his professional career working with Met Life. He was a student of life and a teacher to all. He never missed an opportunity to impart wisdom and had the patience of a saint while sharing the joy and discovery of learning in the process. His life lessons, both silly and serious, live on in everyone who knew and loved him.

Bill was a most generous person and his love of learning never ceased. He could do everything from dentistry, repairing cars, writing research grants, building an airplane (and its engine), making computers sing, building a log cabin home, playing the piano, crafting the most beautiful guitars, and the list goes on. The kid from a small town in rural Missouri became a true Renaissance man.

Bill was first married in 1968 to Jane Limpp. Their daughter, Julie Hayden, resides in Marshall. Bill's second marriage was in 1985 to Nickole Stauffacher. Bill is survived by his wife Nickole, daughters, Julie Hayden and Ursula McNamara, granddaughter, Katherine McNamara, and brother, Jack Hayden.

About the Service

The liturgy for 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 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.

An Episcopal Rite of Remembrance

* Processional

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 491

Celebrant: 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. ***Amen.***

* Opening Collects

BCP, p. 493

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Bill, 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 for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of the grace, that we, running to obtain they promises, may be made partakers of the

heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,, one God, for ever and ever. Ame***n.***

Message of Welcome

The Rev. Ryan Wiksell

First Reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than victorious 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

* Sequence Hymn *"Lord of All Hopefulness"* Hymn # 482

* Holy Gospel John 14:1-6

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Remembrances Dr. John Morales and C.L. Lawrence

* Apostle's Creed

BCP p. 496

All: 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.

* The Prayers

BCP p. 497

Intercessor: Dear Friends: It was our Lord Jesus himself who said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Let us pray, then, for our brother Bill, that he may rest from his labors, and enter into the light of God's eternal sabbath rest.

Intercessor: Receive, O Lord, your servant Bill, for *he* returns to you.

People: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend him.

Intercessor: Wash him in the holy font of everlasting life, and clothe him in his heavenly wedding garment.

People: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend him.

Intercessor: May he hear your words of invitation, "Come, you blessed of my Father."

People: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend him.

Intercessor: May he gaze upon you, Lord, face to face, and taste the blessedness of perfect rest.

People: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend him.

Intercessor: May angels surround him, and saints welcome him in peace.

People: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend him.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our Father in heaven, before whom live all who die in the Lord: Receive our brother N. into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place.
Let his heart and soul now ring out in joy to you, O Lord, the living God, and the God of those who live. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

- **Reception:** Immediately following the service, please join us for light refreshments in the Parish Hall.
- **Memorial Gifts to St. Michael's Necessity Pantry:** In lieu of flowers, gifts are encouraged to St. Michael's Necessity Pantry, which is founded in the belief that access to personal care items improves health and wellbeing, which turn, provides hope, dignity and a better quality of life. The Pantry offers shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, shaving cream, bath soap, lotion, deodorant, laundry detergent, toilet paper and feminine hygiene and incontinence products. Checks may be made out to St. Michael's Necessity Pantry, or use the QR code to make a gift online. Thank you for your generosity!

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Instrumental Music*

* The Great Thanksgiving **Eucharistic Prayer A**

Celebrant	The LORD be with you.
People	**And also with you.**
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them to the LORD.**
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.
People	**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: 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:

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

Celebrant: 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!***

* The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

Celebrant As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

All Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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.

Communion Notes: Communion is offered in two kinds: bread and wine. One may receive the bread alone, dip it into the wine, or drink from the chalice after consuming the bread. Sealed, pre-packaged containers of bread and wine are available. Gluten-free bread may be requested by crossing one's hands palms-down. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

Communion

Instrumental Music

* Post-Communion Prayer BCP p. 498

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* The Commendation BCP p. 499

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Bill. 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.**

* Closing Hymn *"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"* Hymn # 293

* Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**