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*A Service Celebrating the Life of*  
*Michael Joseph Cappello*



**August 16, 1956 to May 23, 2023**

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

*May 26, 2023  
St. George's Episcopal Church, Glenn Dale, Maryland*

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# *In Thanksgiving for Mike Cappello*

**Opening Music “Bright Morning Stars”** *sung by Phil and Helen Zubaly*

## **Opening Anthem**

I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord.  
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.  
For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last will stand upon the earth;  
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God, whom I shall see and my eyes behold,  
who is my friend and not a stranger.  
We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.  
If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.  
Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labor.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

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

*Celebrant* Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Mike’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 people may be seated.*

## **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

### **Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

*The psalm is read responsively, with the people responding with the verses in **bold**.*

### **Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**The One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil and will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

### **Remembrances**

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **John 14: 1-6**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. “Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily** The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

*After the homily all stand as able as the Celebrant says:*

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, God's 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**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, who has knit together your people in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your son Christ our Lord: Grant to your whole church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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 Christ to our joyful resurrection. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust Mike to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you have for your people. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly reign. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Great Spirit of Love, we pray to you for Mike 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**

**Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Offertory Sentence

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

## Offertory Hymn: Gather #433 *On Eagle's Wings*

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**Verse 1**



1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a - bide in his shad-ow for



life, say to the Lord: "My re - fuge, my rock in whom I trust."

**Refrain**



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

*Last time to coda*



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

**Verse 2**



2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der his wings your ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield.

**Verse 3**



3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by day; though

**Verse 4**



thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come. 4. For to his an-gels he's



giv-en a com-mand to guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

**D.S.** **Coda**



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-against a stone. And hold you,



hold you in the palm of his hand.

*If you wish to make a donation to the church in memory of Mike, it will go in support of St. George's monthly breakfast and lunch program for the Warm Nights homeless shelter, which was very close to Mike's heart and which he and Peta have supported for many years. Electronic options for giving include via Cash App using [\\$StGeorgesGlennDale](https://www.cash.app/$StGeorgesGlennDale); via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org). by texting stgeodragon to 72356; or at [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). Baskets are available at the back of the church for cash or checks.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

**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 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 gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **The Communion**

*Wherever you are in your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome. If you would like to come up for a blessing rather than the bread and wine, simply cross your arms to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.*



*Please wait in your seat until an usher has directed you to go forward. Once you have received, please exit the Sanctuary following the directions of the ushers. If you receive the wine, please drop your cup into the recycling bin at the door after you consume it.*

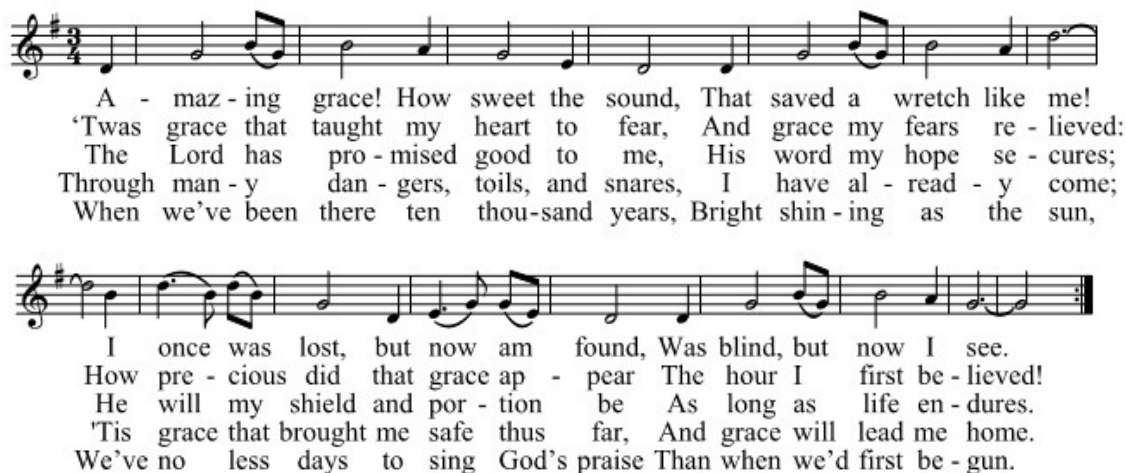
## ***“Ave Maria”***

*Sung by Emma Hadley*

### **Communion Hymn: LEVAS #181 *Amazing Grace***

Words: stanzas 1-4 John Newton (1725-1807) stanza 5 attr. John Rees (c 1859)

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A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;  
The Lord has pro - mised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;  
Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;  
When we've been there ten thou-sand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,  
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.  
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**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.***

*All stand as able for the Commendation*

## **The Commendation**

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

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created us, 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 Michael. 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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal Hymn: LEVAS #60 *How Great Thou Art*

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O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der and hear the  
And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from loft - y mount - ain  
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - or -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. Then sings my  
grand - eur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.  
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
- ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.



soul, my Sav - ior, God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my



soul, my Sav - ior, God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the spirit of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

*All are invited back to the Cappello home for light refreshments at 6320 Bell Station Road Glenn Dale*

*Hold on to what is good, even if it is a handful of earth. Hold on to what you believe, even if it is a tree which stands by itself. Hold on to what you must do, even if it is a long way from here. Hold on to life, even when it is easier letting go. Hold on to my hand, even when I have gone away from you.*

— Pueblo Blessing



## ***Participants in the Service***

*Readers*

*Mike Mangan and Allen Farabaugh*

*Remembrances*

*Annette Van Blommenstein*

*Music Ministers*

*Phil and Helen Zubaly, Emma Hadley, Julia Jackson, Germaine Stodart, Tim Dangel, Ed Neuschler, Ian Richardson, Ames Perry, Mark Jackson, Michael Mangiapane*

*Paschal Candle Flowers*

*Nell Sydavar*

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

*Terry Doyle and Helen Rowe*

*Ushers*

*Zulma Santiago, Rosa Soliz and Betty White*

*Tech*

*Michael Mangiapane*

*Pianist*

*Keng Siong Sim*

*Celebrant*

*The Rev. Connie Reinhardt, Rector*