In Celebration of and Thanksgiving for
the Life of
GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
1913-2006

Tuesday, the Second of January
In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seven

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL
IN THE CITY AND EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON
Gerald Rudolph Ford

July 14, 1913 - December 26, 2006

Thirty-Eighth President of the United States
Prelude

Performed by the Cathedral Organists.

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Prelude and Fugue in B minor, BWV 544

J. S. Bach

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, Op. 37, No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Praeludium circulare, from Symphony No. 2, Op. 13

Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Prelude and Fugue in A minor, WoO 9

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Choral in E major

César Franck (1822-1890)

Prelude and Fugue in A minor, WoO 9

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Choral in A minor

C. Franck

Two choral preludes

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
What Wondrous Love Is This

Paul Manz (b. 1919)

Prelude and Fugue in E-flat (“St. Anne”), BWV 552

J. S. Bach

Performed by the United States Marine Orchestra.

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

When Jesus Wept, from New England Triptych
(after the music of William Billings)

William Schuman (1910-1992)

Performed with the Armed Forces Chorus.

O waly waly, from Suite for Strings

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus (b. 1949)

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place, from A German Requiem, Opus 45

J. Brahms

Music from the Bicentennial of American Independence

arranged by Stephen Bulla

Heritage

Amanda

Chester

The Promise of Living, from The Tender Land

Aaron Copland

America

Traditional
lyrics by Samuel F. Smith
arranged by Robert Edgerton

America, the Beautiful

Samuel Augustus Ward
lyrics by Katherine Lee Bates
arranged by Carmen Dragon
BURIAL OF THE DEAD - RITE I

The Bourdon Bell tolls thirty-eight times as the cortege moves from the Capitol to the Cathedral.

Reception of the Body

The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane

The Bishop meets the body at the door of the church and says:

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother Gerald for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that he will raise him to perfection in the company of the saints.

Deliver your servant, Gerald, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set him free from every bond; that he may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on God, and know the consolation of his love.

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people stand.

Anthem in Procession

The Reverend Dr. Robert Certain

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord; and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Opening Collect

The Very Reverend Samuel T. Lloyd III

Dean: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Dean: Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Gerald Ford, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.
All are seated for the readings from scriptures.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Isaiah 40:28-31
read by Mr. John (Jack) Ford

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

ANTHEM - The King of Love My Shepherd Is Sung by the Cathedral choirs. arr. Michael McCarthy

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

EPISTLE
James 1:19-25
read by Mrs. Susan Ford Bales

A Reading from the Letter of James.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

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

The Honorable George H.W. Bush
The Honorable Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
Mr. Thomas J. Brokaw
The Honorable George W. Bush

Anthem - O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Sung by the Armed Forces Chorus with the United States Marine Orchestra.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

The people stand.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6a
read by Father Certain

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated for the Homily.

Homily

Father Certain
The Lord’s Prayer  

Ms. Denyce Graves and the United States Marine Orchestra.  

Albert Hay Malotte

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people stand for the prayers. After each petition, the people respond Amen.

The Prayers of the People  

Rear Admiral Robert F. Burt

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. Amen.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. Amen.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Amen.

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. Amen.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. Amen.

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. Amen.

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. Amen.

Grant us grace to entrust Gerald to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. Amen.

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people are seated.
Anthem - Eternal Father, strong to save

Sung by the Armed Forces Chorus with the United States Marine Orchestra.

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep
to spread abroad the firmament;
its own appointed limits keep:
O Wind of heaven, by thy might
for those in peril on the sea.
O Trinity of love and power,
and keep them by thy watchful care
from every peril in the air.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
O’er which our traffic runs amain
our people shield in danger’s hour;
by mountain pass or valley low;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe;
wherever, Lord, thy people go,
protect them where’er they go;
protect them by thy guarding hand
thus evermore shall rise to thee
from every peril on the land.

glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

The people stand.

The Commendation

The Officiant and other ministers take their places at the body.

Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

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

Officiant Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, “Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Officiant Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Gerald. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

People Amen.

The Blessing

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.
The Dismissal

Dean Lloyd

Dean

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn - For All the Saints

Sung by all.

tune: Sine Nomine

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Pièce Héroïque

César Franck (1822-1890)

As the President leaves the Cathedral, the congregation is asked to remain in their seats until directed by an usher.
PARTICIPANTS

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Prayers of the People

Rear Admiral Robert F. Burt
Chief of Navy Chaplains

Readers

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Forty-First President of the United States

The Honorable Dr. Henry A. Kissinger

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The Honorable George W. Bush
Forty-Third President of the United States
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*Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies, American University, Washington, D.C.*

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*Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America*

The Right Reverend Frank T. Griswold III  
*The Twenty-fifth Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church*

The Metropolitan Herman  
*Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, Orthodox Church in America*

Rabbi Bruce Lustig  
*Senior Rabbi, Washington Hebrew Congregation*

Archbishop Pietro Sambi  
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The Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerl  
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Richard Ford  
Alan Greenspan  
Robert Hartmann  
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Henry Kissinger  
Jack Marsh  
Paul O’Neill  
Donald H. Rumsfeld  
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Lieutenant Colonel Michael Colburn, Director

The Armed Forces Chorus
Lieutenant Colonel John Clanton, Director

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University of Michigan, B.A., 1935
Yale University School of Law, LL.B., 1941
United States Navy, 1942 - 1946
United States House of Representatives, 1949 - 1973
Vice President of the United States, 1973 - 1974
President of the United States, 1974 - 1977