

MEMORIAL SERVICE

50th Anniversary of Hurricane Camille

August 17, 2019



Church of the Redeemer
5:00 P.M.
Biloxi, MS

Invocation

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.

<i>The Celebrant says</i>	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	And also with you
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of those remembered today and grant *them* an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Welcome

The Rev. Chris Robinson

A Reading from the 21st Chapter of Revelation:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away. And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my child.

Reading of the Names

Roses are presented as the names are read.

Deceased

Granville H. Alexander	Myron F. Bundy
Granville "Jack" Alexander	Bridget Burton
Huey J. Alexander	Myrtle Mae Burton
Mary Alexander	Tom Charmichael
Karl S. Axtater	Catherine Chauvin
Fanny Alice Brown Bagg	Christine Marie Chauvin
Hannah Levy Barker	Diedra Lenell Chauvin
Leonard Barnes	James Matthew Chauvin
Arden Mary Barrett	Teresa Wanda Chauvin
Charlotte Joan Barrett	Maude Colbet
Victoria Arlene Barrett	Cynthia Cornell
Janet Bellehumer	William Howard Covington
Amelia Beniot	Anna Dambrink
Deborah Hewes Berry	Elizabeth Dambrink
Renee L. Bettencourt	John Dambrink Sr.
Theresa A. Bettencourt	Aline Daniels
Elizabeth Bishop	Bonnie Holcomb Demetz
William Harold Bloodworth	Arthur Dykes
Merland John Boyer	Mary Eaton
Florence Brown	Julia McDonald Everett
George Brown	Edward Mortenson Farmer

James Beryl Farmer
Fred E. Gerlach, Jr.
Shirley Ann Geshke
Mamie Johnson Gianelloni
James J. Gilbert
Marie Joullian Gilbert
Andrew Green
D. L. Griffin
Frances G. Halat
Jerry Hall
Helen Vincent Hardin
Helen Iva Mae Holifield
Vera Pearl Holifield
Margaret L. Hollins
Emma Lyons Hosch
Bessie Sigsworth John
William Henry John
Charles Douglas Jones
Helen Freebold Jones
Merwin J. Jones
Phoebe L. Jones
George Henry Kamlade
Frances Eleanor Kassum
Luane Marie Keller
Elsa Logan
Annabelle Majorie Luttge
Francis Ann Magee
Stacy Diana Magee
Jack Ford Matthews
Clare Bancroft Mayer
Olive Whitehead Huitt McBryde
Hugh J. McDonald
Violet McDonald
Lamont Mitchell
Roy Michael Moffett
Anneas Saadi Moses
Elmer Lawrence Nelson
Jessie Lucinda Nelson
Nyme Joseph Newman
Willie James Norman

Erwin Harrison Oelke
Evelyn Jeanette Oelke
Ramey Oelke
Rebecca Oelke
Gilbert O'Neill
Genevieve Newman Owen
Sam Owen
John Henry Palmer
Roosevelt Palmer
Hattie Bell Plummer
Emile Prager
Irene McCollum Prager
Peter John Rabito
Joseph Carl Rich, Sr.
Nellie Naomi Rich
Emmett S. Robinson, Jr.
Virgil Fred Rose
Arthur R. St. Onge
Fannie Elizabeth Savage
Charlotte Ruth Schustedt
Fred Nathaniel Schustedt
Andrew Hartwig Schuyten, Jr.
Andrew Hartwig Schuyten, Sr.
Kathleen Rivers Simmons
George Robert Smith, Jr.
Helen Elizabeth Smith
Margaret Rose Smith
Mary Belle Mabry Smith
Willie Stallworth
Selma Faye Sykes
Cornelius E. Talbert
Maris Stella Tucei
Alvin G. Wagner
Leone Welch
Anna W. Williams
Charles D. Williams
Clara Mae Williams
Deborah Williams
Eddie K. Williams
Esther L. Williams

Floyd Williams
Jeremiah M. Williams
Myrtle M. Williams

Sylvester Williams
John Walter Wozniak
Sheldon T. Wozniak

Unknown

Faith
Hope
Charity

Missing

Bradford Van Allen
E. W. Bielar
Mrs. Byrd
Billie Caroll Carter
Robert Carter
John Cartwright
Richard D' Hevreaux
John L. Dorsey
John Encaleda
Dorothy Fretwell
Richard Terry Gantly
Robert Geodal
Betty Gill
Billy Wayne Grice
Sybil Karel
Oscar King
Vondale Knott
Tom Ladner
Mother of Tom Ladner
Mrs. Adams Lamarre
Norman Joseph Lapeyrouse
Mr. Lehman
Mrs. Lehman
Zoe Matthews

