



Memorial Service

**To Live Is
Christ and to
Die Is Gain**

The Rev. Eric J. Alexander

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**Tenth
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Dr. James Montgomery Boice
July 7, 1938–June 15, 2000

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come—*

*this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

June 23, 2000

Memorial Service

1:00 pm

Prelude—call to silent worship

Be Still, My Soul
And Can It Be?
A Mighty Fortress
Goin' Home/Adagio
(from Symphony No. 9, "New World")
Feierlicher Einzug (Solemn Entrance)

*J. Sibelius/arr. J. Hala-S. Davis
C. Wesley/T. Campbell*

M. Luther/arr. K. Smith

*A. Dvorák/arr. J. Villanueva
R. Strauss*

The Westminster Brass
Paul S. Jones, organ

Call to Worship

* The Invocation

* Hymn 92

Scripture Reading: Psalm 116:1-19 (page 955)

Testimony

Antthem: from Four Psalms

God's Son hath set me free from Satan's tyranny, from base desire, enslavement dire, from fear of death and hell's hot fire. Lord Christ did intercede, with God for me did plead; he underwent my punishment, to torture, death, was sent. I cannot fathom love so great however much I contemplate: that he could be so merciful to me, a sinner frail, whom naught could suit but tasting the forbidden fruit; by day, by night, old Satan's might my soul had captured quite.

But now I'm in God's care, in spite of Satan's snare; no longer sad, I wander glad in Liberation purple-clad. How deeply I rejoice to follow Jesus' voice: he bids me cleave to him and leave all sin—forget to grieve. Let Mammon not expect to find me e'er again so weak, so blind. Nay, nay! I'll stray no more from off the way. For my salvation Christ did pay; I shall not gamble it away. I do despise the tempter's lies, to heaven lift my eyes.

My heart laughs blithe and bold when I my grave behold; nor flow'ry bed, nor princely stead, can show a couch so free from dread. To where God's Castle stands in Deathless Life's fair lands death pilots me across the sea—towards Eternity. Though stormy winds about me still are blowing contrary and chill, my soul is whole and craves the perfect goal. My spirit leaps, like deer or hind, to think of leaving sin behind; O blessed sign! Christ's cross doth shine, makes bliss eternal mine. God's Son hath set me free!

Erin Holland, mezzo soprano
Tenth Church Choir

Testimony

* Hymn (Hallelujah!)

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-39 (page 1757)

Dr. R. C. Sproul
Chairman, Ligonier Ministries

Perseverance

Dr. Michael S. Horton
Acting President,
Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals

Memorial Service

Continued

Prayer

Dr. Philip G. Ryken

Associate Minister, Tenth Presbyterian Church

Testimony

Elmer E. Snethen

Elder, Tenth Presbyterian Church, and

Chairman, Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals

Anthem:

J. M. Boice/P. S. Jones

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty; drink from the Fountain that never runs dry. Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy, life more abundant in boundless supply.

Come to the River that flows through the city, forth from the throne of the Father and Son. Jesus the Savior says, "Come and drink deeply." Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One.

Come to the Fountain without any money; buy what is given without any cost. Jesus, the gracious One, welcomes the weary; Jesus, the selfless One, died for the lost.

Come to the Well of unmerited favor. Stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim. Jesus is such a compassionate Savior. Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.

Come to the Savior, the God of salvation. God has provided an end to sin's strife. Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation? Take the free gift of the water of life.

Sheryl Woods Olson, soprano

Tenth Church Choir

To Live Is Christ and to Die Is Gain

The Rev. Eric J. Alexander, Former Minister

St. George's Tron Church, Glasgow, Scotland

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far—Philippians 1:18b-23.

Prayer

* Hymn (Give Praise to God)

Soli Deo

* Benediction

* *Postlude*

Toccata (from *Symphony No. 5*)

C. Widor/T. Elliott

Robert J. Carwithen, organ

The Westminster Brass

Kindly refrain from applause and depart quietly. The piper playing on the church steps, in the Scotch-Irish tradition, is Mr. Thomas McKeown.

* *Congregation standing*

HymnHallelujah!

J. M. Boice/P. S. Jones



1. What can sep - a - rate my soul from the God who
2. Trou - ble, hard - ship, dan - ger, sword brought by those who
3. An - gels, de - mons, now or then? Wick - ed - ness dreamed
4. Vic - tors we're or - dained to be by the God who
5. We face death for God each day; what can pluck us



made me whole, wrote my name in hea - ven's scroll? —
hate my Lord? Slan - der here? Or no re - ward? —
up by men? Per - se - cu - tions come a - gain? —
set us free; what can there - fore con - quer me? —
from his way? Let God's peo - ple ev - er say, —

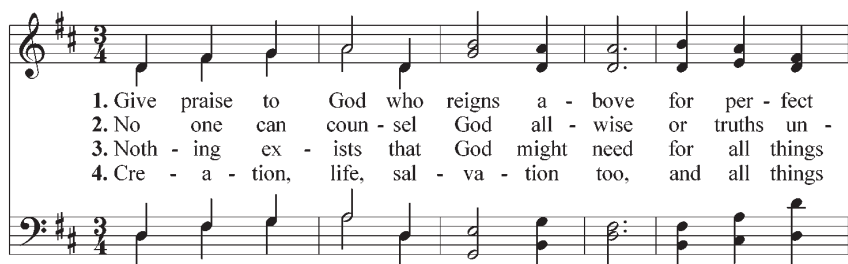


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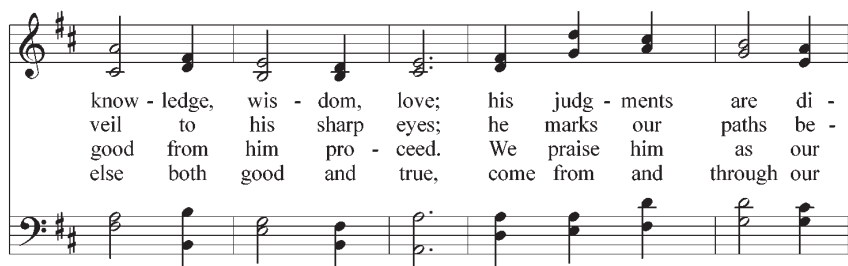


