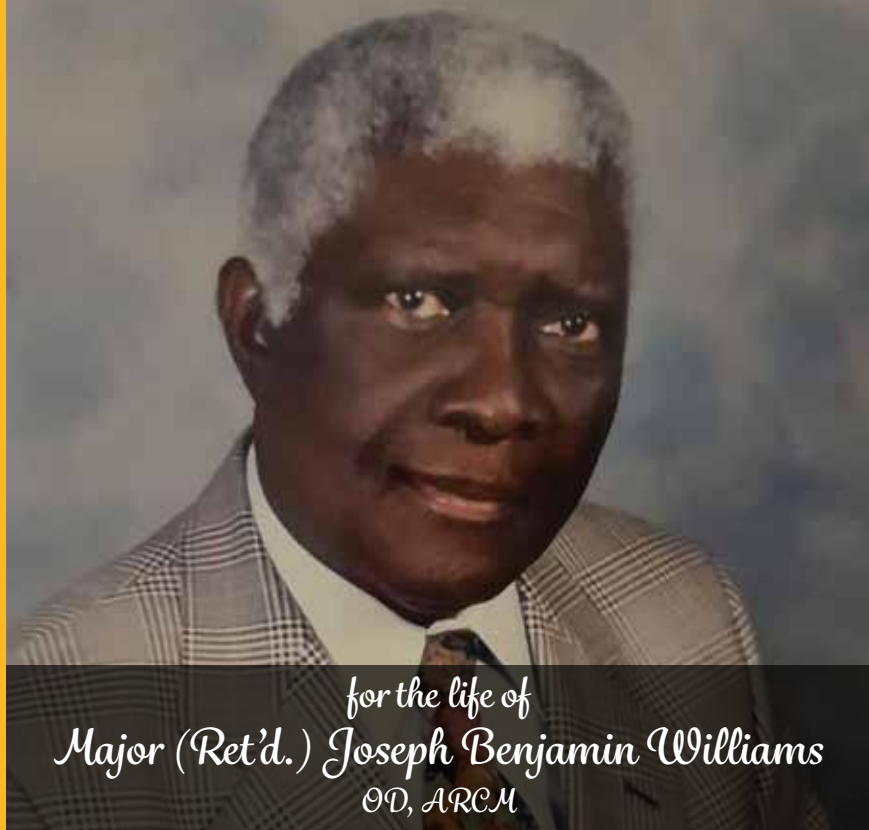


Service of Thanksgiving



*for the life of
Major (Ret'd.) Joseph Benjamin Williams
OD, ARCM*

March 2, 1933 to April 25, 2020

On Friday May 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

*The Garrison Church of the Ascension
Up Park Camp*

*Celebrant: Most Rev. Kenneth Richards
Archbishop of Kingston*

Organist: Mr. Canigga Palmer

Musical Prelude

Tributes: Song - Mrs. June Thompson-Lawson (family friend)
St. Christopher Temple and Immaculate Conception High
School (Ms. Pauline Gordon)

From his children (Debra Dodd, daughter)

Remembrance: Major (Ret'd.) Douglas E. Welds, MB.BS

Fanfare “Maestoso” – composed by Major J. B. Williams

Procession

Entrance Hymn: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

Greetings and Reception of the body

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation.
He comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables
us to comfort those who are in trouble with the same
consolation we have received from Him.

Response: **Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Priest: I bless the body of JOSEPH with Holy Water that recalls his baptism of which St. Paul wrote: All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death. By baptism into His death we were buried together with Him, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Him by likeness to His death, so shall we be united with Him by likeness to His resurrection.

Priest: On the day of his baptism JOSEPH put on Christ. In the day of Christ's coming may he be clothed with glory.

Entrance Hymn cont'd: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Light that foll'west all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Ceremony of the Paschal Candle

Priest: Behold the light of Christ.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Priest: As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the One who sent me, the night will soon be here when no one can work.

Response: **As long as I am in the world I am the Light of the world.**

Priest: I am the resurrection and the life, you who believe in Me, though you die, yet shall you live, and whosoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?

Response: **Yes we believe that Jesus is the Anointed One, the Son of God, He who is to come into the world.**

Priest: Our life is hidden now with Christ in God. When Christ our life appears, then we shall appear with Him in glory.

Response: **If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with Him.**

Priest: He who raised up the Lord will raise up JOSEPH and us along with Jesus and place us in His presence.

