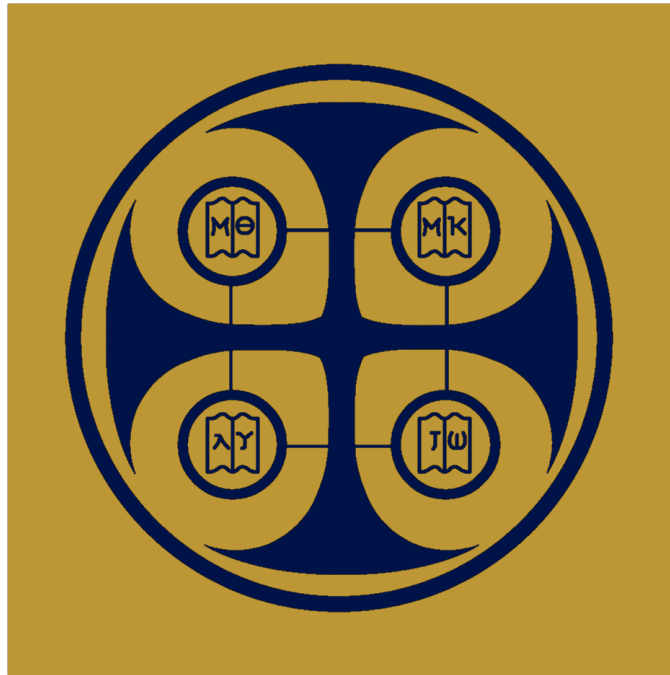


*To the Glory of God  
and the Everlasting Life  
of*



Emily Rebecca Morrison

Born: August 7, 1990

With the Lord: March 12, 2021

THURSDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL  
THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-ONE  
TEN OF THE CLOCK IN THE MORNING  
REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
AUSTIN, TEXAS



**Emily Rebecca Morrison**

1990-2021

These things I have spoken to you,

that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:11:13

# The Service of Entrance



THE PRELUDE

Dr. Stephen Burnaman

## ❖ THE HYMN OF INVOCATION

Twila Paris

Twila Paris



1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2. Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and  
3. I was so lost I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - fi - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod and to be called a Lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God. O wash me in his pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;

**People: He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.**

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Minister: Let us pray. Almighty God, you who by the death of your Son, Jesus Christ, have destroyed death, and by his rest in the tomb, have sanctified the graves of your saints, and by his glorious resurrection, have brought life and immortality to light, so that all who die in him abide in peace and hope: receive, we beg, our unfeigned thanks for the victory over death and the grave which he has obtained for us and for all who sleep in him; and keep us, who are still in the body, in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for you on earth, and with all around you in heaven, in union with him, who is the Resurrection and the Life, even Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## THE EULOGY

Mark Morrison

## THE PRAYER FOR COMFORT

Minister: Let us pray.

**People: O God of grace and glory, we remember today our sister Emily. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion console us as we mourn. Give us your aid that we may see in death the gate to eternal life for your beloved. Enable us to persevere, until we are reunited with those who have gone before us in Christ. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SONG

Jenifer Thyssen, soprano

*I Vow to Thee, My Country* – Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

(Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, 1859-1918)

# The Service of the Word



## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Lance Morrison – Isaiah 61:1-3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## THE PSALTER LESSON

Nick Morrison – Psalm 91:1-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN FOR CONGREGATION

Charitie L. de Chenez, 1841-1923

Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me  
3. Be - hold him there! The ris - en Lamb! My per - fect,  
strong, a per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
spot - less right-eous - ness, The great un - change - a - ble I  
Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there, who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
AM, the King of Glo - ry and of Grace! At one with  
grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
him, I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his  
heart. I know that while in heav'n he  
free. For God, the Just, is sat - is -  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on  
stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
fied to look on him and par - don me.  
high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

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**THE EPISTLE LESSON**

Veronica Morrison – 1 John 3:1-2

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark Morrison – John 14:1-6

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

❖ **HYMN FOR CONGREGATION**

Ancient Irish poem, c. 8th cent.