Bonita Moore
Allie M. Moran
Clara Redmond
Frederick Redmond
Corvan Joseph Robichaux
Leslie J. Roussell
Robert F. Sheppard
Marie Louise Smith
Mary M. Smith
Mrs. Spaw
Helen Elizabeth Smith
Margaret Rose Smith
Mary Belle Mabry Smith
Willie Stallworth
Selma Faye Sykes
Cornelius E. Talbert
Maris Stella Tucei
Larry Zane Watkins
Ed Williams
Larry Williams
Leo Williams
Margie Williams
Maxine Williams
Otis Williams

The Prayers

The Celebrant says God in your mercy, Hear our prayers

Prayer for First Responders

Almighty God, we give thanks for all those who, in moments of danger or times of crisis, step forward to serve as Christ in their community. They may be gone, but they are with us still. The lives they lived give us the strength to carry on. We, the living, carry these brave souls with us, their voices call to us to continue the fight, to care for the wounded, to protect the innocent, and defend the defenseless. Welcome those who have died in service into your glory and confirm in those still with us the grateful thanks of your people everywhere. **Amen.**

Together, let us pray,

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a religious, and holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray as Christ taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Compassionate God, draw near to us as we remember this time of sorrow and anguish, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in despair, and lead us all to fullness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

The Blessing

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us forever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

We would like to thank all of our guests for coming out and helping us to remember the victims of Hurricane Camille. An invitation has been extended to all to gather at 6pm at the Seafood & Maritime Museum.

THE HURRICANE CAMILLE MEMORIAL

The Episcopal Church of Redeemer, the first Protestant church in the City of Biloxi, maintained a prominent presence on the corner of Beach Blvd and Bellman Street for over 100 years before being moved to its current location on Popp's Ferry Road. Hurricane Camille's devastation of the Mississippi Gulf Coast on August 17, 1969, included destruction of the Church and left only the Bell Tower which remained as a symbol of hope and gratitude, allowing residents to focus not on the loss but on what was left behind as well. Biloxi residents who lived in the area and survived Camille's rampage reported that in the dark of the night, as they clung to trees or cowered in attics praying for help, the bell tolled giving hope that they, too, might escape from Camille's deadly effects.

Redeemer quickly rebuilt after Camille by repairing and renovating the Parish Hall and converting it to the Church, ultimately building another Parish Hall. The bell tower remained, unattached from the newly renovated church, and served as a place of prayer open to the public at all times. Many baptisms of Redeemer children and grandchildren occurred in the Bell Tower over the years.

In 1999—30 years after Camille and 150 years after the church's birth—Redeemer's then Priest Harold Roberts suggested a Memorial to Camille victims be erected on church grounds. He appointed as chair of the committee Julia Guice, a Redeemer congregant, local historian and former director of the Biloxi Civil Defense during Hurricane Camille. Julia and her husband Wade Guice—the Harrison County Civil Defense Director -- held significant roles in the recovery of the community in the aftermath of Hurricane Camille. The committee also included multiple other church and local leaders.

Ground-breaking of the Memorial occurred on Camille's 30 year anniversary, August 17, 1999. After raising over \$100,000 and years of dedicated work by many, the Camille Memorial was dedicated at a memorial service on August 17, 2004. The memorial includes walls listing the names of the verified 131 deaths and 41 missing. Among the deaths were those unidentified victims named only as Faith, Hope, and Charity. A beautiful mosaic in the cyclonic form of the hurricane was created by local artist Elizabeth Veglia. The bent flagpole, a local symbol of recovery, was included to demonstrate the Coast's hope and defiance in the face of one of the worst natural disasters to ever occur.

Sadly, this did not mark the end of Redeemer's tragedies and triumphs at the hands of mother nature. Within a year, Hurricane Katrina visited the Gulf Coast and destroyed the Church, the Bell Tower, and the recently dedicated memorial. Now, 50 years after Hurricane Camille, the Memorial continues to stand as a symbol that while battered and worn, and by the grace of God, we do recover.