

# A Eucharistic Celebration of the Life of



**Jordan Anthony DeClerk**  
December 3, 2004 - March 28, 2023

St. Martin-in-the-Fields  
Episcopal Church

Keller, Texas

Saturday, April 8, 2023  
2:00 pm

**PRELUDE***Be Thou With Me*J.S. Bach  
French Horn solo - Derek Matthesen**PROCESSIONAL***On Eagle's Wings*WLP Hymn 810  
Soloist - Hannah Valdovinos**OPENING SENTENCES**

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.

**PRAYER**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust Jordan to your never-failing care and love, and bring us all to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH**

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (The Living Bible)

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. You will find me when you seek me, if you look for me in earnest.

Yes, says the Lord, I will be found by you, and I will end your slavery and restore your fortunes...

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

**PSALM***Psalm 46*  
*Deus noster refugium*

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city;  
it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
"Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."

**A READING FROM PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS**

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

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

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*Ave Maria*

Schubert  
Soloist - Brett Warner

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 11:21-27

*Deacon*      The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother, Lazarus, would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

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

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Celebrant*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**INTERCESSIONS**

For our brother Jordan, 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 Jordan 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.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant concludes with following prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Jordan, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to

renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

**Celebrant** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

John Rutter  
Soloist - Alison Whitehurst

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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**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 our thanks and praise.**  
**Celebrant**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

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

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

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

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:

**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**

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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.

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."

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.

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

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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Soloist - Denise Lee

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN

*Be Not Afraid*

WLP Hymn 811

### POST COMMUNION REFLECTION

*How Great Thou Art*

Singers: Brett Warne, Alison Whitehurst, Hanna Valdovinos

## THE PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## 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 Jordan. 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.**

## PROCESSIONAL

*Amazing Grace*

Soloist - Denise Lee  
French Horn - Derek Mattheson

## THE COMMITTAL

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Then the Celebrant says these words*

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

#### **DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Nocturne*

Strauss

French Horn solo - Derek Matthesen

*Jordan's family invites you to a reception immediately following the service in the parish hall.*

### **LEADERS IN TODAY'S LITURGY**

The Reverend Alan D. Bentrup  
*Celebrant*

Rhonda Ackley, Rose Ackley, Mary Beth Butler,  
Elliot Goodner, Ronnie Haynes, Becky Snell  
*Acolytes*

The Reverend Ayo Omoniyi  
*Deacon*

Bob Duquesnel  
*Organist*

The Reverend Don Turner  
*Lector*

Shawn Boyd, Isabella Caban, Nixin Enger,  
Pierce Green, Ashlynn Kirkesy, Max Turner  
*Pall Bearers*

Phyllis Bess  
*Verger*

Kerry and Rex Angle  
*Ushers*

Brandy Heckel, Deneice Wood  
*Chalice*

***In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Jordan's memory to:***

*St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church Memorial Garden Fund*

*or to*

*St. Martin's Eagle Project Fund*

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## **Jordan Anthony DeClerk**

Jordan Anthony DeClerk, 18, of Colleyville Texas, passed away unexpectedly in his sleep March 28, 2023.

Jordan was born in Roseburg, Oregon December 3, 2004. He and his biological brother Logan were placed into foster care with their parents February 3, 2014, and officially adopted October 17, 2014. Jordan graduated from the Bridges Accelerated Learning Center with his High School Diploma on March 20, 2023, and had applied to attend Tarrant County College to pursue a degree in welding.

Jordan was a Confirmed member of Saint Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church in Keller, Texas, where he has been an active Boy Scout in BSA Troop 937B. He earned his Eagle Scout Rank and nine Eagle Palms. He was a member of the Order of the Arrow and mentored younger scouts as a Den Chief and Troop Guide. He volunteered his time and talents with many service projects including Vacation Bible School, festivals, food drives, feral cat habitat building, roadside cleanups, and most recently helping with his younger brother's Eagle Scout Project on March 11 and 12, 2023.

SCUBA Diving was a passion of Jordan's as well. He was originally certified June 25, 2017, and spent the next three summers diving with his dad. Diving was peaceful and relaxing for him. He was a certified Rescue Diver and was ready to assist other divers.

Jordan was loved by many and surrounded by friends, family, teachers, and mentors. He was kind, caring, and always empathetic to anyone needing help. He was known for his engaging sense of humor, charisma, and charm.

Jordan was preceded in death by his grandfather, Donn Turner, and cousins Cullen DeClerk and Samuel DeClerk. He is survived by his parents, Christopher DeClerk and Aaron DeClerk, and his brother Logan DeClerk. Jordan is also survived by numerous loving adoptive and birth family members.



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