



A Celebration of the Resurrection and
Thanksgiving for the Life of

Timothy Perot Greer

April 16, 1957 – July 2, 2025



Friday, July 18, 2025

Two o'clock in the afternoon

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Canaan, CT

Clergy

The Reverend Peter F. Walsh, Celebrant

Music

Ned Tipton, Organist-Choirmaster

Soloist

Ryland Angel, tenor

Remembrances

William Greer
Will, Henry, and Anne Greer

Readers

David Dewey
Chris Willis

Crucifer

Deb Luchs

Chalice Ministers

Eileen Kennedy
Deb Luchs

Ushers

Lynn Donahue
Gwen Reiss
Paul Reiss

The Liturgy of the Word

Gathering Music

Cantilene, G Major
Prelude on 'Slane'

Arthur Foote (1853-1937)
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Entrance 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 Collect

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Tim,
and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

"Be thou my vision"

Irish, arr. EJT

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1800-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.
 Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

The First Reading

2 Timothy 4:5-8

David Dewey

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *King James Version*

Led by Chris Willis

**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.**

The Gospel

John 14:1-6

The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
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 mansions. 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Remembrances

William Greer
Will, Henry, and Anne Greer

The Homily

The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

The Prayers

For our brother Tim, 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 Tim, 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.

Father of all, we pray to you for Tim, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Solo

In the sight of the unwise they seem to die

James Nares (1715-1783)

In the sight of the unwise they seem to die, and their departure is taken for misery; but they are in peace.
(Words, *The Wisdom of Solomon* 3:2-3)

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

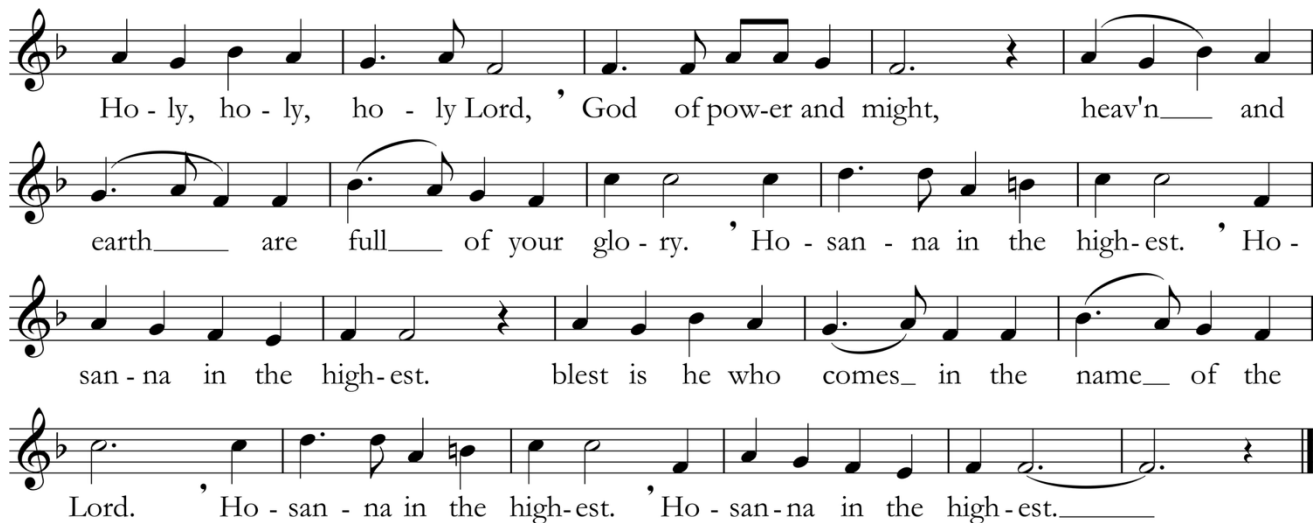
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, ' God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. ' Ho - san - na in the high-est. ' Ho -
san - na in the high-est. blest is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. ' Ho - san - na in the high-est. ' Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Music: from *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Celebrant 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:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant 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's Prayer

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.**

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.

