

*IN MEMORIAM*  
**MICHAEL DANE MOORE**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025**  
**3:00 P.M.**

**SAINT LUKE'S PARISH**  
**DARIEN, CONNECTICUT**

## OFFICIANT

The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

## ASSISTING CLERGY

The Rev. Hannah G. Pommersheim

The Rev. Ansley E. Walker

## MUSICIANS

H. David Pulliam, *Organ*

David Martin, *Baritone*

Jonathan Henken, *Bagpipe*

## USHERS

Al Briganti

Reynolds Burgund

Walter Dodge

Rob Roberto

Per Sekse

Chip Weismiller

Alec Wiggin

## LAY ASSISTANTS

Kate Adamson

Judy Barnett

Barclay Bowen

Jim Cameron

Fred Elliott

Marjorie Neville

## SEXTON

Dave Scam

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 unchristian. 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.

**MICHAEL DANE MOORE**  
OCTOBER 1, 1952 – SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Prelude

H. David Pulliam

*Please stand as the opening sentences are said by the Officiant.*

Opening Sentences

*Celebrant* 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.

The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Michael, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Remembrances

Wilder Gleason  
Lisa Craig Brisson  
The Rev. David Anderson

Hymn

*Sung by all, standing.*

1. When peace, like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like  
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, Let this blest as -  
 3. My sin - O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My sin - not in  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

sea - bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is  
 sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - state, And hath  
 part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the  
 back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven

well, it is well with my soul."  
 shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my  
 Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well  
 so" - It is well with my soul.

soul, with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888)  
 Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

The First Reading | 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Read by Jim Craig

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

There is a brokenness  
out of which comes the unbroken,  
a shatteredness out of which blooms the unshatterable.

There is a sorrow  
Beyond all grief which leads to joy  
And a fragility  
out of whose depths emerges strength.

There is a hollow space  
too vast for words  
through which we pass with each loss,  
out of whose darkness we are sanctioned into being.

There is a cry deeper than all sound  
whose serrated edges cut the heart  
as we break open  
to the place inside  
which is unbreakable  
and whole,  
while learning to sing.

*Please stand.*

## The Gospel | John 1:1-5

*Deacon*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*People*                    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

*Deacon*                    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Homily

The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor

## The Apostles' Creed

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

*People* **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 of the People

Led by Steve Brisson

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

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Leader* Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Leader* He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*The Officiant concludes the Prayers with the following:*

Father of all, we pray to you for Michael, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

# The Peace

*Celebrant*  
*People*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

*The Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Greeting

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn *Sung by all, standing.*

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me  
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
2. near, When my life is al - most gone;  
3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
2. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I  
3. At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.  
2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.  
3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

Text & Music: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer B

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* 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 God thanks and praise.**

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 and Benedictus *Sung by all.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*The people stand or kneel as 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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,

*All*

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

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 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.

*All*

**AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*

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

*All*

**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

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People*

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Invitation to Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion, regardless of age or denomination.  
Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one.  
If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.*

Music during Communion

“Wayfaring Stranger”

David Martin

## The Postcommunion Prayer

All

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 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.

Hymn 671

*Sung by all, standing.*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
\*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus

Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (1919-2010)

## The Commendation

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

*Celebrant* 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.

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

*Celebrant* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Michael. 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.**

## The Blessing and Dismissal

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
*People* **Amen.**

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

## Postlude

H. David Pulliam

*During the Postlude, the congregation is invited to follow the family  
to the Columbarium for the Committal.*

*Everyone is cordially invited to a reception in the Anderson Youth & Community Center  
immediately following the service.*

# The Committal

*All* 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.

*Celebrant* In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Michael, 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.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

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

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

*The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words*

*People* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**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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