Response: **Both in life and in death we are the Lord's.**

Priest & Response: **We know that Christ once raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over Him. We know also that our own death is the beginning of our participation in the victory of Christ. We believe that God is faithful to His covenant and He will give us the fullness of life on the last day.**

Priest: Let us pray:
Almighty Father, you raised your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead so that we who believe Him to be the Light of the world may with Him be brought to the fullness of life in His resurrection. Grant, we ask you, that our brother, JOSEPH, who has left this world might merit your forgiveness for the sins he has committed and inherit eternal life. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Wisdom 4: 7-15 (Isabelle and Joel Dodd, grandchildren)

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord's My Shepherd
(to the tune of "The Happy Wanderer")

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;	My table Thou hast furnished
He makes me down to lie	In presence of my foes;
In pastures green; He leadeth me	My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
The quiet waters by.	And my cup overflows.

He lives, He lives, He lives
I know that my Redeemer lives
He lives, He lives
He lives within my heart

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore,
My dwelling place shall be.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 51-57
(Damion Dodd, son-in-law)

Gospel Acclamation: Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia, Praise ye the Lord

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Response: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Reading of the Gospel: John 11: 25a-26

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Most Rev. Kenneth Richards

Prayers of the faithful

Priest: My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother, but also for the Church, for peace in the world, and for ourselves. That the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given strength to express in action the word they proclaim. We pray to the Lord:

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: That those in public office may promote justice and peace. We pray to the Lord:

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God. We pray to the Lord:

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: That God may deliver the soul of his servant JOSEPH from punishment and from the powers of darkness.
We pray to the Lord:

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: That God in his mercy may blot out all his offenses.
We pray to the Lord:

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: That God may establish him in light and peace. We pray to the Lord:

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: That God may call him to happiness in the company of all the saints. We pray to the Lord:

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: That God may welcome into His glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life. We pray to the Lord:

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed. We pray to the Lord:

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them pardon they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

Meditation Hymn: It is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

It is well

With my soul

It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul

Final Commendation

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother JOSEPH. May our farewell express our affections for him, may it ease our sadness, and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, will destroy even death itself.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Prayer for Commendation

Priest: Our brother JOSEPH has gone to his rest in the peace of Christ. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us commend him to the loving mercy of our Father and assist him with our prayer. He became God's son through baptism. May the Lord now welcome him to Heaven, and, with all the saints, may he inherit the promise of eternal life.

Let us now pray to the Lord for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited one day with our brother JOSEPH. Together may we meet Christ Jesus when He, who is our life, shall appear in His glory.

Response: Amen.

Incensation

Hymn: Mother at Your Feet is Kneeling

Mother at your feet is kneeling,
One who loves you 'tis your child
Who has sought so oft to see you.
Bless me Mother bless your child
Mother when my Jesus calls me
From this world so dark and drear
From the wily snares of Satan,
Shield me, Mother, Mother dear

Plead for me when Jesus judges,
Answer for me when He asks
How I spent so many moments
How performed so many tasks

Mary oh my dearest Mother
May it e'er to me be giv'n
As on earth I fondly love Thee
So, to love Thee still in Heav'n

*Dearest Mother tell my Jesus,
How I love Him fond and true
And oh Mary, dearest Mother
Tell Him I belong to you*

Priest: Father into Your hands we commend our brother JOSEPH. We are confident that with all who have died in Christ, he will be raised to life on the last day and live forever with Christ. We thank you for all the blessings You gave him in this life to show Your fatherly care for all of us and the fellowship, which is ours with the saints in Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer. Welcome our brother JOSEPH to paradise and help us to comfort each other with the assurance of our faith until we all meet in Christ to be with You and with our brother forever. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response: **Amen.**

Psalm 116;

Antiphon: **I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Priest: I love the Lord for He has heard the cry of my appeal.

Response: **For He turned His ear to me in the day when I called Him.**

Priest: They surrounded me, the snares of death with the anguish of the tomb.

Response: **They caused me sorrow and distress; I called on the Lord's name.**

Priest: How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.

Response: **The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so
He saved me.**

Priest: Turn back, my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has
been good.

Response: **He has kept my soul from death, and my feet
from stumbling.**

Priest: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land
of the living.

Response: **Praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, forever
and ever.**

Antiphon: **I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of
the living.**

Priest: JOSEPH, may the angels take you into paradise, may the
martyrs come to welcome you on your way and lead you
into the Holy City, Jerusalem. May the choirs of angels
welcome you and with Lazarus who one was poor, may you
have everlasting rest.

Response: **Amen.**

Priest: Eternal rest give to him, O Lord.

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

Priest: May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Response: **Amen.**

Last Post and Reveille

Recessional Hymn: To God be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.



The family wishes to express our appreciation for all the calls and expressions of love and support during our time of bereavement.