

Inurnment Service for E. Peter Taflan



Earl Peter Taflan

Nov. 24, 1921 – Dec. 25, 2021

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

May 15, 2022

The Committal

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Peter, and we commit his body to its resting place; 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 to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant and People

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.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the Resurrection and the Life: Raise us, we humbly pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that when we depart this life we may rest in him, and at the resurrection receive that blessing which your well-beloved Son shall then pronounce: "Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world." Grant this, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*
Celebrant *Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*
People *Thanks be to God.*

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Pete Taflan was the patriarch of St. Paul's, devoting himself to our church over some seven decades. He was junior warden and treasurer emeritus, a member of the long-range planning and 150th anniversary committees. He served on the altar and as Mister Fix-It around the building, was often involved with youth activities and rarely missed a social or educational event at the church.

As importantly, his steady presence (seated with wife, Lennie, in the back row each Sunday) served as a reminder of the power of the church to nourish, sooth, challenge and serve God. He invited others to know St. Paul's and its "sense of peace ... as well as the architecture and atmosphere, the Book of Common Prayer."

A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Pete retired from the military with the rank of lieutenant colonel, and many at St. Paul's still affectionately called him "The Colonel."

He and Lennie, who died in 2018, first came to St. Paul's in 1953. He became a sales executive at Dyneer Corp; she was a nurse. And like many young couples, they anchored their life to their faith. St. Paul's, he recalled a few years ago, was "right in the middle of everything" with multiple choirs, a basketball team (his personal favorite), scout troops and plays. "We thrived in pretty much every respect."

Then, and in the decades to come, Pete did his all to ensure St. Paul's continued to thrive.

Pete died Christmas Day, a month after his 100th birthday, while visiting son Peter in North Carolina. He is also survived by daughter, Deborah Findlay. His cremains will rest in the St. Paul's Columbarium next to those of Lennie.