

**THE WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION**  
**AND**  
**SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING**  
*FOR THE LIFE OF*  
**Mark Frederick Levy**

משה בן זלמן לב הלוי

Moshe ben Zalman Lev HaLevi  
(Moses, son of Soloman, the Levite)  
*November 21, 1947 – October 17, 2020*



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**WELCOME AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalms 121*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

Let us worship God!

+ **SONG**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio (CCLI# 4768151)

**Verse 1**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found

Was blind but now I see

**Verse 2**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

**Chorus**

My chains are gone I've been set free

My God my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains

Unending love amazing grace

### Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

### Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23 KJV

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.  
3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
4 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.  
5 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 forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ HYMN

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

#### Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

(Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Refrain)

## NEW TESTAMENT READING    Revelation 21:1-7 NRSV

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then 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 as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### *Remember*

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Lauren Daigle, Paul Mabury (CCLI#: 711725)  
Becca and Chris Anderson

## TRIBUTES

## GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-6; 25-27 NRSV

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## HOMILY

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

. . . 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## + CLOSING SONG

*Jesus Messiah*

Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesses Reeves (CCLI#: 5183443)

### Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

### Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

## Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

## Bridge

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

## Ending

Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of all

## + KADDISH

*Note: Kaddish (Holy) is an important and central blessing in every Jewish prayer service. Kaddish is not a prayer about death or mourning. It is an affirmation of life and faith in God. It reaffirms the mourner's relationship with God and God's will on earth. The term "Kaddish" is often used to refer specifically to "The Mourners' Kaddish" said as part of the mourning rituals in Judaism to show both remembrance for those that have passed on and one's continued devotion to God.*

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name  
in the world which God created, according to plan.  
May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime  
and the life of all Israel—speedily, imminently,  
To which we say:

**Amen.**

**Blessed be God's great name to all eternity.**

Blessed, praised, honored, exalted,  
extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded  
be the name of the Holy Blessed One,  
beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing, praise, and comfort.  
To which we say:

**Amen.**

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel.  
To which we say:

**Amen.**

May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and to all Israel.  
To which we say:

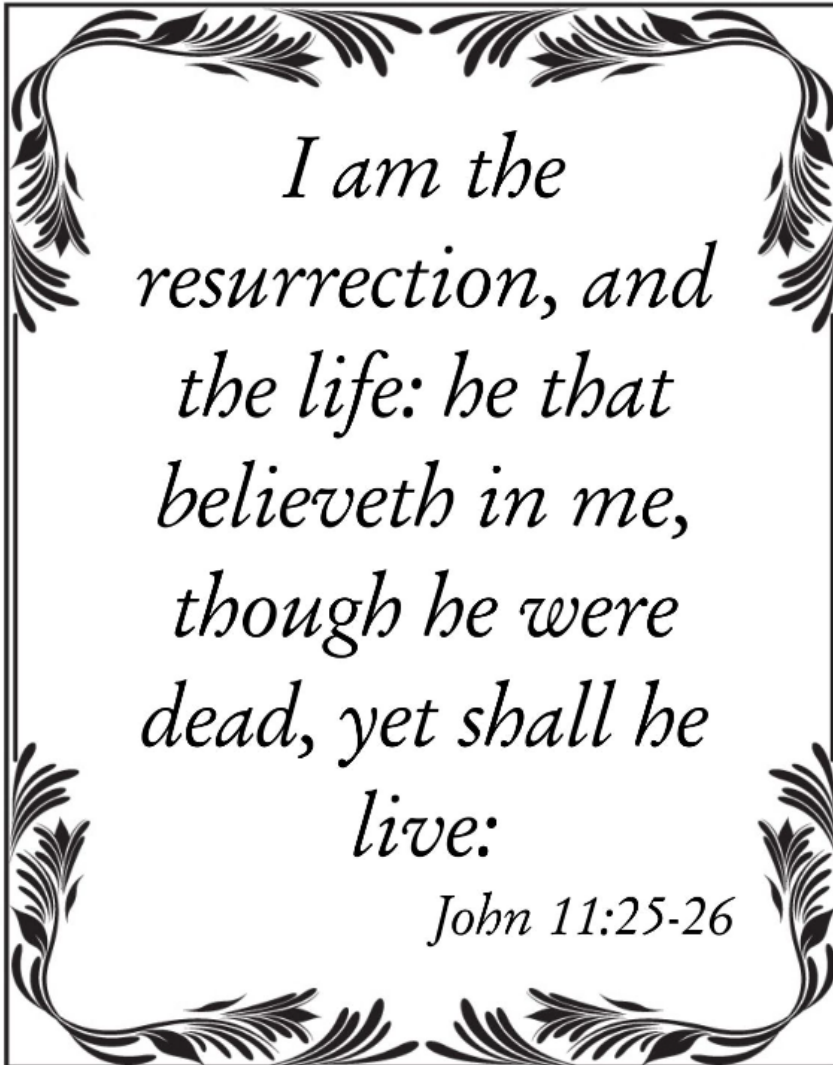
**Amen.**

+ COMMENDATION

+ BENEDICTION

+ Please stand, in body or in spirit.

*A graveside interment service will be held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, October 25, 2020, at Dumfries Cemetery, 17821 Mine Road, Dumfries, VA. For more information: <https://mountcastle.net/obituary/mark-f-levy/>  
In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or FUPCDC's Spread the Bread.*



## Mark Frederick Levy

Mark passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, October 17, 2020 after a year-long battle with complications from a fall. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA to Louis Levy and Sylvia Gerber Levy. The Levy family moved to Miami Beach when Mark was boy, where he graduated from Miami Beach High and Miami Dade Community College. Mark is survived by his devoted husband and partner of 41 years, (Paul) Martin Andrews, his niece Elaine Kassin, nephew Joel Moss, and grand-nephews Drew and Benjamin Moss, as well as many other dear cousins. He also leaves behind an extended family of in-laws and friends that will miss him dearly. Mark was a long-time member of IATSE Locals 545 and 477 (now 500) and worked for WPLG TV in Miami and for too many movies, television, concerts, plays, stage shows, and conferences over the years to mention.

Mark would want everyone to know that he was deeply moved by the affection and support that he received from so many over the years. Mark was never a “member” of FUPCDC but he always felt and was treated like he was family. From the first time he walked through the door, Mark was welcomed into our fellowship and received the love and compassion of everyone that knew him. These feelings were never more on display than during his last visit to the church on Christmas Eve 2019. It was a beautiful night and the church was filled to overflowing. Mark felt so blessed to be there and to feel the warmth of so many people that went out of their way to express their love and care for him.

Mark’s greatest joy was being asked to run the sound board during worship. It returned to him a sense of purpose and allowed him to use the skills that he had developed over his lifetime. It was also no secret to anyone that knew Mark that he never liked to miss a church event that included food. It was during those times, sharing a meal around a table where Mark let down his guard and allowed people to see the warm, caring, funny, and sarcastic person that he was on the inside.

In the past year, the outreach from friends and family have been his spiritual and emotional lifeline. The visits, calls, cards, prayers, and well wishes lifted his spirits, brightened his day, and helped him to know the love of Christ and the comfort, compassion, and grace of God.