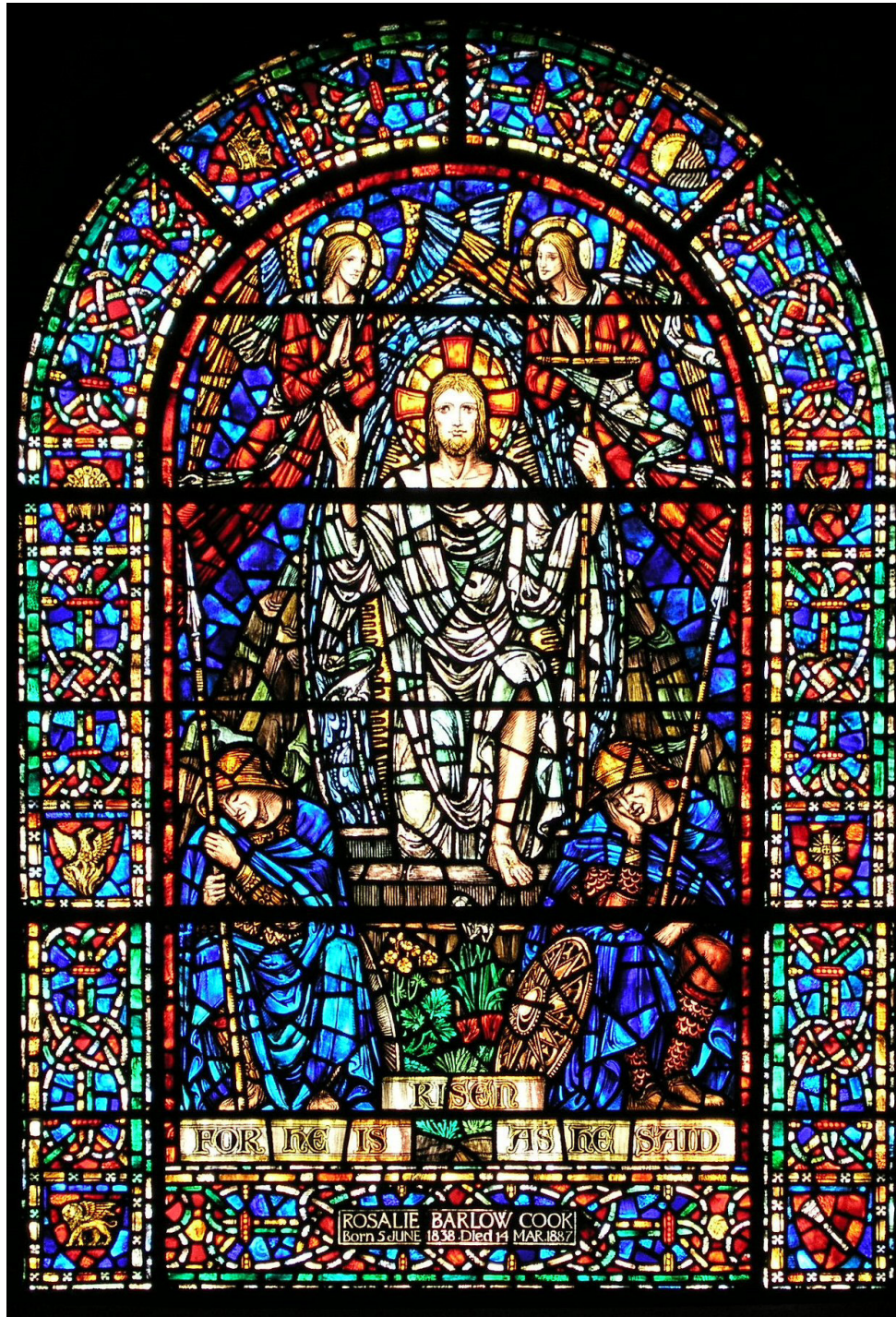


A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving  
for the Life and Ministry of  
**THOMAS RICHARD BROUS**  
JANUARY 7, 1943–JUNE 24, 2023



July 24, 2023 • 11 a.m.  
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral  
Kansas City, Missouri

Welcome and God’s peace to all who gather here today to give thanks to God for the life and ministry of **Thomas Brous**. You are invited to take part in the service as indicated in the order of service. Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (\*). Page numbers are from the *Book of Common Prayer*.