Hymn Give Praise to God

J. M. Boice/P. S. Jones



1. Give praise to God who reigns a - bove for per - fect
2. No one can coun - sel God all - wise or truths un -
3. Noth - ing ex - ists that God might need for all things
4. Cre - a - tion, life, sal - va - tion too, and all things



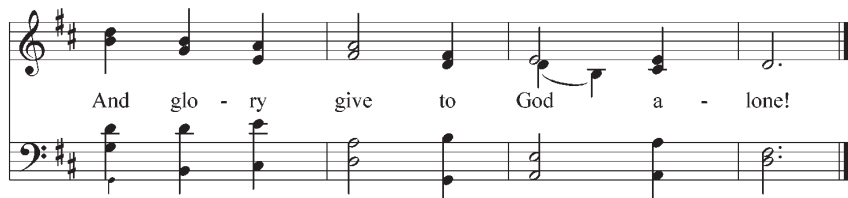
know - ledge, wis - dom, love; his judg - ments are di -
veil to his sharp eyes; he marks our paths be -
good from him pro - ceed. We praise him as our
else both good and true, come from and through our



vine, de - vout, his paths be - yond all tra - cing out.
hind, be - fore; he is our stead - fast Coun - se - lor.
Lord, and yet we nev - er place God in our debt.
God al - ways, and fill our hearts with grate - ful praise.



Come, lift your voice to heaven's high throne,



And glo - ry give to God a - lone!

Tenth Memorial

July 7, 1938–June 15, 2000

James Montgomery Boice

On Easter Sunday in 1968, Dr. James Montgomery Boice preached his first sermon as pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church. Thirty-two years later, he preached his final sermon to the congregation on Easter Sunday, 2000. During the intervening years he became a world-renowned expositional Bible teacher and statesman for Reformation theology.

Under his teaching and leadership, the church's attendance grew from 350 to 1,200 while it became a model for evangelical ministry in America's cities. In addition to a full range of adult fellowship groups and classes, specialized outreach ministries to international students, women with crisis pregnancies, the homeless, and those with HIV virus and their loved ones, Dr. Boice and his wife led the church in 1983 to establish City Center Academy, a college-preparatory high school for inner-city youth. The annual church budget grew from \$100,000 to over \$2 million.

Since 1969 Dr. Boice has been heard on The Bible Study Hour, now broadcast on 238 radio stations around the country. In 1985 he assumed the presidency of Evangelical Ministries, Inc., the program's parent organization. In 1994 Dr. Boice joined with other evangelical leaders in founding the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals, calling Christians to repent of their worldliness and to recover the great salvation doctrines of the Bible as the Reformers did in the sixteenth century. Dr. Boice served as president of the Alliance, which now produces The Bible Study Hour and The White Horse Inn radio programs, *Modern Reformation* and *God's Word Today* magazines, and sponsors conferences and seminars.

For twenty-seven years, Dr. Boice was chairman of the annual Philadelphia Conference on Reformation Theology, which has brought in-depth study of major biblical doctrines to thousands of people in cities across the United States and Canada. Known as a champion for the inerrancy and sufficiency of Scripture, Dr. Boice served as Chairman of the International Council on Biblical Inerrancy from its founding in 1977 until the completion of its work in 1988. At the time of his death he served on the Board of Trustees of the Huguenot Fellowship and on the Board of Directors of BSF International, an interdenominational Bible study fellowship of nearly 1,000 classes on six continents.

A prolific author, Dr. Boice wrote or contributed to over sixty books on a wide variety of biblical and theological themes. Recently *World* magazine named his four-volume commentary on Romans as one of the best books of the twentieth century. Also an excellent editor, he served as an assistant editor of *Christianity Today* in Washington, D.C., from 1966-1968, and as editor of *Eternity* from 1985-1989.

Dr. Boice was an enthusiastic and prodigious world traveler. He journeyed to more than thirty countries on most of the world's continents and taught the Bible in such countries as England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Canada, Japan, Australia, Guatemala, Korea and South Africa.

Born in Pittsburgh, Dr. Boice graduated from the Stony Brook School on Long Island, N. Y. and later served on its Board of Trustees from 1970-1982. He held degrees from Harvard University (A.B.), Princeton Theological Seminary (B.D.), the University of Basel, Switzerland (D. Theol.), and the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church (D.D., honorary).

Dr. Boice is survived by his wife of 38 years, Linda Ann Boice (nee McNamara); three daughters, Elizabeth Boice Dawson, Heather Louise Boice, and Jennifer Boice Rainer; his mother, Mrs. Jean S. Boice; three sisters, Judith Boice Casanova, Nancy Boice Zimmerman, and Elizabeth Boice McKinley; and three grandchildren, Edward, Alexander, and Catherine Dawson.