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## **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MICHAEL DAVID HALL**

May 14, 1975 – January 31, 2026

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 2:00 PM**



## **MICHAEL DAVID HALL**

Born in Lakewood NJ, to Ellen Hemingway and Donald E. Hall, he spent his early years in Wellsboro Pa, before moving to Virgina in the late 80's. he enjoyed baseball, Boy Scouts and NJROTC. Graduating from Gloucester High in 1994. Mike joined the Navy where he served on both the USS Wasp (LHD-1) and the Kearsarge (LHD-3). Mike later worked in construction in Gloucester area for many years, He spent time traveling with friends before returning to Sayre, Pennsylvania to be near his dad. Mike was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing and hunting, He loved to listen to music and sing Karaoke, with his friends his favorite place was Damon's. He enjoyed playing video games and card games, and spending time with his dogs.

Mike is preceded in death by his father Donald E. Hall, Grandparents, Rosemary Sargent, Bill and Betty Hemingway, Frank and Anna Kendzierski. Mike is survived by his mother Ellen Kendzierski, (Ray) Stepmother Debbie Mauldin Hall. Sisters Jennie Hawkins (Chris), Amanada Kendzierski, Brother Donnie Hall (Amanda) 3 nieces and 4 nephews. His family extended to be included and not forgotten. His Pennsylvania Family, his Pinero family, his Irvington family and his Damon Family.

# **INTRODUCTION**

Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the source of all mercy  
and the God of all consolation,  
who comforts us in all our sorrows  
so that we can comfort others in their sorrows  
with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we were baptized into his death.  
We were buried therefore with him  
by baptism into death,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live a new life.  
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**HYMN****LBW #509****"Onward, Christian Soldiers"**

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march-ing as to war,  
2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;  
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,  
4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.  
let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod.  
but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;  
blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;  
We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;  
gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.  
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.

*Refrain*

On-ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march-ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924  
Music: ST. GERTRUDE, Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory,

we remember before you today our brother Michael.

We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love  
as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.

In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.

Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up  
in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,

so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call,

we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **READINGS**

*Sit*

### **READING**

**ECCLESIASTES 3:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal;

a time to break down and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup> a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup> a time to seek and a time to lose;

a time to keep and a time to throw away;

## READING

## REVELATION 21:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

## READING

## MARK 1:16-20

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

*Sit*

## SERMON

**PASTOR JAY SERAFIN**

*Silence is kept after the reflection.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #660

"Lift High the Cross"



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - rious!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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## **APOSTLES CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the  
power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right  
hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray. Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Help us, 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. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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,  
    forever and ever. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission back into the world.*

## **COMMENDATION**

Let us commend Michael to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. 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.**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #787

"On Eagle's Wings"



Leader or All

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



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*

All



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



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

Leader or All



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

*Refrain*



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All



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

*Refrain*



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All

3

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to  
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will  
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*

All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
 make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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