



**Robert "Bob" J. Gleason**, born on March 29, 1947, died peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on June 12, 2026 after a valiant battle with terminal illness.

Bob hailed proudly from the Bronx, New York, born to Michael and Mildred (Drummond) Gleason. He graduated St. Helena High School in 1964 and later attended Iona College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in History. Upon graduating, Bob commissioned and later served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. An Artillery Forward Observer with the 1st Battalion 9th Marines ("The Walking Dead"), he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat (with Valor), the Vietnamese

Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the Combat Action Ribbon in recognition of his service and courage. He also was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Upon his return stateside, Bob began his career of what would eventually amount to 27 years as an FBI special agent. Throughout his career he received many accolades, was a SWAT Team leader, a Principal Firearms instructor, and earned a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Southern California (1991). Bob's heart was in law enforcement, specifically crisis management. He worked on notable cases and events like the WACO Texas Massacre, the Oklahoma City bombing, the Athens and Atlanta Olympics, and several other high profile cases in Detroit and New York City.

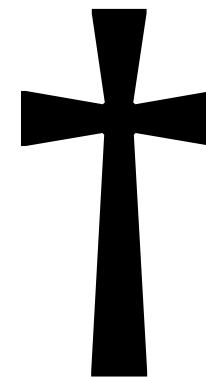
Above all else, Bob was a dedicated family man. He married Ellen (D'Ambrosia) and celebrated 40 years of marriage on January 28, 2026. Bob was an exceptionally devoted and loving father to his two daughters and respective sons-in-law, and a generous and fun-loving Grandpa to his 5 grandchildren. Bob made it his business to attend every track and swim meet, every school play, and every performance. He was never too tired to help out with math homework at the kitchen table, even after coming home from a long day at work.

Frequently found in the kitchen, Bob enjoyed the culinary arts and especially loved sharing his culinary talents with his family. He had a knack for creating scrumptious gourmet meals using leftovers and whatever was on hand and always made sure his grandchildren had lots of baked goodies.

An active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Bob attended the parish faithfully for 38 years, serving as a beloved Sunday school teacher for 10 years and participating on several boards and vestries. His faith grounded him all his life and was the driving force behind his altruism and his unwavering support to anyone in need. Even at the very end, the Lord's Prayer was in his bones and was a guiding light through his darkest valleys.

Bob personified the Marine Corps motto *Semper Fidelis*, "Always Faithful" to his last day. He devoted much of his time to supporting veterans, especially Marines. Bob did a lot of volunteer work with the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation (MCLEF) and fought every obstacle in front of him, including his battle with terminal illness, with an indomitable spirit.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Ellen Gleason; his daughters, Eryn Young (Will) and Kaitlyn Anderson (David); his beloved grandchildren, Elowyn Young, Peter Anderson, Brooke Anderson, Mark Anderson, and Luke Anderson; as well as several cherished cousins and extended family members.



**Celebration of Life  
for  
Robert (Bob) J. Gleason**

March 29, 1947 - June 12, 2026

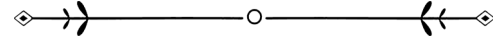
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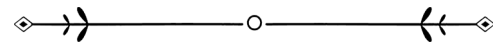
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## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand as able.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**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 Leader and People pray responsively.*

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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.**

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

### FINAL HYMN

May the road rise up



May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be al-ways with you.



May the sun-shine warm you al-ways 'til we meet a-gain.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## PRELUDE

*All stand, as able.*

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 COLLECT

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*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, Bob. 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 all of us who mourn in our grief. Surround us with your love, that we may not be overwhelmed by our loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE READINGS

*The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.*

*Reader:* A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a

time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

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

**PSALM 23**  
*Prayed in unison.*

The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
 I shall not want.  
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*  
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
 He restoreth my soul; \*  
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his  
 Name's sake.  
 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.  
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of  
 mine enemies; \*  
 thou anointest my head with oil;  
 my cup runneth over.  
 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.

Reader: A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

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.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

**THE COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians may receive communion. Should you wish to have a prayer or blessing or otherwise to abstain from the bread or the wine, please cross your arms over your chest. You may drink directly from the chalice or dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Hymn 178

Jesus, remember me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me  
 when you come in - to your King - dom. Je - sus, re -  
 mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Taste and see

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness  
 of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and  
 see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Fine

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:

**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.**

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:

**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.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*Come fill our hearts*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*John 14:1-6*

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

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In 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? And 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.

And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## EULOGY

Kaitlyn & Eryn Gleason

## THE HOMILY

*A period of silence follows.*

The Rev. William L. Packard

*Rector*

## HYMN

I am sure I shall see

I am sure I shall see the good-ness of the Lord in the land of the liv ing.

Yes, I shall see the good-ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system is for the first line of the hymn, and the second system is for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*All stand, as 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Deacon:* For our brother, Bob, 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 Bob, 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.*

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Bob, 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

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

Hymn 490

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people stand as able.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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*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.**

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.