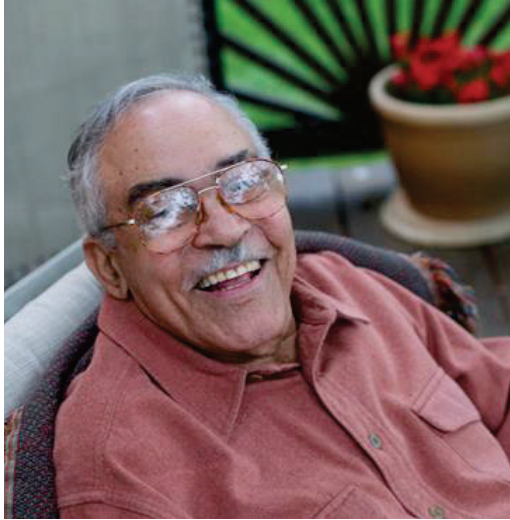


# *Liturgy of the Resurrection*

## *Celebration the Life of Lincoln Bryant Lee*

June 18, 1928 - April 9, 2014



*Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:  
And let light perpetual shine upon him*

Tuesday, April 15, 2014  
11:00 a.m.

## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

Rock Creek Church Road and Webster Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011

The Rev. Allan Johnson-Taylor, Rector & Celebrant

## *Reflections of Life*

**Lincoln Bryant Lee**, 85, passed away April 9, 2014 at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Paige Lee, on April 5, 1999.

Born on June 18, 1928 in Moncure, North Carolina to Edward and Evelyn Lee, Lincoln lived a life built upon adventure, scholarship, and family.

After attending North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina, Lincoln dutifully served in the US Army during the Korean War. He later relocated to Washington, D.C., where he worked as a Nurses' Assistant in Howard University Hospital's Intensive Care Unit for 28 years.

Outside of work, Lincoln was an avid member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer where he served as an usher and member of the Daniel E. Wiseman Brotherhood. He later became a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Lincoln was also well known for having chef-like culinary skills, a practiced green thumb, and being a consummate family man. He often took pleasure in traveling the world. From Alaska to Europe, Lincoln could regale anyone with stories from his past and present adventures – always the entertainer.

He will be remembered most by his six children: Bonita Bryant, Sharon Kittrell (Alan), Janice Blassingame, Daryle Lee (Veronica), Cheryl Morse and Micah Lee. Lincoln is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Lincoln is survived by his brother Tyrone and sister-in-laws Ruth Lee and Lena Lee. He is preceded in death by 10 siblings Nina, Julian, Marie, Thomas, Bernice, Grace, Everett, Franklin, Chloe, and DeAlbert.

He was an unforgettable mentor and companion to a host of cherished relatives and friends, whom most would agree was a great man.

LITURGY OF THE RESURRECTION  
CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF  
*Lincoln Bryant Lee*

**Opening Anthem** *(all stand)*

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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.

## Hymn:

“Amazing Grace”

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1. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

## Collect

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant **Lincoln**, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## Old Testament Lesson Lamentations 3:22-26-31-33

**Nina Hopkins**

*A Reading from Lamentations*

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my  
portion; therefore I will wait for him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to

the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.

*After the Lesson, the Reader says:*

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 23 (KJV)** (said by all)

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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 forever.

**Epistle**

*1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 58*

***Robbie Robinson***

*A Reading from First Corinthians*

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For

He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. But some will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain-perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Hymn:

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

LEV ???

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

***Refrain***

*Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see.*

*All I have needed thy hand hath provided;*

*Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. ***Refrain***
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! ***Refrain***

**The Gospel**

John 6:37-40

*A Reading from the Gospel of John*

"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

# Remembrance

*Tributes to be Read by*  
**Kevin McGowan and Marcia Tuck**

## Sermon

### Solo

*“There is a Balm in Gilead”*

**Yolanda Bryant**  
*Soloist*

### **The Apostles’ Creed** *(by all standing)*

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 resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. ***Amen.***

## Prayers of the People

For our brother **Lincoln**, 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 **Lincoln**, 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 **Lincoln** 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.***

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother **Lincoln**, 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 Commendation**

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Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) 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(s) with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting*

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

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



## Hymn

*“Just a closer walk with Thee”*

LEV ???

1. I am weak, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

### ***Refrain***

*Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

2. Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. ***Refrain***
3. When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. ***Refrain***

## Dismissal

*The Priest dismisses the people*

Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* Thanks be to God

## The Closing Anthems

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 you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

*God saw Granddad was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around him  
And whispered "Come with me."  
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer  
And saw him fade away.  
Although we loved him dearly,  
We could not make him stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*

*Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren*

*Until we meet again,  
We talk about you still.  
You have never been forgotten Dad  
And you never will.  
We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you will remain  
To walk and guide us through our lives  
Until we meet again.*

*Sons and Daughters*



### *Pall Bearers*

Nephews

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of Lincoln Bryant Lee expresses sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone for the many acts of kindness and love. May the blessings of God be upon you.

### *Interment*

Bryant Memorial Cemetery  
Moncure, North Carolina

### *Repast*

Family and friends are invited to St. Paul's Center immediately following the funeral service.

### *Arrangements*

McLaughlin Funeral Services  
2518 Pennsylvania Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20020