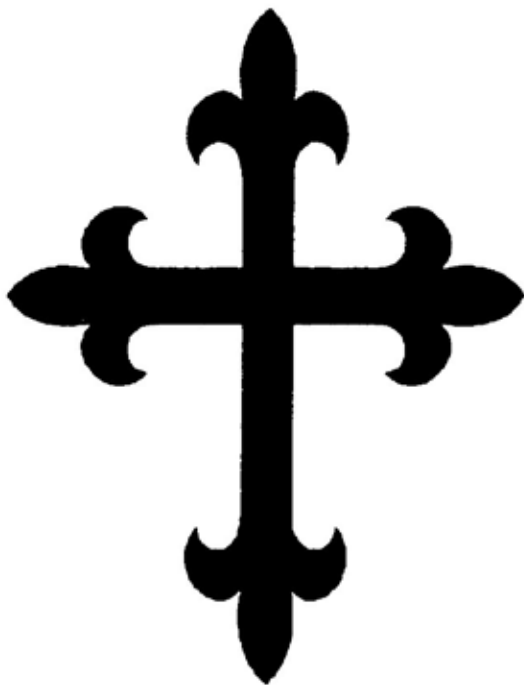


IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF  
DONALD RAY RUSSUM  
OCTOBER 30, 1942 – JANUARY 9, 2023



JANUARY 21, 2023  
2:00 P.M.  
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
680 CALDER  
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

## Prelude

### Opening Hymn 376 "Joyful, joyful we adore thee" *(Please stand and join in singing.)*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

*The Celebrant says*

I am the Resurrection and I am the 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.

*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 Don. 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.*

*Please be seated.*

### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (61:1-3)**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

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

**Psalm 23** (*Read in unison.*)

**The Lord is my shepherd; \***  
    **I shall not be in want.**  
**He makes me lie down in green pastures \***  
    **and leads me beside still waters.**  
**He revives my soul \***  
    **and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**  
**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**  
**I shall fear no evil; \***  
    **for you are with me;**  
    **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**  
**You spread a table before me in the presence of those**  
    **who trouble me; \***  
    **you have anointed my head with oil,**  
    **and my cup is running over.**  
**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days**  
    **of my life, \***  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**A Reading from the Book of Revelation (7:9-17)**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

**The Gospel** (*The people stand.*)

*Gospeler*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“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.” *John 14:1-6*

*Gospeler*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily**

The Reverend Joy Walker Miller

**Hymn 685** “Rock of ages, cleft for me” (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

**The Apostles' Creed** (*Remain standing and join in unison.*)

**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** (*Remain standing.*)

For our brother Don, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the Resurrection and I am the Life."

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

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

*The congregation may be seated.*

**Solo**

“In paradisum”

Plainsong, arr. David Hurd

Tim Foster, Tenor

**The Commendation** *(please stand)*

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

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

*The celebrant continues*

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.

*Celebrant and 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 Don. 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

Closing Hymn 671 "Amazing grace!" (Please join in singing.)

1 A - maz - ing that grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
\*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Postlude







**Donald Ray Russum**, 80, of Lumberton, died Monday, January 9, 2023. He was born on October 30, 1942, in Mississippi, to Evie Blanche Wiggins and John Henry Russum.

Donald retired from the Beaumont Rice Mill and Truck Driving. He loved to fish and dance. Donald was one of the Chili Cooker's at St. Mark's for their annual chili dinner. He volunteered at Some Other Place every Thursday.

Suivivors include his daughter, Dianne Patton and her husband, Robert, of Jacksonville, Florida; significant other, Sue Xanna Reid of Lumberton; bonus daughter, Karen Carlton and her husband, Stacey; bonus son, Bobby Schweitzer; bonus granddaughter, Brittney Bres and her husband, Dylan; bonus great-granddaughter, Adelyn Espino and bonus great-grandson, Quinn Bres; twin brother, Ronald Russum and his wife, Pre; and brother, Burdell Russum and his wife, Dionne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jimmy Russum; and sister, Kathleen Netherland.



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