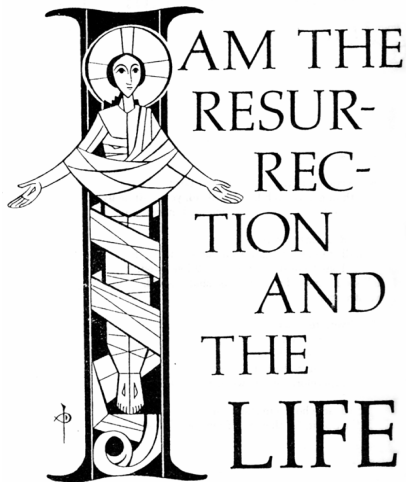


**The Rev. Michael Steven Patterson**  
**August 27, 1948 to November 6, 2023**



**The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two**

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**Sparks, Nevada**

The Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Gardner,  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, Presiding

*All stand in body or spirit*

*Bishop:*

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
Whoever has faith 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 no one 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.

*Bishop:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Bishop:* Let us pray.

*Bishop:* 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.**

*Bishop:* Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with this family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The people sit*

**The First Lesson**    *Isaiah 25:6-9*

*Lector:* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 121** *(to be read in unison)*

*Lector:* We will now read Psalm 121 in unison.

*Lector and People:*

**I lift up my eyes to the hills\***  
**from where is my help to come?**

**My help comes from the Lord,\***  
**who made heaven and earth.**

**He will not let your foot be moved;\***  
**he who keeps you will not slumber.**

**He who keeps over Israel\***  
**will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**The Lord is your keeper;\***  
**the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

**The sun shall not strike you by day,\***  
**nor the moon by night.**

**The Lord will keep you from all evil;\***  
**he will keep your life.**

**The Lord will keep your going out**  
**and your coming in\***  
**from this time on and forevermore.**

*All stand in body or spirit*

**Sequence Hymn: "Holy Ground"**

**The Gospel: John 11:21-27**

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily: The Very Rev. Kirk Woodliff**

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**The Apostles' Creed**

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

**Bishop and 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*Deacon:* For our brother Michael,  
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 Michael, and dry the  
tears of those who weep.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People: 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.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

*Bishop:* 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**

*Bishop:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*All sit*

**The Offertory Hymn: "On the wings of a dove"**

*All stand in body or spirit*

## **The Presentation**

*Bishop:* All things come of thee O Lord.

*People:* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Bishop:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Bishop:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Bishop:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Bishop:* 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:

*Bishop and People:*

**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.**

*Bishop:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Bishop and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Bishop:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Bishop:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Bishop and People:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Bishop:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People:* **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

*Bishop:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

### **Helpful Hints for Receiving Holy Communion.**

- The usher will let you know when it is time for your row to go up.
- Watch the people in front of you to get the flow of things.
- To receive the bread and if you want to Intinct (“dipping” the wafer into the cup of grape juice) the minister will place the wafer between your thumb & pointer fingers (pinch it) then you can Intinct (dip) the wafer into the chalice.
- Please do not drink from the cup. Intinction only.
- Today all chalices have **grape juice**.
- If you would like a **gluten free** wafer, either say gluten free to the clergy distributing the bread, or you can get a small black stone from the basket in the back of the worship space on the north side. Present it in the palm of your hand to the clergy and they will exchange it for a gluten free wafer.

### **Communion Hymns:**

*One Bread, One Body*

*Take Our Bread*

*Peace Give I to You*

### **Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Bishop:* Let us pray.

***Bishop and People:***

**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/Committal**

*The Bishop moves to the Paschal Candle, an outward  
and visible sign of new life.*

*Bishop:* Give rest, O Christ,  
to your servant with your saints,

***People:* Where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Bishop:* 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.**

*Bishop:* 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 into your care.

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.**

*Bishop:* Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

***People:* And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

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

### **The Blessing**

*The Bishop blesses the people and the people respond,  
Amen.*

**Recessional:** “I’ll Fly Away”

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Postlude:** “I am the Bread of Life”

**A special thank you to members of  
Dios Con Cristo and St. Paul’s Praise Team  
for supplying our music today.**

**Please join the family in the parish hall  
for a reception following the service.**



*“Rest eternal grant unto 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.”*