

IN CELEBRATION OF
AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF
GLENFORD OLIVER BROWN

BORN: FEBRUARY 27, 1965
ENTERED ETERNAL LIFE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 AT 3:00 O'CLOCK PM
ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE CHURCH
THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY

Glenford Oliver Brown, RN, DNP

Born: February 27, 1965 Jamaica

Died: September 8, 2024 New York City

Glenford Oliver Brown was born in Kingston, Jamaica on February 27, 1965 and was the second child of John and Bernice Brown. Glen began primary education at the John Mills All Age School. He transferred to Alpha Primary for sixth grade and was accepted to St. George's College in September 1977, where he pursued courses in the sciences – Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Additional Mathematics, along with English Language, Literature, Mathematics, and Religion. He graduated from high school in 1982 and went on to Sixth Form for an additional two years of advanced studies.

In the 1980s he migrated to New York City to continue his studies at the City University of New York (CUNY) with the goal of becoming a medical doctor. Along the way, Glen worked as a high-level manager with various companies and eventually became a manager of several nursing units in major New York City hospitals and nursing homes, including the Bronx Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, and the Eastchester Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Glen eventually earned his DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice) in July 2019. Through his work connections, Glen never passed up an opportunity to assist those seeking help with employment within the nursing field.

For 30 years, Glen was a devoted member of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church in the Bronx, where he was the tenor section leader of the choir and a devoted supporter of the church. He sang many solos over the years and was the bedrock choir member every music director hopes to find.

Glen's hobbies and interests included working out in the gym, going to music concerts, watching his favorite cartoons, hanging out with friends (especially backyard BBQ grilling), and anything that involved helping others.

Glen was predeceased by his father (John), mother (Bernice), and sister (Sandra), and is survived by his nephew Jason, and many friends.

Glen's wonderfully fun personality, caring nature, unwavering friendship and support are all evident in the great magnitude and vast range of people fortunate to have had him for a friend.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

REVEREND LUIS VERA, O.S.A.

Pastor of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

Celebrant

REVEREND JOSEPH MURRAY, O.S.A.

Associate, St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

Concelebrant & Homilist

LECTORS

Janice Campbell

Fitzroy Williams

MUSICIANS

Daniel Kirk-Foster

Director of Music & Organist, St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

Felisha Fabian

Cantor, St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

Dionne Miller-Williams

Cantor, St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

Christopher Creaghan

Organist

Nancy Wertsch

Composer & Conductor

THE MEN & WOMEN OF THE CHOIR

SOPRANO

Ruth Chevalier

Eileen Clark

Yanick Delisca

Edras Dyanna

Lori Engle

Felisha Fabian

Manami Hattori

Rachel Rosales

Ellen Taylor Sisson

ALTO

Sarah Bleasdale

Megan Friar

Hannah Holmes

Massiel Lago

Dionne Miller-Williams

AnMarie Sandy

Suzanne Schwing

Nancy Wertsch

TENOR

Luis Asencio

Jack Cotterell

John Easterlin

Sean Fallen

Eric Lamp

BASS

Roosevelt Credit

Mark George

James Gregory

Nicholas Hay

Paul Holmes

Mark Rehnstrom

THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

PRELUDE

Choral No. 3 in A Minor

César Franck

(1822-1890)

Daniel Kirk-Foster, Organist

OPENING HYMN

CRUCIFER

Text: George Kitchen

Music: Sydney Nicholson

Lift High The Cross

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world___ a - dore___ his sa - cred name.

Verses



1. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied Bears
3. O Lord, once lif - ted on the glo - rious tree, As
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise



hosts of___ God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
on the___ brow the seal of him who died.
thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
to the___ Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

Janice Campbell

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 30

Nancy Wertsch



I will praise you, Lord, for you have res-cued me.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

Fitzroy Williams

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Jamaican Mass

Daniel Kirk-Foster



Al - le, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le, Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 6: 37-40

HOMILY

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“And I Saw a New Heaven”

Edgar Bainton
(1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.

And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.

THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CHOIR

Nancy Wertsch, Conductor

Daniel Kirk-Foster, Organist

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Response: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Response: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: **It is right and just.**

PREFACE ACCLAMATION

Jamaican Mass



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he — who comes in — the name of — the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Jamaican Mass

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion,

un - til you come a - gain, — un - til you come a - gain. —

Celebrant: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN

Jamaican Mass

A - men, a - men,

a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: **And with your spirit.**

LAMB OF GOD

Jamaican Mass

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world: have mercy on us. Repeat
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Organ Symphony No. 9 "Gothique" Op. 70

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

II. Andante sostenuto

Christopher Creaghan, Organist

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ein Deutsches Requiem

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Herr Zebaoth!
Meine seele verlanget und sehnet sich
nach den Vorhöfen des Herrn;
mein Leib und Seele freuen sich in dem lebendigen Gott.
Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen,
die loben dich immerdar.

*How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord.
My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.
Blest are they that dwell within Thy house;
they praise Thy name evermore.*

THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CHOIR

Daniel Kirk-Foster, Conductor
Christopher Creaghan, Pianist

POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM

“The Lord is My Light and My Salvation”

Noel Dexter

The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Whom then shall I fear? The Lord is my light and my salvation.
The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom then shall I be afraid?
The Lord is my light and my salvation. Of whom then shall I be afraid.

Though an host of men were laid against me.
Yet my heart shall never be afraid.
Though they rose up war against me,
yet my trust shall always be in Thee, O Lord.

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me. He shall set my feet upon a rock.
The Lord is my light and my salvation. Of whom then shall I fear?

THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CHOIR

Daniel Kirk-Foster, Pianist & Conductor

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TRIBUTES AND REMEMBRANCES

Jason Hong, Nephew

Christopher Creaghan, Friend

Dionne Miller-Williams, Friend

Mark George, Friend

FINAL COMMENDATION

Choir: Saints of God, come to his aid!
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

Response:



Choir: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Response:



Choir: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Response:



O God Beyond All Praising



1. O — God be-yond all prais - ing, We wor-ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can-not re - pay:
That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our King:



For we can on-ly won - der At — ev - 'ry gift you send,
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be filled with good or ill,



At — bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:



We lift our hearts be - fore you And wait up-on your word,
To mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.
And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.

We extend our gratitude to all who helped care for Glen, who visited, called, and prayed for him and with him. Special thanks to the staff of the Hebrew Home at Riverdale for their compassionate and professional care. Finally, thank you to all of you, who through your efforts and presence, made today's celebration a beautiful and fitting tribute to our beloved Glen.