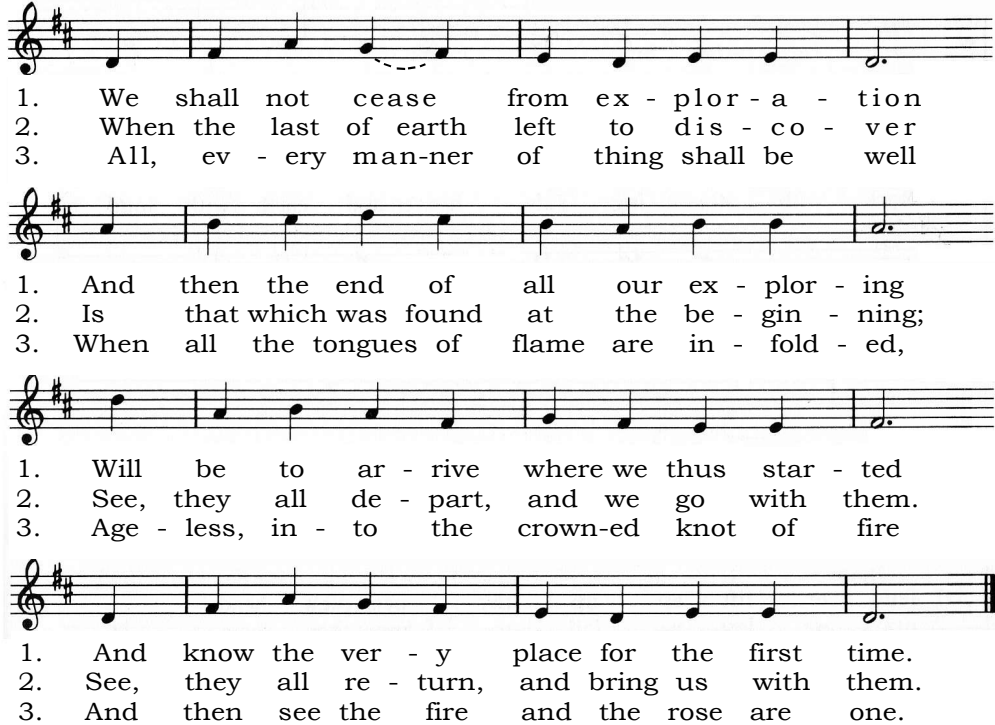
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PROCESSIONAL ANTHEM “I Know That My Redemer Liveth” George Frideric Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. (Job 19: 25-26)  
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep. (1 Corinthians 15: 21-22)

WELCOME

\* HYMN: “My Next Adventure” adapted from T.S. Eliot



1. We shall not cease from ex - plor - a - tion  
2. When the last of earth left to dis - co - ver  
3. All, ev - ery man - ner of thing shall be well

1. And then the end of all our ex - plor - ing  
2. Is that which was found at the be - gin - ning;  
3. When all the tongues of flame are in - fold - ed,

1. Will be to ar - rive where we thus star - ted  
2. See, they all de - part, and we go with them.  
3. Age - less, in - to the crown - ed knot of fire

1. And know the ver - y place for the first time.  
2. See, they all re - turn, and bring us with them.  
3. And then see the fire and the rose are one.

Words: adapted 2023 from section V of “Little Gidding,” the last of *Four Quartets*, by T S Eliot (1888-1965)  
Music: Susum Corda, Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971) 10.10.10.10

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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 Tom, 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.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "The Call"

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes a guest.

R. Vaughan Williams

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move:  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

—Text: George Herbert

REMEMBRANCES

Anna Mills and Joel Brous  
Reed Kroh  
Phoebe Brous

\* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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All 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.



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

\*The bracketed notes are to be treated as triplet groups.

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\* THE GOSPEL: John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Word of the Lord  
 Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

\* CONCLUDING HYMN: 488 "Be thou my vision"

Hymnal 1982

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,  
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!  
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860–1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874–1948).  
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\* THE COMMENDATION

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

\* DISMISSAL

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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A luncheon follows in Founders' Hall. All are invited.

