



Celebration of the Life of David Laney

Saturday, April 17, 2021

10:30am



DAVID CHARLES LANEY of Lenexa, Kansas, died unexpectedly of natural causes at home on Sunday, April 4, 2021. Dave was born in Lawrence, KS, on July 21, 1948, to Chet and Geri Laney. The family moved to Topeka, KS, where Dave attended Most Pure Heart of Mary School, Jardine Junior High and graduated Topeka High School in 1966. While in high school he swam and golfed on teams coached by his father. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1970 from the University of Kansas. During his first three years of college he swam for KU. Dave was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Fifty years ago on February 20, 1971, he married the love of his life, his high school sweetheart, Becky Warren Laney. Dave worked for his dad at Lake Shawnee Golf Course. His lifelong professional career of selling office furniture began with Thacher's in Topeka. This career path led him to Kansas City where he ultimately co-owned ReSources of Kansas City until his retirement in 2018.

Dave had a passion for life that played out in the variety of hobbies and interests in his life including motorcycles, dune buggies, fast cars, playing organ in a band, golf and all things KU. He never met a stranger, only made a new friend. David had a wealth of knowledge on a multitude of topics which he was happy to share.

David is survived by his wife Becky of the home; brothers Tom Laney of Perry, Kansas and Randy Laney (Judy) of Denver, Colorado and their son Max (Kate) of Arizona; sisters-in-law Barbara Salyer (Harry), and Brenda Escalante (Bob) all of Topeka; Nephews Michael Escalante, Chris Escalante (Kendra), Jeff Salyer (Christina), and niece Chrissy Carlson (Graig). He had five great-nieces and three great-nephews; his god daughters Lainey and Taylor Birnbaum; and countless others who knew him as "Uncle Dave".

The service will be streamed live at youtube.com/c/StthomasOP.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Thomas the Apostle Church or a charity of the donor's choice. Porter Funeral Homes and Crematory in Lenexa is assisting the family.



The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

The Book of Common Prayer

*Auditory Assistance is available – ask an usher or a greeter
about obtaining a hearing device.*

The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two

Prelude

Once in Royal David's City

Seating of family

Opening Hymn

Morning has Broken

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

Words: Farjeon; Music: *Bunesan* Gaelic melody

Opening Scripture 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.

The Celebrant says the following collect (Prayer), first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

At the Burial of an Adult

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our *brother David*. We thank you for giving *him* to us, *his* family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant may add the following prayer

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with *his* family 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 sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Old Testament – *Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33*

- ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.
³¹For the LORD will not reject forever.
³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Book of Psalms - *Psalm 121*

¹*I lift up my eyes to the hills —from where will my help come?*

²*My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

³*He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.*

⁴*He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

⁵*The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.*

⁶*The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*

⁷*The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.*

⁸*The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.*

A Reading from the New Testament – *Revelation 21:2-7*

²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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; ⁴he 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." ⁵And 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." ⁶Then 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. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

The word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel – *John 14:1-6*

Then, all standing (as able), the Deacon or Minister appointed reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

At the end of the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Reverend Gar Demo

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.***

The Prayers

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.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes with the following or some other prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our *brother*, 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

All stand (as able). The Celebrant says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing (if able). The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.**

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 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.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

***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.***

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

We invite everyone who has been baptized by water in any Christian tradition to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

To receive the bread, cup one hand over the other and the minister will place a piece of bread in your hand.

If you are not baptized and would like a blessing, please cross hands over your chest and one of the ministers will give you a blessing.

If you have a wheat allergy, please tell one of the clergy administering communion and we will see that you receive a rice wafer instead.

Communion Music

Lift High the Cross

George William Kitchin

Descant

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

Refrain

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

till all the world a - dore_____ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world_____ a - dore___ his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

The Commendation

The following anthem may be said.

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.

The Celebrant says

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

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you; and at your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

Closing Hymn

Now the Day is Over

1 Now the day is o - ver, night is draw - ing nigh,
2 Je - sus, give the wear - y calm and sweet re - pose;
3 Grant to lit - tle child - ren vis - ions bright of thee;
4 Com - fort ev - ery suf - ferer watch - ing late in pain;
5 Through the long night watch - es may thine an - gels spread

1 sha - dows of the eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.
2 with thy tend - erest bless - ing may our eye - lids close.
3 guard the sail - ors toss - ing on the deep, blue sea.
4 those who plan some e - vil from their sin re - strain.
5 their white wings a - bove me, watch - ing round my bed.

1 eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.
2 bless - ing may our eye - lids close.
3 toss - ing on the deep, blue sea.
4 e - vil from their sin re - strain.
5 bove me, watch - ing round my bed.

6 - Then the morning wakens, then may I arise - Pure, and fresh, and sinless in thy holy eyes.

The family asks for privacy as they recess to the
Apostle's Garden for the Committal.

All are invited to a reception outdoors immediately following.

Recessional

I'm a Jayhawk – KU fight song

The Committal

The following anthem is said

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, while earth is cast upon the coffin, 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 David*, and we commit *his* body to the ground; 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 unto *him*, the Lord lift up his countenance upon *him* and give *him* peace. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***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.***

Other prayers may be added

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Then may be said

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.**

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

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.***

Celebrant and Homilist: The Rev. Gar Demo
Clergy: The Rev. Kelly Demo, The Rev. Fran Wheeler
Readers: Randy Laney, Chris Escalante
Organist: Dr. Beth Loeber Elswick
Ushers and Greeters: Members of St. Thomas

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