

*A Celebration In Thanksgiving  
~ for the Life of ~*

**Canon Charles Henry (Chuck) Perfater  
August 25, 1935 – June 29, 2019**



Wednesday, July 3, 2019  
11:00 am  
Trinity Cathedral  
801 West State Street \* Trenton, New Jersey

The Very Rev. René John, Dean



Prelude

Dr. Kerry Heimann

Organist

All stand as able

Processional Hymn 473

Lift High the Cross

(Crucifer)

*Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world \_\_\_\_\_ a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

*Remain standing, as able*

### **Opening Sentences**

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 one 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.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says the following Collect:*

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Chuck, 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD ~**

*The People are seated*

#### **The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

The Word of the Lord

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

*All say together . . .*

**Psalm 23 King James Version**

**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.**

*Remain seated*

**The New Testament Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!  
2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun goes down,  
3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;  
4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts, Bright with Thy praise,  
5. Or if on joy - ful wing, Cleav - ing the sky,

1. E'en though it be a cross That rais - eth me;  
2. Dark - ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone;  
3. All that Thou send - est me, In mer - cy giv'n;  
4. Out of my ston - y griefs, Beth - el I'll raise;  
5. Sun, moon and stars for - got, Up - wards I fly,

1. Still all my song would be  
2. Yet in my dreams I'd be  
3. An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to Thee,  
4. So by my woes to be  
5. Still all my song shall be

Near - er my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

## The Gospel: John 10:11-16

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Eulogy

Susan Zitofsky  
Jeff Perfater

*All stand as able*

## Hymn 691

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee**  
(*Olivet*)

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

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guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

*The People are seated*  
**The Homily**

**The Very Reverend René R. John**  
**Dean of Trinity Cathedral**

*All stand, as able*

*Celebrant:* In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Celebrant and People:*

**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.**

*Remain standing, as able*

**The Prayers of the People**

*Deacon:* 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 – June, Susan, Jeff, and their family - 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 Chuck 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.**

## **The Peace**

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

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

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Remain standing, as able*

**Hymn 358**

**Christ the Victorious**  
*(Russia)*

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1 Christ the Vic - to - ri - ous, give to your ser - vants  
 2 On - ly Im - mor - tal One, Might - y Cre - a - tor!  
 3 God - spo - ken pro - phe - cy, word at cre - a - tion:  
 4 Christ the Vic - to - ri - ous, give to your ser - vants

rest with your saints in the re - gions of light.  
 We are your crea - tures and chil - dren of earth.  
 "You came from dust and to dust shall re - turn."  
 rest with your saints in the re - gions of light.

Grief and pain end - ed, and sigh - ing no long - er,  
 From earth you formed us, both glo - rious and mor - tal,  
 Yet at the grave shall we raise up our glad song,  
 Grief and pain end - ed, and sigh - ing no long - er,

there may they find ev - er - last - ing life.  
 and to the earth shall we all re - turn.  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"  
 there may they find ev - er - last - ing life.

~ THE HOLY COMMUNION ~

*Remain standing, as able*  
**Eucharistic Prayer II**

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People:** **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds . . .*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Celebrant and People:**

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### Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues . . .*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he

gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

### **Our Father . . .**

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

*Celebrant:*  
*People:*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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**Agnus Dei**

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

*All are welcome to make their Communion at the Lord's table. If you are unable to come forward, notify an usher, and Communion will be brought to you.*

## Music at Communion:

### Solo

### O Fix Me

Traditional Spiritual

*Canon Deborah Ford, Soprano*

### Anthem

### How Great Thou Art

Douglas Andrews

*The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir  
of Trinity Cathedral*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All stand as able*

### Post-Communion Prayer

***Celebrant and People:* 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.**

## ~ THE COMMENDATION ~

*Please remain standing as able*

*The Celebrant says . . .*

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

***People:* where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Celebrant:* Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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.

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

*Celebrant:* Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Chuck. 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.**

*Celebrant:* Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead thee; and at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee, and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem.

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:

*People:* **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

*Celebrant:* May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
**Amen.**

*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; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn 376**

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### **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

*(Hymn to Joy)*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

*Please join the family for a reception in Synod Hall – all are welcome.*

*Following the reception, join us, as able for the Committal at Ewing Cemetery Mausoleum.*

~ THE COMMITTAL ~

*Celebrant:*

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.