SLANE

Traditional Irish melody



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. *Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;*  
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;  
 4. *Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,*  
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
*I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;*  
 be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,  
*thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:*  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night,  
*thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;*  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:  
*thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,*  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
*thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.*  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
*High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.*  
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

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## *The Service of Prayer*



### PRAYERS OF PETITION

Minister: Let us pray to the Lord Jesus Christ: who loves us so wondrously, who is the resurrection and the life. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to trust you, Lord Jesus, for your love toward us is mysteriously deep as well as it is rich in mercy.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister: Lord, you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn for Emily and dry the tears of those who weep. You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend. Comfort us in our sorrows.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister: Give faith and courage to those who are grieving, that they may have strength to reach the days ahead in the comfort of a sure and certain hope of a blessed reunion in heaven with Emily, who is now absent from the body, but at home with the Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister: Call forth faith in all of us to look to you as the Resurrection and the Life, that the grave may prove for us to be the gate to eternal life, through which we pass together with you to our own joyful resurrection.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Minister: Jesus, we give you all praise and thanks, for by your death on the cross you destroyed the power of death and by your resurrection from the grave you have opened the kingdom of heaven to all who believe on you. Make us certain that because you live, we shall also live. Fill us with the hope that nothing—nothing above or below, no power or creature, nothing in life or even in death—can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

❖ THE BENEDICTION

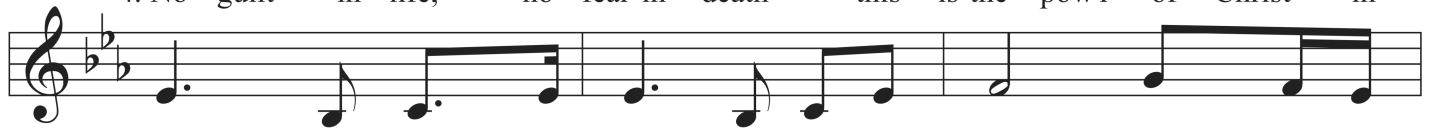
❖ THE DEPARTING HYMN

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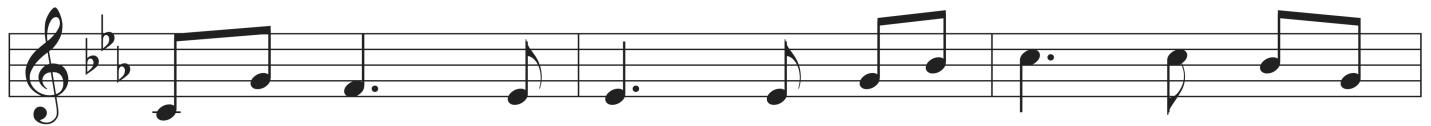
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1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my  
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less  
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death— this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; this cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the  
 babe; this gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the  
 slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the  
 me; from life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of  
 ones he came to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus  
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to -  
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of



peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for - ter, my all in  
 died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on him was  
 ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is  
 man, can ev - er pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all— here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid— here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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*Please join us, immediately following the service, for a short reception here in the courtyard.*

Burial: Springhill Cemetery (also known as Pedelo Cemetery), Rogersville, Christian County, Missouri  
 Saturday, April 10th at 1p.m. GPS-Latitude: 37.0657997 Longitude: 93.0382996



## THE LESSONS

### **Psalm 91:1-16**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,  
    abides under the shadow of the Almighty.  
He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,  
    my God in whom I put my trust."  
He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter  
    and from the deadly pestilence.  
He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings;  
    his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.  
You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,  
    nor of the arrow that flies by day;  
Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,  
    nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.  
A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,  
    but it shall not come near you.  
Your eyes have only to behold  
    to see the reward of the wicked.  
Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
    and the Most High your habitation,  
There shall no evil happen to you,  
    neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.  
For he shall give his angels charge over you,  
    to keep you in all your ways.  
They shall bear you in their hands,  
    lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
You shall tread upon the lion and adder;  
    you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.  
Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;  
    I will protect him, because he knows my Name.  
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;  
    I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.  
With long life will I satisfy him,  
    and show him my salvation.

### **Isaiah 61:1-3**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

### **1 John 3:1-2**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

### **John 14:1-6**

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.



## **A Foundation to a Meaningful Career**

SOR was the highlight of my education at Regents. I always looked forward to rhetoric classes with Mrs. Gore, as the thought-provoking topics we discussed encompassed my interests in politics and world events. However, I never expected the techniques and strategies taught in a high school class would serve me in my post-college career.

