

A Service in Loving Memory of
Stephen Rehm Nohowel



September 13, 1949 – March 25, 2025

Friday, April 4, 2025
11:00 a.m.



St. James' Episcopal Church
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A Note about Today's Service

From the Book of Common Prayer, page 507

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy and a celebration of life. It finds 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 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.”

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

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Participants in Today's Service

Officiants	The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner The Rev. Catherine Manhardt The Rev. Dr. Sari Ateek
Organist	Newton Lewis
Crucifer	Kirsten Hall
Readers	Brad Conrad Diane Mayer
Reflections	Michelle Tanner Alisa Huynh Sherese Schlosser Brad Conrad Everly Tanner Brynley Tanner
Homily	The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner
Ushers	Sampson Annan Christine Coleman Joyce Graf

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At all times during the service, it is our custom to stand, kneel, or remain seated as one is able.

Prelude

“Una Mattina”

Ludovico Einaudi

recorded music by Antonio Ferraro, age 9, on piano

Procession *(The congregation stands and the Officiant 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.

Welcome *(sit)*

Opening Hymn *(stand)*

“Amazing grace!”

Hymn 671

The Collects (*stand*)

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

All O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Steve. 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 Steve's family 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.**

The First Lesson (*sit*)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Brad Conrad

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

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

The Psalm *(sit)*

Psalm 42:1-7

Diane Mayer

*The leader may choose for all to read in unison,
or responsively by verse or breaking at the asterisk.*

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
“Where now is your God?”
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things; *
how I went with the multitude
and led them into the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The Second Lesson *(sit)*

John 14:1-3

Diane Mayer

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.”

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

Reflections *(sit)*

Michelle Tanner
Alisa Huynh
Sherese Schlosser
Brad Conrad
Everly Tanner
Brynley Tanner

Homily *(sit)*

The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner

The Apostles' Creed *(stand)*

Officiant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith, saying together,

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 *(stand)*

The Rev. Dr. Sari Ateek

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

People **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

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Steve, 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. Grant 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 Commendation (*stand*)

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

People **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.**

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

Closing Hymn "Almighty Father, strong to save" Hymn 579

Blessing (*stand*)

Officiant May Christ the good shepherd enfold you with love, fill you with peace, and lead you in hope to the end of your days; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*All are invited to a reception following the service at Columbia Country Club,
7900 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD. A private service of Committal
will take place this summer at Lake Placid, New York.*

Stephen Rehm Nohowel

Stephen (Steve) R. Nohowel, beloved husband, son, brother and friend of many, passed away at his home in Potomac, Maryland on March 25, 2025, after a long struggle with pancreatic cancer. He will be remembered as an accomplished, responsible and caring man with a clever wit. He always looked after his family and those close to him with unwavering love and guidance.

Steve was born in Saranac Lake, New York on September 13, 1949, and was raised in Bethesda, Maryland where he attended Norwood Parish and Landon Schools and then continued his education at Bucknell University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1972. He started his career working for Tandy Corporation where he was responsible for the successful operation of several hundred Radio Shack stores. As Tandy Corporation started a gradual decline, Steve embarked on a new career in April 1986 and became a Certified Financial Planner. For 38 years he enjoyed assisting clients in every aspect of their financial lives. His actions in business were guided by patience, respect, and sensitivity treating each client like family. In addition to his association with Capitol Securities Management, Steve managed D.C.M. Corp, the business his father, Oscar founded in 1957.



Steve was an avid boater; he could finally relax and enjoy weekends on the Chesapeake Bay with his devoted wife, Joyce, close friends and affectionate beagles. Summer vacations at his home on Lake Placid also brought Steve great happiness, especially navigating the lake in the family's classic 1942 Chris Craft "the Margie."

Steve will be sorely missed by all who were blessed to know him. Humble and sincere, honest to a fault, Steve's quiet influence will live on in all those he touched.

Steve is survived by his wife, Joyce Inez Nohowel (Schlosser), his mother, Marjorie Rehm Nohowel (Wasilewski), and his sister, Margaret Dressler Nohowel, and many nieces, nephew, grand nieces, and grand nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Oscar Dressler Nohowel and his sister, Shelley Anne Nohowel.

Memorial gifts may be made to:

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11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD 20854

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, pancan.org
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P.O. Box 392492, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-9492

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