*Celebrant:* In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Chuck; and we commit his body to the ground; \* 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.**

May he hear thy words of invitation, "Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the place prepared for you."

*People: Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend our Brother, Chuck.*

May he gaze upon thee, O Lord, face to face, and taste the blessedness of perfect rest.

*People: Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend our Brother, Chuck.*

May angels surround him, and saints welcome him in peace.

*People: Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend our Brother, Chuck.*

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, before thee live all who die in the Lord; Receive our Brother Chuck into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place. Let his heart and soul now ring out in joy to thee, O Lord, the living God and the God of those who live. This we ask through Christ Our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Gracious God, we thank thee for the gracious memories, which gather about the life of thy servant Chuck. Keep alive in us the bonds of mutual love and affection, that we may inherit the gift thou hast prepared for us in thy Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord.

**People:**      *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.**

*Celebrant:*    The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:*    Let us pray.

**Celebrant and People:**

**Our Father . . .**

*Celebrant:*    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.**

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:*    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## CHARLES HENRY PERFATER

Charles H. (Chuck) Perfater passed away June 29, 2019. He leaves behind his loving wife of 63 years, June Cooper Perfater; his son, Jeffrey, of Atlanta, Georgia, his daughter, Susan Zitofsky and one grandson Alexander (Sasha) Zitofsky, of Fanwood, NJ. He was predeceased by his father, Charles Henry Perfater and his mother Alice Wimpenny Perfater. He is also survived by his sister, Elaine Haney, and her four sons and their families.

Chuck was a lifelong resident of Ewing Township. Shortly after graduating from Trenton High School in 1953, Chuck went to work for NJ Bell Telephone Company as a splicer's helper/lineman. In 1960, he was selected to enter a competitive, advanced management development program.

This opened the door for a rotational management experience in various departments with increasing responsibilities. In 1983, after numerous middle and upper management assignments he was named General Manager, Installation & Maintenance for NJ Bell. Later that year, as a result of the AT&T Divestiture, he transferred to AT&T as Area Vice President for NJ. In 1985, Chuck was named Area Vice President for the state of New York. He retired from AT&T at the end of 1989 as Access Vice President – Eastern Region. During these years, Chuck took numerous bachelor's and master's college courses at Rider, Rutgers, Penn State, and via the AT&T Advanced Management Program.

After retirement, Chuck began a second career as an independent management consultant, largely in the telecommunications arena, which he continued for over a dozen years, including a six month stint in Mexico. His consulting business was interrupted in 1994-1996 when he accepted the call to be the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Episcopal Diocese of NJ. In 2003, Chuck was recruited to be the Executive Coordinator of Province II of the Episcopal Church, a position in which he served until April, 2017.

Chuck has been a lifetime parishioner at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral where he has served in many leadership capacities, including Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Stewardship Chair and Chair of the Trinity Cathedral Community Day Golf Event for ten years. He also served as a lay Eucharistic minister, usher and lay reader.

In the late 1980s, Chuck began a long series of activities with the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey. His initial leadership role was on the Committee for a Unified Budget Exploration, followed by the CFO role in 1994, multiple terms on the Finance & Budget Committee. He has served on the Audit Committee, Board of Missions, Diocesan Council, Episcopal Election Committee, Stewardship Commission and two terms on the Standing Committee.

In addition to serving the Diocese, Chuck has contributed to the wider Church as a six time deputy to its General Convention, where he was assigned to the Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance.

Chuck and June have maintained a summer home on Long Beach Island, where Chuck had become quite active at St. Peter's at the Light Episcopal Church, including service on the Futures Committee. He was also a multi-term President of the North Beach Taxpayers' Association. For over thirty years, Chuck was very active in the American Heart Association, including election as Chairman of the Board, NJ Heart Association, and Vice President of the Regional and national organization.