Fast forward to my two tours in Afghanistan with the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant. As a young officer, I found myself recommending future courses of action to Lieutenant Colonels, Colonels, and sometimes Generals based on the collective research and analysis of a small group of nerds with guns. I realized that my credibility and success depended on my ability to deliver intelligent, cohesive, and comprehensible arguments.

I am convinced that Regents doesn't just offer an education. Regents equips young men and women with skills that serve as both a foundation and springboard to meaningful and challenging careers. Graduates that choose to serve in the military will use the critical thinking and oratorical training throughout their military service, in some cases leaving a lasting impact on the course of our nation's foreign conflicts.

I will forever be impressed and astounded that a rhetoric class in a small high school in Austin would be a major factor in my success as an officer in the United States Army.

*Student Essay, Regents School of Austin, Class of 2008*

## Emily Rebecca Morrison

Our precious daughter and constant joy in our lives, Emily Rebecca Morrison, was escorted by flights of angels into the presence of our Lord on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Born August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1990, in Bellevue, Washington, to parents Mark and Nicole Morrison, Emily lived the equivalent of three lifetimes during her short 30 years with us. Besides her parents, she leaves behind three siblings; Nicholas Morrison with wife Sara and son Cormac (nephew), Lance Morrison, and Veronica Morrison along with Grandfather Richard Morrison, Aunts, Uncles, and cousins.

Beyond family, Emily's paramount passions were academic excellence, world-wide adventure, foreign languages, the culinary arts, her seven years of military service with specialization in military intelligence and counterinsurgency with the U.S. Army, flowers, photography, and bunnies.

Emily's childhood included family relocations from Seattle, to Colorado, Boston, California, and finally to Texas. Her passion for academics started as early as Kindergarten, culminating with her high school years at Regents School of Austin, and the University of Virginia.

Her interest in non-Western world cultures began in 5<sup>th</sup> grade while at Lexington Christian Academy in Boston, through a teacher whose brother was a freelance photographer for National Geographic. He would send his sister's class photographs of his travels to exotic locations throughout the world, and it was this experience that sparked Emily's interest in the Arabic language. Fast forward to her Sophomore year at Regents in Austin, Texas, where she was accepted to a program at the University of Texas which allowed her to parallel her Junior and Senior years of high school while simultaneously enrolled in Arabic language classes at the University. While still a high school student, Emily was also accepted into a short-term Study Abroad Program at the American University of Cairo, Egypt. Later, again at the American University in Cairo through a U.S. State Department scholarship following her collegiate Freshman year.

Upon high school graduation, she was accepted to a one-year Gap Program as an intern at King's Academy, outside of Amman, Jordan...a boarding school founded by King Abdullah whose purpose is to replicate a Western Liberal Arts education for Middle Eastern secondary students. At King's, Emily was a Dorm Mother to 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls, taught photography, coached the girls' swim team, and due to her written and literary skills, selected by the school administration to draft grant requests to world-wide donors. She took advantage of this time to travel extensively throughout Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and Israel.

Upon return to the United States, she enrolled at the University of Virginia under a full four-year U.S. Army ROTC scholarship to study Middle Eastern languages and literature. It was here that she developed a love for the Persian language and literature. In parallel to ROTC, Emily self-funded her room and board with all expenses as a Resident Advisor at Brown College on the UVA campus along with part-time work at a local café. Her UVA studies included a six-month study abroad program in Tajikistan....earning a Fulbright Scholarship, chartered to create a thesis on "Creation of a National Identity within a post-Soviet Society".

Graduation from UVA also meant her commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant with the U.S. Army. At the outset, Emily volunteered for an extra three years active duty to be added to her four-year post-graduation military obligation. Emily was so excited and extremely proud to serve two separate combat deployments in Afghanistan as a military intelligence officer. She returned with a Bronze Star and promotion to Captain.

Emily's life-long goal was to pursue higher graduate level academic achievement at a noteworthy graduate school. She was accepted to Harvard's Davis Center for Eurasian Studies Master's Program three weeks before her death, scheduled to begin classes this coming fall.

Emily was a fighter, an overcomer, very loyal to her friends, living life to its fullest in a very positive and powerful way. We miss her terribly.



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