

A Celebration of the Life of
Ryan Kelley
February 19, 1959 – August 8, 2026



Saturday, August 29, 2026
11:00 a.m.

According to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
People say or sing words in **bold type**.

Clergy:

The Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko, Celebrant

The Rev. Chad McCall, Preacher

Intercessor:

Eric Malnassy

Organist:

Jean Farris Fuller

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 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. *Book of Common Prayer, page 507*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ANTHEMS

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 Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR A CHRISTIAN BURIAL

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, Ryan, 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.

OLD TESTAMENT: Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Dan Salter

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE: Psalm 23 KJV

Zack Vinson

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

EPISTLE: Revelation 21:2-7

Margie Gordon

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

Please read responsively by whole verse.

Bob Davis

Please read responsively by whole verse.

RESPONSE: Psalm 27

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1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
✠ **2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, ***
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
✠ **4 And though war should rise up against me, ***
yet will I put my trust in him.
5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
✠ **6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD ***
and to seek him in his temple.
7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

- ✘ 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- ✘ 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- ✘ 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- ✘ 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- ✘ 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- ✘ 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

Please stand and join in singing.

SEQUENCE HYMN 487

- ✘ Come, my way, my truth, my life

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

- ✘ Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-6

The Gospel of the Lord.

- ✘ Praise to you, Lord Christ.

REFLECTIONS ON RYAN'S LIFE

Zack Vinson

Dena Bila

Beverly Rexach

HOMILY

The Rev. Chad McCall

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

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Celebrant

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant

For our brother, Ryan, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,
“I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Intervenor

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Ryan 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.**

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

✠ **Hear us, Lord.**

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

✠ **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.

Officiant

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Ryan, 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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

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

OFFERTORY

Please join in singing.

Offertory Hymn 671

✠ **Amazing Grace**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, P. 361

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

✠ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠ **It is right to give him 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:

✠ **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.

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:

✠ **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ **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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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.

Please be seated.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Please form two lines in the center aisle and proceed to the Altar if you wish to receive Communion or a blessing.

If you desire a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.

Please ask an usher if you need Communion brought to you.

Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

Communion Music

Please join in singing.

Communion Hymn 620

✠ **Jerusalem, my happy home**

Please stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 with your saints,

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

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of us all; 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.**

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

BLESSING

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ✠ **Amen.**

Please join in singing.

DISMISSAL HYMN 662

✠ **Abide with me**

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

✠ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

*Please join the family in Sumners Hall, across from the Sanctuary,
immediately following the service for a reception.*