



*Honoring the life of*  
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November 7, 1918 — February 21, 2018



THE BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY

Charlotte, North Carolina

Friday, March 2, 2018, at Noon

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*

—JOHN 3:16, NKJV

*W*illiam Franklin “Billy” Graham, Jr., was born on November 7, 1918, on a dairy farm less than four miles from this very spot. As a teenager he received God’s salvation and committed his life to Jesus Christ at Mordecai Ham’s revival meeting on November 1, 1934, in what is now east Charlotte. The watershed moment in Mr. Graham’s public ministry came during his Los Angeles Crusade in 1949, held in a large tent which became known as the Canvas Cathedral.

In the years that followed, Billy Graham preached the Gospel message to nearly 215 million people across six continents. His proclamation of what *the Bible says* reached around the world with God’s truth, which has given hope to the hopeless, comfort to the weary, and the way of salvation to the lost.

Billy Graham’s ministry extended far beyond stadiums and arenas, utilizing radio, television, film, print media, and wireless communications that carried the Good News that God loves His creation, inviting people everywhere to repent of sin and receive Jesus Christ as Savior.

Obedient to God’s call on his life, Billy Graham was faithful in serving as a trusted spiritual adviser to many presidents, reaching out to the needy, comforting the nation in tragedies, and doing the work of an evangelist around the globe. When asked how he would like to be remembered, he answered, “As a preacher of the Gospel of Christ Jesus.”

Billy Graham was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ruth, and the couple is survived by five children, 19 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. He is laid to rest in a simple plywood casket, matching the one Ruth was buried in, both made by an inmate serving life terms at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola.

Today in this modern-day “Canvas Cathedral,” we honor his service to the One whom he faithfully followed for more than 80 years. As Billy Graham lived, he also died—in the glorious hope of life eternal in the presence of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord ... that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”*

—REVELATION 14:13, NKJV

## *Order of Service*



### PRELUDE

JOHN INNES

*Crusade Pianist, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association*

### "UNTIL THEN"

LINDA MCCRARY-FISHER

*Musical Artist*

### WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID BRUCE

*Executive Assistant to Billy Graham*

### SCRIPTURE READING AND INVOCATION

THE REVEREND DONALD J. WILTON

*Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, SC*

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

TOM BLEDSOE

*Music Director, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association*

### FAMILY TRIBUTES

JEAN GRAHAM FORD

*Sister of Billy Graham*

VIRGINIA "GIGI" GRAHAM

*Daughter of Billy Graham*

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ

*Daughter of Billy Graham*

RUTH GRAHAM

*Daughter of Billy Graham*

THE REVEREND NELSON "NED" GRAHAM

*Son of Billy Graham*

### "ABOVE ALL"

MICHAEL W. SMITH

*Musical Artist*

### INTERNATIONAL TRIBUTES

THE REVEREND SAMI DAGHER

*Pastor and Church Planter, Middle East*

THE REVEREND BILLY KIM

*Chairman, Far East Broadcasting Company, Korea*

### "BECAUSE HE LIVES"

GAITHER VOCAL BAND

*Musical Artist*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE REVEREND ROBERT CUNVILLE

*Associate Evangelist, India*

*Billy Graham Evangelistic Association*

### GOSPEL MESSAGE

THE REVEREND WILLIAM FRANKLIN GRAHAM, III

*President and CEO*

*Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Samaritan's Purse*

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"To God be the Glory"

### CLOSING PRAYER

THE REVEREND GEORGE E. BATTLE, JR.

*Senior Bishop, AME Zion Church, Charlotte, NC*

### BAGPIPE ESCORT

WILLIAM BOETTICHER

*Pipe Major*

### POSTLUDE

JOHN INNES

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISMISSAL

THE REVEREND VIKTOR HAMM

*Vice President of Crusade Ministries*

*Billy Graham Evangelistic Association*

*The children of Billy Graham thank you for joining them today  
to celebrate the life of their beloved father and will be available  
at the main exits to greet you following the service.*

## *Congregational Hymns*

### ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

#### *Verse 1*

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

#### *Verse 2*

Let every kindred, every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
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And crown Him Lord of all.

#### *Verse 3*

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

*Edward Perronet (1726–1792),  
music by Oliver Holden (1765–1844)*

### TO GOD BE THE GLORY

#### *Verse 1*

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.

#### *Verse 2*

O 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.

#### *Verse 3*

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.

#### *Refrain*

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

*Fanny J. Crosby (1820–1915),  
music by William H. Doane (1832–1915)*



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MORE ALIVE THEN THAN  
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