

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Requiem Eucharist



Rev. Canon John Frederick Fergusson

August 6, 1944 - January 24, 2026

Please observe silence before our service begins, including silencing phones and other devices.

Opening Anthem (*all stand*)

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant John, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the

fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Isaiah 25:6-9

Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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 covering 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,
“See, 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.**

Psalm 130 (*read responsively by half verse*)

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Epistle 1 John 4:7-16

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Eulogy Dan Ferguson

Sequence Hymn *Christ is risen from the dead* WLP 817

The Gospel John 6:37-40

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

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

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but

the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Rt. Rev. Philip N. LaBelle

The Apostles' Creed

¶ *All are invited to stand as able. The Celebrant says:*

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.**

Prayers of the People

Reader For our brother, John, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ

who said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Jesus, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for John and dry the tears of those who weep.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Reader Jesus, you wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Reader Jesus, you raised the dead to life; give to John eternal life.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Reader Jesus, you promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring John to the joys of heaven.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Reader John was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Reader John was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Reader Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of John; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

¶ The Celebrant concludes

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother John, 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.

People **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

¶ The People pass the peace in the way that is most comfortable to each.

Announcements

¶ The collection today will go toward the John and Virginia Ferguson Family restoration of the Louis C. Amrein memorial piano. QR Code for giving:



Offertory Hymn

Lift high the cross

Hymnal 473

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues with the proper preface eventually saying:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Then all sing: Hymnal S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



¶The Celebrant continues with the prayer, eventually saying:
...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

¶The Celebrant continues with the prayer, eventually saying:
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.
Celebrant and People: **AMEN.**

¶ The Celebrant continues
And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

¶ The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem Hymnal S 164



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Re-deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,



give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation and Communion

¶ *Facing the people, the Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

¶ *You are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest as you approach the Eucharistic ministers.*

Communion Hymns

Be thou my vision

Hymnal 488

I am the bread of life

Hymnal 335

The Post Communion Prayer

¶ *After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

¶ *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 *Kontakion; Give rest, O Christ* Hymnal 355

¶ The Celebrant, facing the body, says:

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, John. 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.

People **Amen.**

Blessing

¶ The Celebrant blesses the People, saying

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon and remain with you now and forever more.

People **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* Hymnal 410

Dismissal

¶ The Deacon dismisses the people saying

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Assisting in the service today:

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Philip N. LaBelle
Deacon: The Ven. David Bishop
Musician: Sheila Bristow
Crucifer: Sharon Villa
Readers: Lee Darrow, The Rev. Michael Ryan, Fr. Tom Tsagalakis
Ushers: Lance Dickie, Matt Terry
Chalice Bearers: The Ven. David Bishop, Earl Beede
Sacristans: Liz Mills, Jillian Gray, Cathy Haskins
Reception Coordinators: Susan Switzer, Liz Mills

We would also like to thank our parking lot volunteers, reception volunteers and many others who helped to bring our community together.

Let us remember...

John Frederick Ferguson was born on August 6, 1944, in Jackson, MI. His parents were Carl and Doris Ferguson. He was raised in Methodist and Baptist churches and was active in the Boy Scouts of America as a young boy.

John graduated from Neshaminy High School (PA) in 1962, where he was on the football team and served as Student Council president. He attended Albion College and graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

He enlisted in the US Marine Corps after graduation from college, and attended Officers Candidate School in Quantico, VA.

He married Virginia Amrein, who he met during their years at Albion College, on Feb. 4, 1967, in South Haven, Michigan.

From 1967 to 1968, John served with the 15th Marine Counterintelligence Team in northern Quang Tri province in Vietnam. It was while John was in South Vietnam that he felt called to become a priest.

After returning home, he entered Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He graduated in 1972 with a Masters of Divinity degree in theology.

After ordination as a priest, Fr. John served at the mission church St. Michaels in the Ada-Cascade region of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Later, Fr. John was Dean of the Cathedral Church of Christ the King in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Following four years at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Hastings, Michigan, Fr. John came to the Church of the Redeemer in 1983. He retired in 2014.

For the last 15 years of his ministry at Church of the Redeemer, Fr. John's non-parochial energies had been devoted to the subject of spirituality and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He had participated in national psychiatric workshops on the topic. Fr. John worked with veterans and others experiencing trauma issues on an ongoing basis. With Landy F. Sparr, he wrote the chapter "Moral and Spiritual Issues Following Traumatization" for the book *Psychiatry and Religion: The Convergence of Mind and Spirit*.

His 30-year relationship with his spiritual father, Robert, a Trappist monk at Our Lady of the Assumption Abbey in Ava, Missouri, was a continual source of inspiration and strength to him.

John enjoyed reading on a wide range of topics, including theology, history, and murder mysteries. He loved Motown and doo-wop music, enjoyed watching crime procedurals on TV, played the rhythm guitar, and enjoyed jogging and walking on the Sammamish River Trail.

Fr. John Fergueson passed peacefully on Saturday, January 24, 2026. He was surrounded by his family and friends. Three priests gave Fr. John last rites, the Rev. Theresa Newell of Redeemer, Fr. John Forman from St. Elizabeth's in Burien, and Fr. Michael Ryan from St. John's in Kirkland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ginny, in 2020. He is survived by his children, and their spouses: Susan and Brian Holihan and Dan and Nova Fergueson. He is also survived by two granddaughters, Cora and Ensley, and his second wife, Caitlin.