

JOHN CHARLES CORBETT

On May 4th, 2023, Commander John C. Corbett (ret.) passed away peacefully at home after a year-long battle with glioblastoma. Alice Corbett, his devoted wife of 43 years, was by his side.

Born on October 9th, 1952, in Washington, DC, John moved with his family first to Lexington, KY, and then Ft. Wayne, IN, before attending his beloved Miami University on an ROTC Scholarship. He was in the university marching band, and graduated in 1974 with a BS in Business.

Upon graduation, he began his 20-year career in the U.S. Navy Supply Corps. The Navy recognized his contributions to logistics and supply chain management with many service awards. He also pursued post-graduate studies, eventually earning two master's degrees: an MBA from George Washington University in 1985 and an MS in Logistics and Finance at the Naval Post Graduate School in 1987.

He married Alice in 1980 and they had two children. The Navy stationed them all over the country, including Monterey, Groton, Alameda, and San Diego. He retired from service in 1995 with the rank of Commander, and the family relocated to Springfield, VA, where he eventually became a Vice President at Whole Foods. Later he became a Research Fellow at LMI, working with the Defense Logistics Agency to provide material support for members of the Armed Forces stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq until his retirement in 2022.

He will be remembered by everyone who knew him as a fiercely intelligent, kind, hard-working man who always put others first. He knew when it was time to laugh, and when it was time to be serious. An Eagle Scout himself, he gave freely of his time with Boy Scout Troop 1849, teaching young men the leadership and self-confidence that he exuded every day of his life. He was a hiker and camper, a connoisseur of wine, a dedicated fan of the Nationals and the Capitals, a musician who could play trombone and piano, a superb cook, and so much more. He will also be remembered for yelling "hoo doggy!" every time he sneezed, his devotion to his orange tabby cat Otto, his love of the band Chicago, and how he would laugh with his entire body when he thought something was really funny.

In addition to his wife Alice, he is survived by his daughter Elizabeth Corbett and her husband Tristan Benitez, his son Matthew Corbett and his wife Carly Corbett, his sister Janice Corbett, and numerous cousins including Charley, Wendy, Laura, Patti, Ken, Karen as well as his numerous friends from church, his scout troop, former colleagues and his neighbors. He is predeceased by his mother (Annie), father (Charlie), and cousin (William).

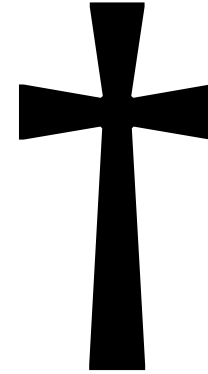
A special thanks to Dr. Cohen for all of his care and support during this time as well as the Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church community, particularly Father Will.

Love and Honor.



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Celebration of Life for John Charles Corbett

October 9, 1952 - May 4, 2023

**May 20, 2023
11:00 a.m.**

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church † Burke, Virginia

In lieu of flowers, please consider a charitable donation to:

*Episcopal Relief & Development
(www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give)*

*Boy Scouts of America
(https://donations.scouting.org)*

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*The Rev. William L. Packard, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Randall Prior, Rector Emeritus*

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*Amy Dutton
Gail Bouton
Sarah Gregory
Deborah England*

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*Ellen Gleason
Deborah England*

ORGANIST
Gabriel Rhys Simerson

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV 545 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

OPENING HYMN *The strife is o'er* Hymn 208

All stand, as able.

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.

THE COLLECT

BCP 493

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother, John. 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 all of us who mourn in our grief. Surround us with your love, that we may not

be overwhelmed by our loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE READINGS

The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.

Reader: A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 139:1-11

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

THE COMMENDATION

BCP 499

The Leader and People pray responsively.

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.

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

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN

Eternal Father, strong to save

Hymn 608

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Old Miami, New Miami*

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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

THE COMMUNION

Gluten-free wafers are available; please let an usher or priest know your desire.

COMMUNION HYMN

One bread, one body

LEVAS 151

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant: 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.

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John.

1 John 3: 1-2

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:21-27

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

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

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE EULOGY

Matthew Corbett, Tristin Benitez,
Elizabeth Corbett-Benitez

THE HOMILY

A period of silence follows.

The Rev. William L. Packard

Rector

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively.

For our brother, John, 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 John, 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you John, 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Arioso Gloria

Barbara York (1949-2020)

Richard Demy, trombone

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand or kneel, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

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 God 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:

**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.

All stand, or kneel, as able.

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.