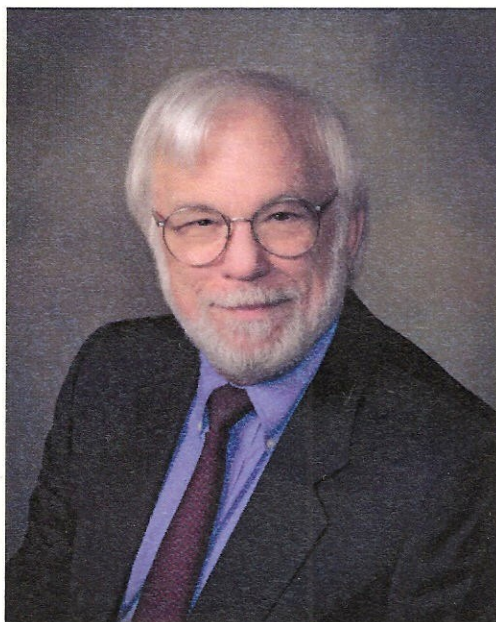


IN CELEBRATION OF AND THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE LIFE OF

**ROY CRAIG PONDER**

May 3, 1942 - January 3, 2009



**PALMER MEMORIAL**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009  
11:00 AM

*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, 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.*

—*The Book of Common Prayer, page 507*

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Officiant.....	The Rev'd Genevieve T. Razim The Rev'd Jeffrey H. Walker
Reflections .....	Richard Ponder, Karen Walker Norman Berkman, Don Sinex, The Rev'd James Alford
Organist .....	Dr. Ann Frohbieter

# THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD: RITE ONE

Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

*Psalm 121*

## ENTRANCE RITE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Prelude on <i>Lift High the Cross</i>	David Cherwein
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 473 "Lift high the cross"	<i>Crucifer</i>
OPENING ANTHEMS (Spoken) .....	BCP p. 491
THE COLLECT .....	BCP p. 493

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9 ..... Hebrew Scriptures p. 652

*After the Reading,*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 42 ..... BCP p. 471

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-2 ..... Christian Scriptures p. 240

*After the Reading,*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 KJV (Spoken in unison) ..... BCP p. 476

The Lord is my shepherd;

\*I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

\*he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

\*he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

\*for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

\*thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

\*and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SEQUENCE HYMN 708 "Savior, like a shepherd, lead us" *Sicilian Mariners*

THE GOSPEL: John 14:1-6 ..... Christian Scriptures p. 108

*Before the reading, the People respond,*

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

*After the reading, the People respond,*

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

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The Rev'd James Alford

HOMILY..... The Rev'd Genevieve T. Razim

OFFERTORY SOLO:

"Come My Way, My Truth, My Life"

*Laurie Robertson, soloist*

THE LORD'S PRAYER..... BCP p. 502

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE..... BCP. p. 480

Prayer of Praise for a Loyal Friend..... The Rev'd James Alford

THE COMMENDATION..... BCP p. 482

HYMN 671 "Amazing grace!" *New Britain*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Choral Song

Samuel Wesley

*There is a reception immediately following the service  
in Fellowship Hall.*



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