A Celebration for the Life of Leonard Calvin Glenn

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SERVICE

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY AND CHRIST

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MUSICAL PRELUDE Mr. Philip Field

OPENING SENTENCES All Standing Father Sylvester Ekunwe

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though we die. And everyone who has life, and has committed themselves to me in faith, shall not die forever.

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 themselves, and none becomes their own master when they die. 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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Leonard. 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.*

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with the Glenn 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.*

OPENING HYMN Be Still, My Soul All stand to sing if able

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past; your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he lived below.

Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart and all is darkened in the vale of tears, then you will better know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears. Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still my soul; when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

A READING from the prophet Isaiah (25:6-9) Darryn Glenn

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine - the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 Lonnie Small

- 1. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- 2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3. though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
- 4. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. 5. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
- 6. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- 7. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- 8. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. 9. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
- 10. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

A READING from Revelation (21:2-7) Laurie Taylor

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

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 without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John (5:24-27) *All stand if able Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 5:24-27. *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For 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 judge because he is the Son of Man.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY Father Sylvester Ekunwe

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *Said by all, standing* if able 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 The people respond in bold Alfred Glenn

For our brother, Leonard, 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 Leonard, 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 Leonard 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 her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom. Hear us, Lord.

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

The Celebrant Concludes

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Leonard, 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 HOLY EUCHARIST Father Sylvester Ekunwe

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER Standing if able

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your

righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All Sing

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 continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming. Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this table for solace

only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER Said by all

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. 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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN *Precious Lord, Take my Hand All stand to sing if able*

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home
When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call

Hold my hand lest I fall

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near And the day is past and gone

At the river I stand

Guide my feet, hold my hand

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Precious Lord, take my hand

Lead me on, let me stand

I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn

Through the storm, through the night

Lead me on to the light

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

COMMUNION HYMN I am the Bread of Life *All stand to sing if able* I am the Bread of life,

They who come to Me shall not hunger, They who believe in Me shall not thirst. No one can come to Me

Unless the Father draw them.

And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up on the last day.

The bread that I will give

Is My flesh for the life of the world,

And they who eat of this bread,

They shall live forever, They shall live forever.

And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up on the last day.

Unless you eat

Of the flesh of the Son of Man

And drink of His blood,

You shall not have life within you.

You shall not have life within you.

And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up on the last day.

I am the Resurrection,

I am the Life,

They who believes in Me

Even if they die,

They shall live forever.

And I will raise him up, And I will raise him up, And I will raise him up on the last day.

5. Yes, Lord, we believe

That You are the Christ,

The Son of God

Who has come

Into the world.

And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up, And I will raise them up on the last day.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Pray

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL SOLO Give Me Jesus Soloist: Keaun Guy, Accompanist: Donald Morris

OBITUARY Christopher Glenn Leonard Calvin Glenn was born on Thursday, May 5, 1955, on an unseasonably warm day in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. He was the second child of Alfred Calvin Glenn and Stephanie Laurie Alexander. Leonard, "Lenny" or "LG" to his friends, attended Brooklyn Technical High School and then Pace University for two years. Seeking a change, he transferred to Northeastern University in Boston, where he graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration in 1978. Leonard then worked for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as a bank examiner, a career that would span the next thirty-five years of his life. A highly valued examiner, Leonard rose through the ranks at FDIC, ultimately becoming a Senior Examiner and participating in some of the industry's most complex and controversial bank examinations.

Leonard championed efforts to increase diversity at FDIC by serving on the Minority Recruitment Task Force, as Chairman of the Diversity Advisory Councils, and as a mentor to numerous examiners - minority and otherwise. Leonard retired from FDIC in 2010. He soon found himself yearning for more activity and reentered the workforce as a part-time bank examiner for the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, a position he held for another five years before his final retirement.

Aside from his love for his family, friends and God, Leonard's true passion in this life was music. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of funk, soul, disco, early 90's hip-hop and R&B, and smooth jazz. His love for music was shaped by DJing late night dance parties in brownstones and backyards in Brooklyn, radio-booths in

Boston, and nightclubs in Albany. It was at one of these parties that LG and his future wife would meet – the beginning of a relationship that symbolized partnership and love.

Leonard and Joanne shared 40 beautiful years of marriage and gave life to three sons, Christopher, Darryn and Everett. Settling in Montclair, New Jersey, Leonard and Joanne kept a warm and loving home not only for their sons but also for their extended family and friends. Lenny was actively involved in the lives of his children, helping with homework, rooting from the sidelines at football games and fencing matches, and even serving as "Head Chef" during Boy Scout camping trips.

As a cradle Episcopalian, Leonard spent the formative years of his spiritual life at St. Philips Episcopal Church in Bedford-Stuyvesant. Later in life, he spent most of his Sundays at the Church of the Epiphany in Orange, New Jersey. As a member of Epiphany, Leonard served as a junior warden, treasurer and clerk to the Vestry, auditor, lay reader, chalice bearer, Chairperson of the Men of Epiphany (a ministry of outreach and support for men of all ages), Sunday school teacher, youth group coordinator, and food pantry volunteer. Lenny co-founded "Family Fun Night" at Epiphany, a monthly get-together originally designed for the youth of the church, but which evolved to include late-night dance parties featuring DJ LG's "oldies but goodies." Additionally, he was a graduate of Alpha Bible Institute in Nutley, NJ where he wrote and delivered sermons; and later in life he joined Emmanuel Community Church in Naples, FL, a loving English and Spanish bilingual congregation. While Leonard's passion was music, serving God was his life's purpose.

Lenny was a lifelong New York Yankees, Giants and patient Knicks fan. He loved to vacation. He loved to golf. He loved to eat. He loved to play Bid Whist and Scrabble and any other game where he could flex his knack for numbers and words. He loved living.

After a twenty-year long struggle with muscular dystrophy, Leonard spent his last moments on this earth surrounded by his adoring wife and sons. He was and continues to be loved by all who had the pleasure of meeting him.

Leonard was predeceased by his son, Everett, and his younger brother, John. He is survived by his loving spouse, Joanne; his two sons, Christopher and Darryn; his daughters-in-law, Jennifer and Alexandra; his grandchildren, Lucille, Vincent and Benjamin; his siblings, Laurie, Kathleen, Alfred and Robert; a host of nieces and nephews; and countless friends across the many communities of which he was a member.

REMEMBRANCES

Rodney Watson

Marvin Coble

THE COMMENDATION *Father Sylvester Ekunwe Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Leonard with your saints,

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

Celebrant 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 Leonard with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Leonard. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive Leonard into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Onward Christian Soldiers All stand to sing if able Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,

With the cross of Jesus going on before! Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; Forward into battle, see his banner go!

Refrain

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus going on before!

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee; On, then, Christian soldiers, on to victory! Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise; Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise! Refrain Like a mighty army moves the church of God; Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod; We are not divided; all one body we,

One in hope and doctrine, one in charity. Refrain

Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng, Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song; Glory, laud, and honor, unto Christ the King;

This thro' countless ages men and angels sing. Refrain

MUSICAL POSTLUDE Mr. Philip Field



Donations in memory of Leonard can be made to:

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