

*A Celebration of the Life of
David Thomas Ramsay
March 1, 1981 - February 11, 2023*



*March 14, 2023, 11:00am
St. James' Episcopal Church
Fremont, California*

Prelude

please stand as we begin the service

Opening Anthem and Prayers

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.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death,
and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant David, being
raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal
glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Merciful God, you heal the broken hearted and bind up the wounds of the afflicted.
Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits, and dispel our doubts and
fears. In Christ's rising from the dead you renew our trust in you that by the power
of your love we shall one day be brought together again with David. Grant this we
pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Scripture

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 25:6-9
Bob Doherty

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured 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 for ever.

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
Thanks be to God

Psalms 23

in unison

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.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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;
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.'

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.' 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. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ

John 10:11-16

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Remembrances and Homily

Marshall Reid, Friend
Ryan Marsh, Friend
Darryl Ng, Friend
John Paratore, Brother
The Rev. Lori Walton, Rector

Prayers of the People

Lynn Locher, Eucharistic Minister

For our brother David, 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 David, 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.

Hear us, Lord.

The Officiant says a concluding prayer.

Father of all, we pray to you for David, 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.

Video Tribute

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 humankind; 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 David. 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

Taken from 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope, comfort you and strengthen you in every good thing.

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you forevermore. **Amen.**

Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

David Thomas Ramsay

David means Beloved and David Ramsay loved many people and was loved by many. David was born in Birmingham, UK in 1981. He was brought to the US by his parents as a toddler and after some moves, he grew up in Fremont. As a little boy, David loved Legos, playing board games, jig-saw puzzles, video games and as he got older, Nerf guns. He always loved playing with friends and he kept many of those friends, sometimes reconnecting after years, and sometimes staying close continuously. In Junior high and high school his friend group expanded and he still loved playing Nerf, board games and video games, he taught chess to younger kids and often kept several chess games going on line at one time.

David started working in restaurants in high school, Mission Pizza being the first. His degree was in European studies and Political science and after college he went to culinary school in San Francisco, working in restaurants the whole time. He started College Cuisine in San Diego, then Fundamental Gourmet - a catering company. His dream of owning his own establishment finally came true in 2018 when he opened LvlUp with several partners.

David loved people, he held his friends close and was always willing to help people he knew and even those he didn't know. He was a great conversationalist and it was impossible to win an argument with him. He helped people in small ways and huge ways. His vision of a business was to have a place where everyone could make a decent living and enjoy their work while providing a place for people to gather and have fun.

David lived a large life, he worked very hard, played with gusto, and loved deeply. He loved entertaining people, feeding them and hanging out having great conversations. He loved his friends, Thor (his dog), Milo (vicki's rabbit), Poe (Vicki's cat), his family, and most of all his wife, Vicki. They were inseparable They shared a very special and profound understanding of and love for each other.

Although David was a mature business owner and accomplished chef, he managed to retain the mischievous little boy who loved to get up to shenanigans inside, this little boy shone out thorough his beautiful smile.

The ripples of David's kindness to others have spread far and wide. He would have wanted them to continue and for all of us to take care of each other with unconditional love and friendship as he did.
(written by Vivienne Paratore, David's mother)

Please join in us in the Parish Hall to continue celebrating David's life

Donations in David's memory may be made to:

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