

*A Requiem Liturgy  
In Celebration  
of the Life of  
James Michael Gorin*

*Born: June 30, 1948  
Entered into God's Glory: December 9, 2024*



*Christ Church Parish (Episcopal)  
Middlesex, VA  
Founded 1666  
Sunday, December 15, 2024  
2:00 P.M.*

**James Michael Gorin**  
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**The Burial of the Dead:**  
**Rite II**

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**2:00 p.m.**

**Prelude Music**

*All stand while the following anthems are said*

I am the 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 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 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.

**Hymn 208**     *The Strife is O'er*

*The Celebrant says the following Collect, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Mike. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament** (*sitting*)

read by Harriette Floyd

A reading from **Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33**

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.  
For the Lord will not  
reject for ever.  
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 121**

*Levavi Oculos*

read by Harriette Floyd

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \* from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord, \* the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved\* and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel\* shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
The Lord himself watches over you;\* the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

So that the sun shall not strike you by day,\*

Nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil :\* it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,\*

From this time forth for evermore.

**Old Testament** (sitting)

read by Harriette Floyd

A reading from **Revelation 21 :2-7**

And I saw the holy city, the 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,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then 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 water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn 488**      *Be Thou My Vision*

**The Gospel** (*standing*)    **John 14:1-6**

Rev. Peg Moncure

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. 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, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily**

Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe

**Remembrances**

Jack Hellems, Mike Floyd

**The Apostles' Creed** (*all standing*)

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

***He descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again.***

***He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,***

***the holy catholic Church,***

***the communion of saints,***

***the forgiveness of sins,***

***the resurrection of the body,***

***and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**The Prayers** (*Kneeling*)

*The service continues with the following prayers.*

For our brother, Mike, let us pray to our Lord Jesus  
Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw  
near to us who mourn for Mike and dry the tears of those who  
weep.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in  
our sorrow.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal  
life.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our  
brother to the joys of heaven.

***Hear us, Lord.***

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our  
consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother, Mike,  
who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism.  
Grant that *his* death may recall to us your victory over death,  
and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's  
love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led  
the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

**The Peace** (*standing*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Anthem** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

by William Bradley Roberts

**The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus (Hymnal S-130)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body,

which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mike, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

***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.***

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept.  
Then may be said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.

[All Baptized persons are invited to receive communion at this time as we look  
to our Lord to be our strength and comfort during this time of sorrow; and  
if you are not baptized, you may come forward and receive a blessing.]

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in  
everlasting life. [Amen.]

*or with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [***Amen.***]

**Communion Hymns: 439 *What Wondrous Love*  
335 *I am the Bread of Life***

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*kneeling*)  
Let us pray.

***Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

### **The Commendation**

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

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

*The Celebrant then says*

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Mike. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. ***Amen.***

**Hymn 287**      *For All the Saints*

*The Celebrant may dismiss the people, saying*

                    Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People*           ***Thanks be to God.***

**All are invited to a reception in the parish hall.**

*The liturgy for the dead is an Easter Liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.*

*The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

*This joy, however, does not make human grief un-Christian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.*

<b>Participants in the Service</b>	
Celebrant/ Homily	The Rev. Randi Rowe Hicks
Deacon/ Gospel Reader	The Rev. Peg Moncure
Vergers	Grace Parker
Organist	Libby Boyer
Crucifer /Acolyte	Jack Hellems
Reader	Harriette Floyd
Remembrances	Mike Floyd, Jack Hellems
Ushers	Jack Fackler, Dave South