

In Celebration of and
Thanksgiving for the Life of

Leonard Kuchinski

April 11, 1976 – October 10, 2021

I AM
THE 
RESURRECTION
 AND
THE 
LIFE
JOHN 11:25

October 19, 2021 at 11:00 AM

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Cadillac, MI

We strive to live out the Great Commandment:
To love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD, RITE II

All stand as they are able to for the opening anthem.

Anthem

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 of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Leonard. 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.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Leonard's family and friends 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Reader A reading from the book of Lamentations.
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 forever. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:2-7

Reader A reading from the book of Revelation.

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 as their God; 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

John 14:1-6

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All stand as they are able.

The Apostles Creed

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 of the People

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect
in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical
body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech
thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth,
thy light and thy peace.

People Amen.

Leader Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's
death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to
newness of life, and that through the grave and
gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful
resurrection.

People Amen.

Leader Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People Amen.

Leader Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind.

People Amen.

Leader Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love.

People Amen.

Leader Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People Amen.

Leader Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

People Amen.

Leader Grant us grace to entrust Leonard to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people.

People Amen.

Leader Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom.

People Amen.

Celebrant Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord; in this season we suggest a bow, wave or other appropriate gesture.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem

Sung by The Patriot's Choir

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People Have mercy, Lord,
for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**All 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.**

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the

Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through
 Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with
 you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor,
 glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
 AMEN.

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

**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.**

The Invitation

Celebrant 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.

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. There is no one who is too old or
too young, no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the altar
prepared by a loving God for all creation by the power of Jesus Christ.
You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.*

*Please come forward to the altar through the center aisle to receive
communion. Return to your seat down a side aisle.*

*If you need a gluten-free wafer, ask the priest when you come up.
If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like a blessing,
please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

Prayer after Communion

**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 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

- 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; 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 Leonard. 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

- Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

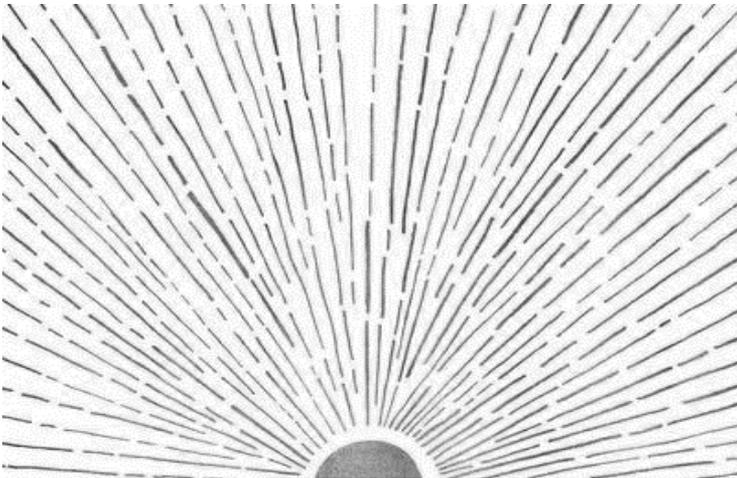
People Thanks be to God.

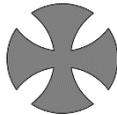
Anthem as the body is borne from the church

All Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

At this time, the family will offer eulogies.

Afterwards, you are invited to share your memories of Leonard.





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