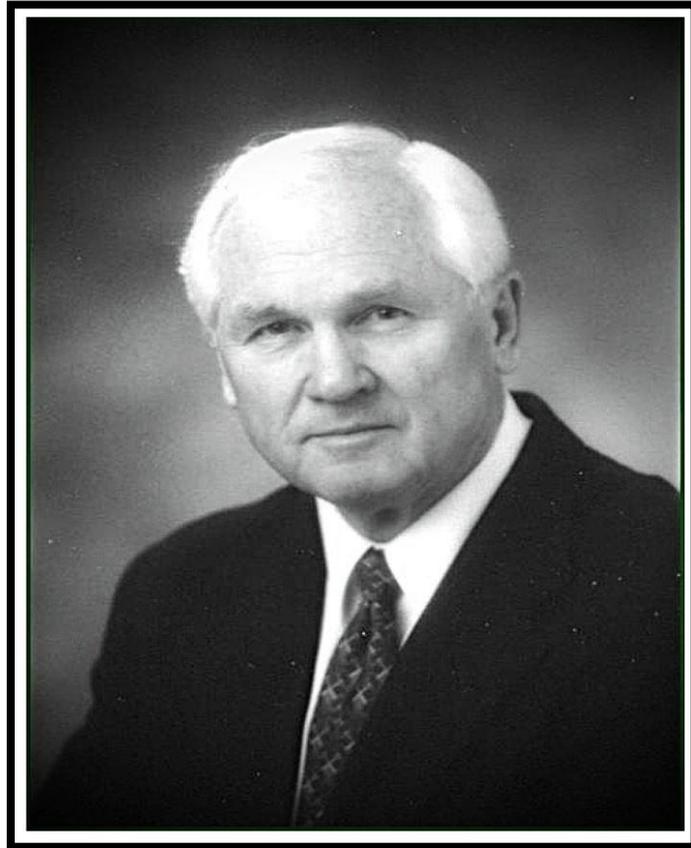


# *J. Roger Myers*

*March 25, 1941 - January 18, 2022*



## *A Celebration of Life*

*February 12, 2022*

*2:00 pm*

The Reverend Susan Bek  
Officiating

Sara Edwards, Organist  
Amy Schaffer, Cantor

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## Prelude

*Sara Edwards, organist*

## Welcome

The Reverend Susan Bek

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

## Entrance Hymn

## Morning has broken

## Hymnal 8

## Assurances of the Resurrection

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;  
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;  
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,  
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,  
and no man dieth to himself.  
For if we live, we live unto the Lord;  
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.  
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

## Collect for Burial

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant, Roger, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Roger'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 Liturgy of the Word***

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 25:6-9

*Reader: David Carruthers*

*Please be seated.*

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

***People***    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Reading from the Psalter**

### **Psalm 23**

*Reader: Spencer Myers*

The Psalm selected for this service is Psalm 23. We will read it in unison.

- 1    **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**
- 2    **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
      he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
      He restoreth my soul:  
      he leadeth me into the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- 3    **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.**
- 4    **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
      Thou anointest my head with oil;  
      my cup runneth over.**
- 6    **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.**



**Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

*Reader: Justy Carruthers*

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn**

*All stand as they are able.*

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servants****Hymnal 355****Holy Gospel**

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

John 5:24-27

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

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

Jesus said to the people, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily**

*Please be seated.*

The Reverend Susan Bek

*with remembrances shared by: John Carruthers and David Myers*

*Poem shared by: Madeleine Myers*

*A period of silent reflection follows the Homily.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

*All stand as they are able.*

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

*Celebrant*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Reader: Sofia de Melo*

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. **Amen.**

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 him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

*Reader: Jackson de Melo*

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. **Amen.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

*Reader: Josefina de Melo*

Help us, we pray, 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. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Roger to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

## ***Liturgy of the Table***

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

**Hymn**

**Immortal, invisible**

**Hymnal 423**

*Please stand and join in singing.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer I

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## **Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

**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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### **Spiritual Communion**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Please join us in praying with those who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

**Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot all be together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.**

### **The Invitation**

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him in this holy way.

*For in-person worshipers: Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer. Due to the pandemic, we offer bread only. Be assured that this is a sufficient experience of communion. We look forward to the time when we can offer wine as well. If you'd like to come forward but would prefer not to receive, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a blessing.*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Commendation

*All stand as they are able.*

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

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant, Roger. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

## Blessing

May the Peace which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son, our savior, Jesus Christ. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

## Recessional

## Lift High the Cross

## Hymnal 473

*You are invited to join the procession to the Memorial Garden for the Committal of his ashes.  
There is limited space, so we suggest that you go through the gate  
and watch from the other side.  
Please be aware of social distancing and wear your mask, even outside.*

## ***The Committal***

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Roger, 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.**

*Dirt is added to the grave. An invitation is made to those who'd like to assist in this, the last thing his mortal body needs from us - to be lovingly and respectfully buried.*

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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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## **J. Roger Myers**

*March 25, 1941 - January 18, 2022*

John Roger Myers died of natural causes January 18, 2022. He was born March 25, 1941, in San Diego to John and Genieva Myers. Myers was only in San Diego for a year before his family moved to Illinois and then ultimately on to Grand Island, NE. He attended a “one room school house,” graduated from Grand Island High School, and earned his college degree from the University of Nebraska in 1963. While at Nebraska, Myers played football for the Cornhuskers, was in the Navy ROTC and president of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. After graduation, he served a tour in Vietnam with the US Marine Corps, rising to the rank of Captain. Upon returning home, he earned his law degree at Hastings College of Law at the University of California in 1969.

Myers moved to Ventura in 1969 and joined the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office. He entered private practice in 1971 and was the founding partner of Myers Widders Gibson Jones & Feingold, L.L.P. He was also a business entrepreneur, having founded two successful, Ventura-based business banks during his career.

Myers was dedicated to community service. He was a founding member of Ventura County Stand Down, which provides homeless veterans and their families with needed services. He was also a member and president of two Rotary Clubs, elected member of the Ojai Unified School Board, served on the Ojai Parks and Recreation Board, a member of the vestry at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, and president of the Ventura County Bar Association. In 2007, Myers received the Ben Nordman award for community service - the Ventura County Bar Association’s highest award. Myers was once quoted, “Be civil to your colleagues, and give something back to your community.”

He married Joan Chenoweth in 1963 and later Katherine Stone in 1994. Myers loved travel; he was a patron of the arts, opera, classical music, ballet, live theatre and old movies. He is survived by his children David Myers (Kelley), and Katherine Carruthers (Thomas), step children Brian Stone and Julianna Stone de Melo (Carlos), 5 grandchildren and 5 step grandchildren.

A private family service will be held to honor his life. St. Paul’s Episcopal church will provide a live stream for the community to view.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to [www.saintpaulsventura.org/donate](http://www.saintpaulsventura.org/donate) [www.vcstanddown.org](http://www.vcstanddown.org) or Roger Myers Scholarship Fund @ The University of Nebraska c/o [larrydlugosh@gmail.com](mailto:larrydlugosh@gmail.com)