His hobbies included golf, cooking, travel and until recently, skiing. He had been heavily involved in researching his family genealogy. In fact, he recently confirmed that he is a 4th Cousin of the 34th President of the US, Dwight David Eisenhower. Of little interest perhaps is the fact that Chuck has been an aggressive collector of meaningless items. For instance, his genealogy collection includes 9000 inter-connected familial names. Plus, he has accumulated over 1000 logo golf balls, all of which are displayed; well-over 300 scorecards of golf courses he played; over 1200 matchbooks from public establishments throughout the world; ski trail maps from numerous ski resorts; and hundreds of cookbooks and recipes.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Wilson Apple Funeral Home, Pennington. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Chuck Perfater's name may be made to Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08618, or to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation online at <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/PFFTribute/ChuckPerfater> or by mail to 230 E. Ohio Street, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611. More information on Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis may be found at [www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org](http://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org).

### **PARTICIPANTS**

<b>CELEBRANT</b>	The Rt. Rev. William H. Stokes, D.D. 12th Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey
<b>PREACHER</b>	The Very Rev. René R. John Dean of Trinity Cathedral
<b>ASSISTING</b>	The Rev. Dr. Peter Bridge, Priest Associate of Trinity Cathedral  The Rev. Don Turner Vicar of St. Peter's at-the-Light  The Rev. Cn. Donald Muller
<b>DEACONS</b>	The Rev. Chris Cox The Rev. Carol Gilbert
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Dr. Kerry Heimann
<b>SOLOIST</b>	Canon Deborah Ford
<b>CHOIR</b>	The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir of Trinity Cathedral

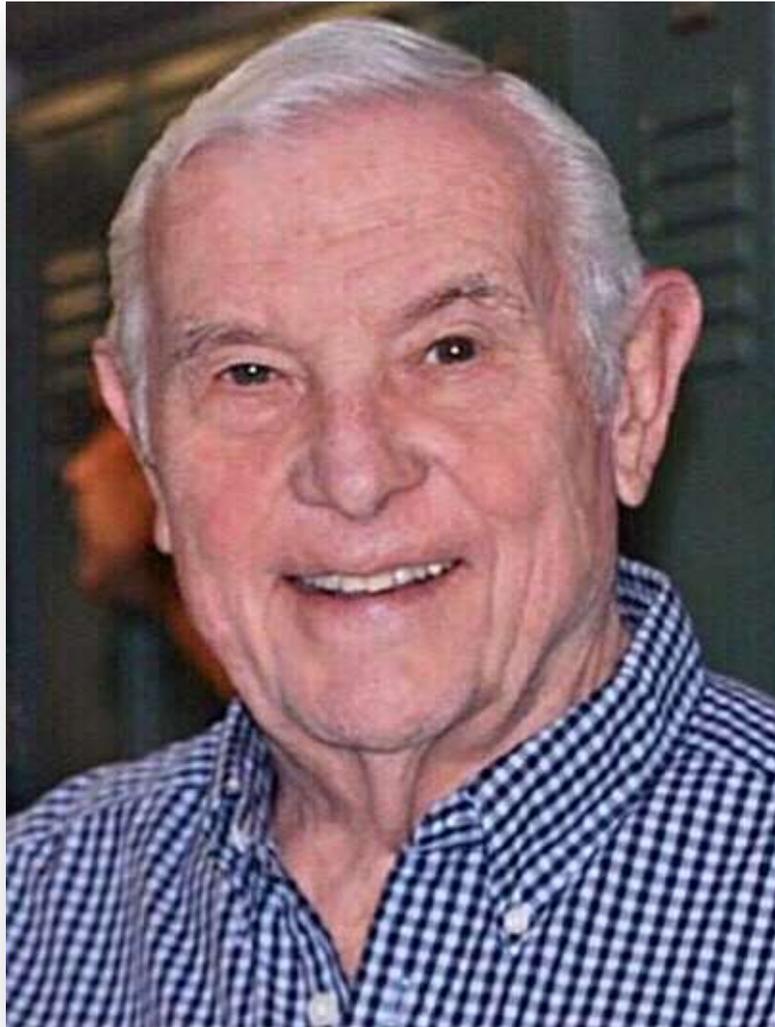
The Liturgy of the Dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the Resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor thing present, nor thing 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.” (Romans 8:38-39)

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









Canon Charles Henry Perfater

*'Well done, good and faithful servant...'*