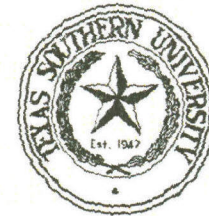




IN LOVING MEMORY
OF



EVERETT OWENS BELL

SERVICES

Thursday, September 6, 2007
11:00 AM

St. James' Episcopal Church

3129 Southmore Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77004



THE REVEREND CANON JOHN LOGAN
THE REVEREND J. WILLIAM DEFORST
THE REVEREND ROBERT MOORE
Officiants

Obituary

EVERETT OWENS BELL (1918-2007)

EVERETT OWENS BELL passed away in St. Dominic Village Nursing Home on August 30, 2007, after a lengthy illness. He was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi on September 23, 1918, one of ten children to Allie Glee and Ebb Owens Bell.

He grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. After high school graduation, he entered the University of Kansas. His studies were interrupted by service in the United States Army from 1941-1945, where he attained the rank of Captain. Upon returning to the University of Kansas, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and the LLB degree. He then began a life of service and dedication to his community and to his church.

In 1994, Mr. Bell retired from Texas Southern University after 46 years of service in several capacities. He came to TSU in 1948 as Registrar and Assistant Professor in the School of Law, which would later be designated The Thurgood Marshall School of Law. He became Director of Personnel in 1955 and also Assistant to the President, a position he held under seven administrations. In addition to this position, he was appointed as Executive Assistant to the Board of Regents in 1958. On several occasions, he served on an Interim Committee to operate the University between presidents and later as Interim President. He was appointed as the Fifth President of Texas Southern University from 1979-1980. On May 13, 1983, the Student Services Building was designated the Everett O. Bell Hall in his honor. Mr. Bell was a friend and father figure to many students who went through TSU, assisting them emotionally and financially.

Everett Bell was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection from its beginning. For many years he served as chairman of the Bishop's Committee and as a lay reader. He was very active in the Diocese of Texas where he represented his church at Diocesan Council meetings, on various committees, and meetings of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. He also served on the Executive Board and the Race Relations Board of the Diocese of Texas and on the Board of St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital. Mr. Bell transferred his membership to St. James' Episcopal Church when the Diocese of Texas closed the Church of the Resurrection.

Expressions of gratitude are given to the administrators and staff of St. Dominic Village Nursing Home for the care given to Mr. Bell during his ten years of residency there. His affairs were managed by Bettye White, who along with Janet Lightfoot and Brenda Fields, saw that he received the best care possible.

He is survived by three brothers: Claude J. Bell of St. Louis, Missouri, James W. Bell and his wife, Beatrice Bell of St. Louis, Missouri and Melvin O. Bell of Chicago, Illinois; and many nieces, nephews and loving friends.



Following a reception in the Parish Hall immediately after the service, the procession to Houston National Cemetery will leave at 1:45 p.m.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE TO:

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Scholarship Fund, 3100 Cleburne Street • Houston, Texas 77004
The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, P.O. Box 632, Ambridge, Pennsylvania 15003 *or to*
St. James' School Scholarship Fund, 3129 Southmore Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77004

Order of Service

The Burial of the Dead:

All stand while the following anthems are said

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 man 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.

Hymn 362

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Celebrant says one of the following Collects, first saying

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Everett, 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 people sit.

From the Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 121

Ruth Cross, Cantor

REFRAIN



The Lord shall pre-serve you from all e - vil.

PSALM 121

TONE Va



- 1 *I lift* up my eyes to the hills;*
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LÓRD,*
the maker of heav-en and earth.

REFRAIN

- 3 *He will* not let your foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will not fall a-sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over IS-ra-el*
shall neither slum-ber nor sleep;

REFRAIN

- 5 *The LÓRD* himself watches ó-ver you;*
the LÓRD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,*
— nor the moon by night.

REFRAIN

- 7 *The LÓRD* shall preserve you from all é-vil;*
it is hé who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LÓRD shall watch over your going out and
your cóm-ing in,*
from this time forth for év-er-more.

REFRAIN

From the New Testament

I John 3:1-2

Psalm 23 *King James Version (In Unison)*

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.

Expressions

Texas Southern University
The Rev. Bill Lawson, Pastor Emeritus, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church
Reid Kirchem

The Gospel

Then, all standing, The Minister appointed reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John 14:1-6

At the end of the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

The People respond to every petition with Amen.

The Leader says

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.*

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 St. James' and 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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And with thy spirit.

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

The Announcements

Offertory:

As The Altar is prepared for The Lord's Supper, we sing together:

Hymn 383

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

The Holy Communion

All baptized persons are welcome to share in The Holy Communion. If you wish, you may come for communion or fold your arms across your chest for a blessing from one of the priests.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, faces them and says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	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.

Commemoration of the Dead

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies 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

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts

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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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Then is said

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At Communion

Ava Maria

Bach-Gounod

Freida Malone, soprano

For the Mountains (from "Elijah")

Mendelssohn

Robert Qualls, baritone

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

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

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; 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.

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

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Everett. 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.*

The Blessing

As the body is borne from the church, we sing together:

Hymn 376

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

The Committal at the Gravesite

The following anthem is sung or said

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.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty
God our *brother Everett*; 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.*

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; through Jesus Christ, to whom be
glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

At the rising of the sun and its going down,
WE REMEMBER THEE.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
WE REMEMBER THEE.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of the spring,
WE REMEMBER THEE.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,
WE REMEMBER THEE.

At the rustling of the leaves and the beauty of autumn,
WE REMEMBER THEE.

As long as we live, he too will live; for he is now a part of us,
AS WE REMEMBER THEE.

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