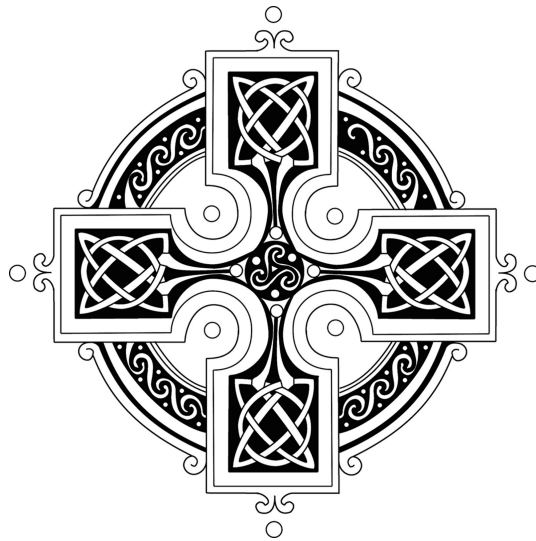


*A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Jordan James Kawalya
October 24, 2005 – June 18, 2020*



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The Liturgy for the Burial of the Dead is an Easter liturgy no matter what time of year. It finds all its meaning in the Resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too shall be raised. The Liturgy is characterized by joy in the certainty that “nothing 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, Lazarus. So, while we rejoice in the gift of the resurrection for all who believe, we in sorrow support the Kajubi family in their time of loss with the comfort we ourselves receive from our Lord, Christ Jesus. Your presence here today is deeply appreciated.

(Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices, wear masks, and maintain physical distance wherever possible in order to ensure the health of those around you.)

Prelude

Benedictus

Eric Rowley

The Tolling of the Bell

The Liturgy of the Word

Procession with Anthem (*Please Stand*)

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. *John 11:25*

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom. *Isaiah 40:11*

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!

So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors. *Revelation 14:13*

Hymn: Immortal invisible God only wise

Opening Collects:

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

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

Officiant: Let us pray

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Jordan. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion in this life. In your boundless compassion, console us as we 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.

***People:* Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Jordan and his family and loved ones in their grief, especially Jordan's parents, Fred And Rowena, his sisters Jordana, Emmanuella, and Eliana, and the many others who loved and cared for him. 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.

***People:* Amen.**

First Reading: Romans 8: 31-39

Reader: A Reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 46 (*Read in Unison*)

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 5-18

Reader: A Reading from St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn: My shepherd will supply my need

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:13-16

Officiant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Officiant: People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflections

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet

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The Prayers (*Stand, sit, or kneel as you are able*)

Officiant: For your child Jordan 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 Jordan and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Officiant: You raised the dead to life; give to Jordan eternal life.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Officiant: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring Jordan to the joys of heaven.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Officiant: Your child Jordan was washed in baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Officiant: Grant us grace to entrust Jordan to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor you have for your people.

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

Officiant: Remember Jordan's parents, Fred and Rowena. Help them to hold each other in their hearts, that this sorrow may draw them together and not tear them apart, we pray.

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

Officiant: Remember Jordan's sisters, Jordana, Emmanuella, and Eliana, that they may be enfolded in love, comforted in fear, honored in their grief, and kept safe, we pray

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

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

(A moment of silence is observed).

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

People: Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray as our Lord taught us to say,

People: Our Father who art 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 Commendation

Officiant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

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

Officiant: 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:

People: *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 Officiant, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Jordan. 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: Rock of Ages

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Suite in Five Movements

Henry Purcell

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Officiant: The Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet

Church Musician and Organist: Dr. Carl Klein

Soloist: Katie LaRochelle

Crucifer: Edith Parekh

Internment to follow at Pine Ridge Cemetery, 130 Billerica Road, Chelmsford MA 01824

