



# TRINITY

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Burial of the Dead Rite I  
Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 10 a.m.



Burney Eldridge Dickinson III  
Jan. 8, 1963—April 23, 2026

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WELCOME & REFLECTIONS *Tom Chapman, Scott Nishimura, Julie Wilson*

OPENING ANTHEM: I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE (BCP p. 469)

*All stand*

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.

BURIAL COLLECT (BCP p. 469)

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.

*People*               **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*           Let us pray.

*Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says*

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Burney,  
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. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:2-7

A Reading from the book of Revelation.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said,

“Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the

Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from

the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their

God and they will be my children.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-6

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or Minister appointed reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People*           **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

“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. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

*At the end of the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Homily

THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 480)

*The Apostles' Creed may be said, all standing.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 480)

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 480)

*The People respond to every petition with Amen.*

*The Deacon or other leader says*

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 Burney 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.**

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION (BCP p. 482)

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

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; 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.

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

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant, Burney. 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. **Amen.**

THE COMMITTAL: ANTHEM (BCP p. 484)

*The following anthem is said*

In the midst of life we are in death;  
of whom may we seek for succor,  
but of thee, O Lord,  
who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty,  
O holy and most merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.  
Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer;  
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,  
O holy and merciful Savior,  
thou most worthy Judge eternal.  
Suffer us not, at our last hour,  
through any pains of death, to fall from thee.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Burney, and we commit his body to its resting place; 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 unto him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

THE COMMITTAL: THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 485)

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.

*People*             **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*           Let us pray.

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Then the Celebrant may say*

O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be made perfect unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, grant that we, who now serve thee on earth, may at last, together with them, be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then may be said*

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.**

BLESSING

THE COMMITTAL: DISMISSAL (BCP p. 486)

*The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words*

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.**

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## Burney Eldridge Dickinson III

### Jan. 8, 1963—April 23, 2026

FORT WORTH - Burney Eldridge Dickinson III, age 63, passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2026, with his wife of over three decades, Tamara Leigh Dickinson, by his side. He had a rapid onset and aggressively progressive form of dementia.

Memorial: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to 4Saints Episcopal Food Pantry , where Burney was a dedicated volunteer for many years.

<https://4saintsfood.org/>

Burney was born on January 8, 1963, in Memphis, Tennessee. He had an affability and goofiness that drew people in, first in his hometown of Memphis and among the other employees at FedEx, where he spent much of his career. Burney and Tamara relocated to Texas in 1999 for nursing opportunities for her, and lived for over a decade in Mansfield, where they quickly found a forever group of neighbors and friends. Several Mansfield neighbors have referred to Burney as a best friend for decades. It was there he was known as the Mayor of Hampton Drive.

Wanting another older home within the city, in 2013, the couple relocated to metro Fort Worth and the Oakhurst neighborhood, where they quickly became integral. Burney served for many years in various roles in the Neighborhood Association, and he helped create the Friday Night Diners group, which regularly brought 20 or more neighbors together at the end of a work week to break bread, swap stories, and support each other.

The Dickinson home was also regularly the site of large gatherings mixing all walks of life: co-workers from Tamara's medical practice, Mansfieldians, Oakhurstians, and members of Burney's beloved Trinity Episcopal Church, where he served in numerous capacities over the years. In his beloved Oakhurst, he often referred to himself as Clark Griswold Jr.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lena Cooke Dickinson; his father, Burney Eldridge Dickinson II; and numerous cousins in the Memphis and Mississippi area.

Burney is survived by his beloved wife, Tamara Dickinson. He liked to refer to their many friends as their chosen family - and this includes many friends and neighbors from Trinity Episcopal, Mansfield, and Fort Worth, all of whom are now living a life with less laughter, love, and light.