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# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

*A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania*

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*The Burial of the Dead and Requiem Eucharist, Rite I*

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A Service for the Burial of the Dead  
and Requiem Eucharist, Rite 1

of

**Jeff C. Alyanakian**

February 2, 1958 - August 13, 2024

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please stand if you are able while the following anthem is said.*

*Celebrant*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;  
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;  
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,  
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,  
and no man dieth to himself.

For if we live, we live unto the Lord.  
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.

Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.  
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

**Hymn 304** I come with joy to meet my Lord

*Land of Rest*

*The Celebrant then says*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O** God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Jeff, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated for the readings and the psalm.*

**A Reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah**

**Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33**

*Mike Watanabe, Reader*

**T**he 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.

*Celebrant* The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

**A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians**

**2 Corinthians 4:16--5:9**

*Bob Handschuh, Reader*

**W**e 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.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

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

**Remembrances and Tributes**

*Those who are able may remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.*

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*          **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

## **The Gospel**

**John 14:1-6**

**J**esus 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 be to thee, O Christ.**

## **Homily**

**The Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith saying together the Apostles Creed,

*Celebrant and People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
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**

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

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

Grant to all who mourn, and especially to Jeff's beloved wife, Sharon and the Alyanakian Family, a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Jeff 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. **Amen.**

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

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 blessed Virgin Mary and 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 Holy Communion

**Offertory Hymn**      The day thou gavest Lord is ended

*St. Clement*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer I*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And with thy spirit.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them up unto the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is meet and right so to do.</b>

*Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a proper preface is sung or said*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*The people say together*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

*The people may sit or kneel as they are able.*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

6 By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*The people may say together in unison*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion or, if you would prefer, you may cross your arms on your chest, and the Celebrant will give you a blessing*

*The Celebrant says*

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.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## The Commendation

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the urn.*

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

*Celebrant* Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return."

All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

*The Celebrant says*

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Jeff.  
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold,  
a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming.  
Receive him into the arms of thy mercy,  
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Closing Hymn 657** Love Divine, all loves excelling

*Hyfrydol*

**Postlude** Fantasia in C

*J. S. Bach*



## The Committal

*The following anthem is sung or said*

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his Spirit that dwelleth in us. Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope. Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Jeff; and we commit his body to the ground; 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 unto him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

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**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Then the Celebrant says*

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Celebrant* Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:

*People* **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*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Jeff Alyanakian, 66, passed away suddenly on August 13, 2024 at Bryn Mawr Hospital. He was the loving husband of Sharon Alyanakian (nee Crook). They shared 12 wonderful years of marriage together. He was born in Drexel Hill, PA to Charles & Alice Alyanakian. After graduating from Marple Newtown Senior High School in 1976, he then went on to receive a B.S. in Accounting from Villanova University. In 2015, he retired from a successful career. His last position was with Covanta Energy (now Reworld™), where he was the comptroller for the waste to energy producer.

Jeff was a devoted member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Wayne, PA. He served various roles as Rector's Warden, Treasurer and Vestry throughout his spiritual life. Jeff was brought to St. Mary's by his first wife, Melissa, who guided him in becoming an active member of the church. Sadly, after 9 years of marriage, Melissa passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He was an avid golfer, fortunate enough to play at many courses across the country, including Pebble Beach in California. Sharon and their friends frequently accompanied him at various courses, enjoying the game that they all loved. Jeff was a pure gardening enthusiast. He had a true green thumb and took pride in creating the beauty that surrounded his home. Both the golf course and the garden were considered to be Jeff's happy places. He also travelled extensively across the country and around the world, including a recent trip to Japan. Hawaii was also a special vacation spot for him over the years.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife, Sharon Alyanakian, his devoted parents, Charles & Alice Alyanakian, his sister, Jill Tanenbaum, his nephew, Eric Tanenbaum and his beloved Sussex Spaniel, Franklin (his little buddy). He will be remembered for his kindness, generosity and compassion toward others.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeff's memory can be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church. You may make a donation online under Memorials at <https://onrealm.org/stmaryswaynepa/-/form/give/now> In the memo please write "In memory of Jeff Alyanakian." or you may mail a check to:

Attn: Nicole Marie, Parish Administrator, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 104 Louella Ave, Wayne, PA 19087. In the check memo please write "In memory of Jeff Alyanakian."

Committal will directly follow the service at St. Mary's Columbarium, followed by a luncheon in the Father Greene Room. You are invited to join the family at the Columbarium or you may go directly to the luncheon.

*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 those we love have entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.*

# Participants in this Service

The Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid, *Celebrant*

Liz Cochran, *Guest Organist*

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Edith Helms, *Acolyte*

Mike Watanabe, *Reader*

Jill Tanenbaum, *Reader*

Bob Handschuh, *Reader*

Joseph Dixon, *Prayers of the People*

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