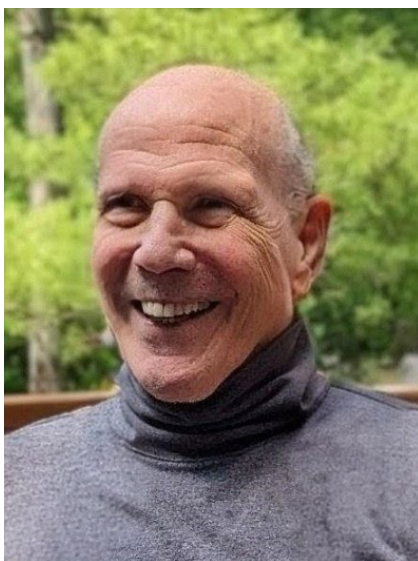




Michael Rawitz

May 20, 1939 – September 25, 2025

Requiem Eucharist, Rite II
Saturday, November 8, 2025



ORGAN PRELUDE

Variations on
“For All the Saints”

Richard Proulx

“Bist du bei mir”

J. S. Bach

“O Welt ich muss dich lassen”

Johannes Brahms

“Jerusalem”

arr. John Ignatowkitz

“Nimrod”

Edward Elgar

THE RECEPTION OF THE BODY

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand.

OPENING ANTHEMS

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OFFERTORY HYMN

“All Creatures of
Our God and King”
(*Lasst uns erfreuen*)

Hymnal 400

THE COLLECT

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider

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 Michael, 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.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

Reader A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set
me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with
sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the Lord will sustain me.

- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the Lord *
in the land of the living!

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

“In the Lord”

TAIZÉ

Sung thrice by all.

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God, do not be a - afraid, lift up your voic - es, the Lord is

near; lift up your voic - es the Lord is near. In the

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according
 to John.

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

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit.

THE SERMON

The people stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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Presider

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

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 OF THE PEOPLE

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Leader For our brother Michael, 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 Michael, and dry the tears
of those who weep.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend;
comfort us in our sorrow.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You promised paradise to the thief who repented;
bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the
Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother;
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*The Presider offers a Collect which ends "through the mercy of God, rest in peace"
to which the people respond* **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Lord of All
Hopefulness”
(Slane)

Hymnal 482

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Prayer A

Hymnal S-120

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Presider, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "And al - so with you." The third staff is for the Presider, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give God thanks and praise." The music consists of simple, melodic lines with various note values and rests, and some staves have a fermata over the final note.

Presider *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to
give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A proper preface is sung or said.

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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

(Powell)

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The people remain standing.

Presider

Holy and gracious Father:...

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption,...

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Presider

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

Presider 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider

Christ our
Passover



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

2 People

All



There fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia

A period of silence is kept.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion. Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands and to help guide the chalice to the mouth by touching its base. Intinction—dipping the wafer in the wine—is not practiced. To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Slane”
organ

Malcolm Archer

COMMUNION HYMN

“There's a Wideness in
God's Mercy”
(*St. Helena*)

Hymnal 469

The people stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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

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Presider Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

People **where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Presider

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.

People

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

Presider offers a closing prayer to which the people respond **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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ANTHEM

“The Lord Bless You”
Sung by the choir.

John Rutter

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Fugue on ‘For All the Saints’”
organ

Proulx

*Interment immediately following the
service in the Memorial Garden.*

Luncheon reception following in Grace Hall.

Michael Rawitz

1939 — 2025

Michael Rawitz, 86, of Morristown, New Jersey, died peacefully in his sleep at daybreak on September 25, 2025.

Michael was born on May 20, 1939, in Hong Kong, then a British Crown Colony. He was the son of Wilhelm and Helena Rawitz (née Zubchinsky) who predeceased him.

Michael was a toddler when the Japanese military attacked Hong Kong on December 8, 1941, the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Following Hong Kong's surrender to Japan on Christmas Day, Michael's family was forced from their home in Kowloon and lived for nearly four years under tremendous hardship until the end of World War II in August 1945.

Following the war Michael enjoyed five idyllic childhood years in Hong Kong until his father's sudden death in 1950 in Germany while on home leave with his family. Michael's Uncle Adolph (Dolu), his father's younger brother, urged Michael's mother to bring Michael and join him in the United States, Dolu's own new home since his brother had provided for safe passage out of Czechoslovakia for him and his wife. Michael and his mother bravely embarked together upon a new, very different life, arriving in New Jersey after forty-three days on a twelve-passenger cargo ship.

Michael was a graduate of Weequahic High School, in Newark, and Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford. Michael's multi-faceted career began in advertising at the McCann Erickson and Ted Bates agencies. He then moved into product management at Church & Dwight and subsequently account management for corporate printing. He prized his printing years at Lebanon Valley Offset.

A cherished constant in Michael's life was Fairview Lake YMCA Camp in Newton, New Jersey. Michael often said that the influence of the camp on his life was incalculable. He spent his first summer as a Wakigan camper in 1952, and he returned for eight more years, reveling in spending his summers outdoors, doing all the activities the camp had to offer, and making lifelong best friends. Over time Michael became the camp's Riflery Director, Sailing Master, and a Unit Director, and so was able to pass on the important skills and values he had learned as a younger boy. Michael was privileged to serve as a member of the Fairview Lake Board of Managers for more than twenty years, retiring as an Emeritus Member. He was proud to have been a Mohawk Chief.

Michael loved exploring and came to know several of New Jersey's state and national parks like the back of his

hand. He treasured The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Jockey Hollow at Morristown National Historical Park, and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

Michael had a ready smile and a mischievous sense of humor. He had a beautiful speaking and singing voice. He enjoyed classical music as well as the iconic tunes of the 1950s and 60s; Harry Belafonte's songs were favorites. Michael enjoyed good food and wine, and he was an excellent cook. He learned to prepare the Chinese food that he had known as a boy, and he delighted in making pancake breakfasts, especially on Christmas morning. Michael was an avid reader of histories, biographies, historical fiction, and well-crafted mysteries. He was a master of the New York Times crossword puzzles, and he did them in ink. He loved all animals and birds and was fascinated by wolves. He helped raise two Golden Retrievers, a Border Collie, three baby raccoons, and several dear cats.

Prior to moving to Morristown, Michael lived in Manhattan and then in Chatham and Madison, New Jersey. He served for seven years on the Chatham Emergency Squad, including a term as President, and was proud to become a Lifetime Member.

As a child, Michael was baptized and raised in his mother's faith, in the Russian Orthodox Church. In New Jersey Michael joined the parish of Grace Episcopal Church, Madison, where he served a term as a Vestryman and as a Worship Leader for thirty years. Michael loved his Grace Church family, and he especially enjoyed sharing in the fellowship of the Grace kitchen. He received the David P. Hegg II Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the Episcopal Diocese of Newark.

Michael is survived by his family: His wife of thirty-six years, Eleanor (née Maher); his daughter Sara and his son Stuart (Nicole); his stepdaughter Katherine (Robert); five grandchildren; and his in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Michael was supported in his declining health by a multitude of medical professionals and caregivers, for whom he was deeply grateful. Michael was especially blessed by the skilled, loving, and joyful care that he received for two and a half years from his beloved aide, Gladys.

Donations in Michael's memory may be made to:
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1035 Fairview Lake Road, Newton, NJ 07860
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