The Ministration of Communion

During the Communion

Be thou my vision
The words can be found at No. 488, *The Hymnal 1982*

Irish, arr. EJT

Post-Communion Prayer (*said together*)

**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 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.

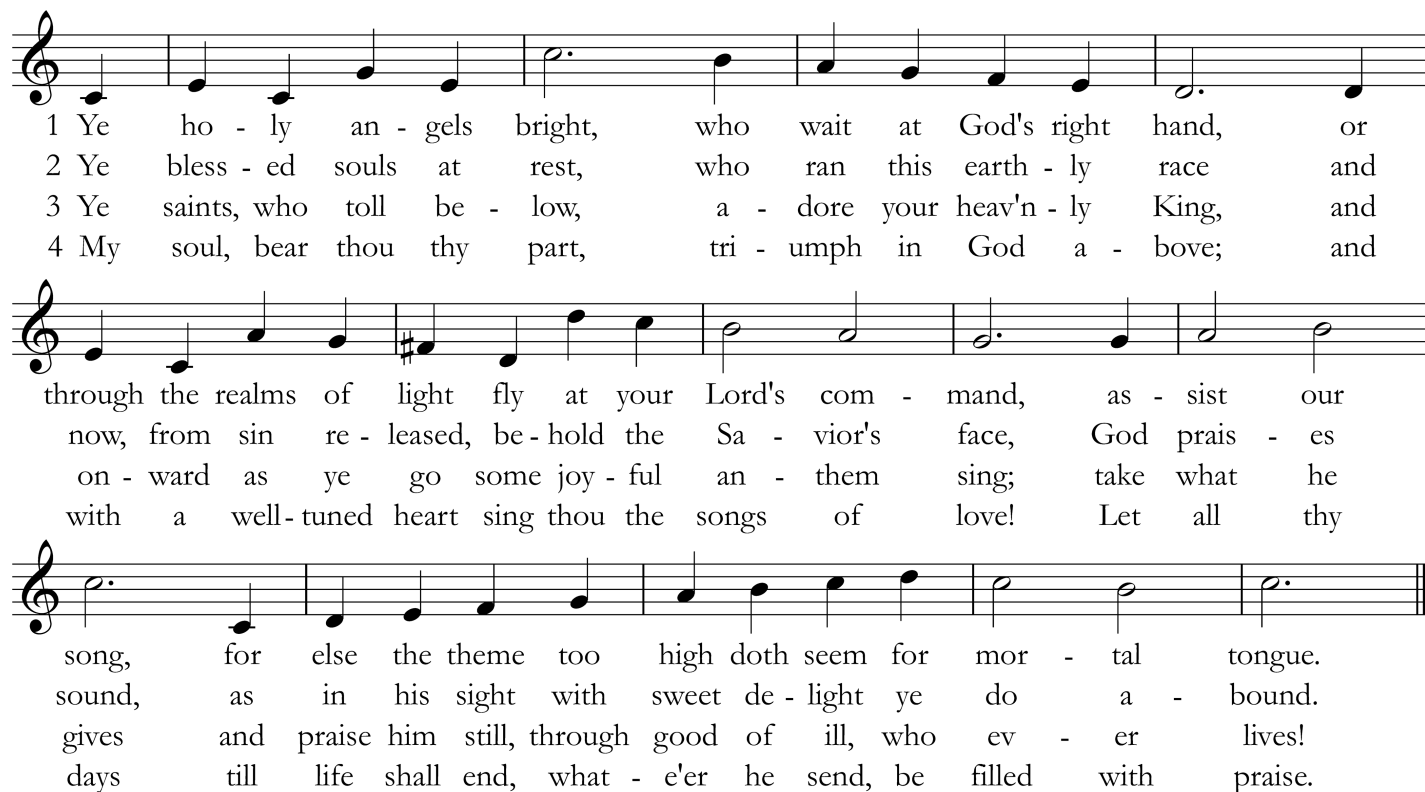
**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Tim. 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

Hymn

“Ye holy angels bright”



1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
 3 Ye saints, who toll be - low, a - dore your heav'n - ly King, and
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove; and

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God prais - es
 on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
 with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
 gives and praise him still, through good of ill, who ev - er lives!
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862)
 Music: *Darwall's 148th*, melody and bass John Darwell (1731-1789),
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Organ Voluntary

from *Sonata II*, in C
III - Allegro maestoso e vivace
IV - Fuga: Allegro moderato

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening
by Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

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at the Country Club of New Canaan (95 Country Club Road, New Canaan).*



*Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon him.
May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*



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