*The Rev. Vern Barnet, D.Min., is minister emeritus at the Center for Religious Experience and Study and a guest today at the Cathedral.*

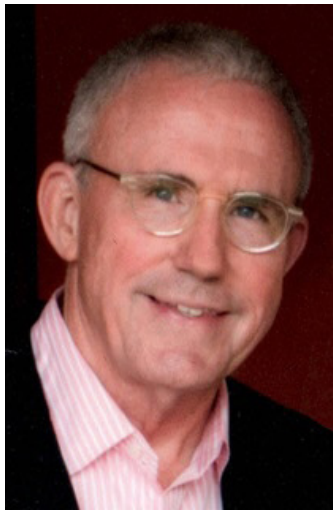
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## PARTICIPANTS

Officiant and Preacher	The Rev. Vern Barnet, D.Min.
Assisting Clergy	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, Dean
Director of Music	Dr. Paul Meier
Crucifer	Charles Shipley
Soloist	Dr. Stephanie Meyer
Lector	Sammy Mills
Ushers	Bud McDowell, Candy McDowell

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Accessible bathrooms are located across the courtyard in Founders' Hall.



## Thomas Richard Brous

Thomas Richard Brous, 80, died peacefully with family surrounding him on June 24, 2023, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Tom was born on January 7, 1943, in Fulton, MO. After his father returned home from WWII, he and his parents moved to Kansas City, MO where he attended Kansas City schools, was known as “T.D.”, and was a proud Eagle Scout. He was president of his Southwest High School class of 1961. He graduated from Northwestern University (Bachelor of Science in Economics) in 1965 and the University of Michigan (Juris Doctor, cum laude) in 1968. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity at Northwestern. He was the Assistant Editor, Michigan Law Review, 1967–1968.

While at Northwestern, he met Patty Catlin, who was also from Kansas City. They married in 1964, moved back to Kansas City, and had two children, Anna, and Joel. Tom and Patty were devoted parents, enjoyed the arts, and spending time at Ottertail Lake, Minnesota and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

After passing the Missouri Bar exam in 1968, he served four years as a captain in the Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Following military service in 1972, he spent his law career with Watson, Ess, Marshall & Enggas and Stinson LLP, until his retirement in 2016. Tom was a national speaker and thought leader in his practice focusing on taxation and employee benefits. For over ten years, he taught tax courses as an adjunct professor at the University of Kansas School of Law.

After 35 years of marriage, Patty died in 1999. Tom was blessed to meet Mary Lou McClelland Kroh through a mutual friend and they were married in 2001. Tom and Mary Lou shared a passion for travel, T.S. Eliot, family, and each other, for 21 glorious years.

Tom was a philanthropist, serving as a trustee for Kansas City Repertory Theatre, The Barstow School, and various other boards and organizations, as well as an active member at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church (serving multiple terms on the Vestry including Senior Warden and Chancellor) and Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral (Chancellor).

Tom was a voracious, life-long reader, published author (*Why Read Four Quartets?*), avid runner, loyal attendee of Anna and Joel’s sporting events as they grew up, movie buff, fan of Northwestern and Michigan football, art and theater enthusiast, and Civil War expert.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents, Richard Pendleton Brous, and Augusta Gilpin Brous, and first wife Patty Catlin Brous. Tom leaves his second wife Mary Lou Brous, children Anna Catlin Brous Mills and Joel Pendleton Brous (Carrie Brous), stepsons Bradford Piersol Kroh (Jan-Marie Kroh) and Miles Reed Kroh (Alice Kroh) and eleven grandchildren: Skylar Catlin Mills, Samantha Reddington Mills, Sloane Grace Mills, Zoe Catlin Brous, Phoebe Callin Brous, Sophie Mulholland Brous, Caroline Grace Kroh, Claire McClelland Kroh, Brigid Christine Kroh, Emily Elizabeth Kroh and John Patrick McClelland Kroh.

Donations in Tom’s name will be graciously accepted by St. Luke’s Hospice House, [saintlukesgiving.givevirtuous.org](https://saintlukesgiving.givevirtuous.org).

“I’m looking forward to my next adventure.”



This photo was taken at Burnt Norton manor house near Chipping Campden, England, best known for being the inspiration for T.S.Eliot’s poem of the same name.