

A Service
Celebrating the Life of
Robert Joseph Lynch, Jr.
March 6, 1933 – August 19, 2026



September 4, 2026

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Celebrant **I** am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger.
For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
For if we live, we live unto the Lord.
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Robert, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson — *Isaiah 61:1-3*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion--to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 139:1-11 *Domine, probasti*

¹ Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *

you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

² You trace my journeys and my resting-places *

and are acquainted with all my ways.

³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *

but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

⁴ You press upon me behind and before *

and lay your hand upon me.

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *

it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

⁶ Where can I go then from your Spirit? *

where can I flee from your presence?

⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

⁸ If I take the wings of the morning *

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

⁹ Even there your hand will lead me *

and your right hand hold me fast.

¹⁰ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

¹¹ Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

The First Lesson — 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Homily

The Apostles Creed

Celebrant 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.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 Prayers of the People

Celebrant For our brother Robert, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, I am Resurrection and I am Life."

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Robert, 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.**

Hymn

Amazing Grace

1. *Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.*

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!*

The Committal

The following anthem is sung or said

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Robert; and we commit his body to the to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious unto him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant may say

O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be made perfect unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, grant that we, who now serve thee on earth, may at last, together with them, be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rest eternal grant to Robert who suffered greatly, O Lord:
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

The Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God.*



From The 1979 Book of Common Prayer (P. 507)

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.





Robert Joseph Lynch, Jr.

Robert Joseph Lynch, Jr., beloved husband, brother, uncle, father, and grandfather, peacefully passed away on August 19, 2026, at the age of 93, with Patricia, his devoted wife of 53 years, by his side.

Robert had a tremendous love of life and an unmistakable twinkle in his eye. He held on to celebrate one final milestone with Patricia — their 53rd wedding anniversary on August 18th, just one day before his passing. Their enduring marriage and the family they built together were among the great joys of his life.

Born in New York City on March 6, 1933, Robert was the son of Mary Louise Farraher Lynch and Robert Joseph Lynch, Sr. The eldest of a large and close-knit family, he was the beloved older brother to Richard, Ronald (m. Susan), Ralph (m. Judy), Roger (m. Nancy), Rosemary (m. John), Raymond (m. Kathy), Russell (m. Eileen) and Rita (m. Michael), and uncle to 28 nieces and nephews and granduncle to many more.

Robert spent his childhood in Crestwood, NY followed by Arlington, VA, and summers on Maryland's Eastern Shore. In his teens, he moved to New Rochelle, NY, where he attended Iona Preparatory School, and later Fordham University, where he studied Finance and Economics.

Following college, Robert enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed in Jacksonville, Florida. His service was followed by an adventurous early career that took him to Venezuela with American & Foreign Enterprises. He eventually returned to the states where he was President of American & Foreign Enterprises for more than 35 years. He also co-owned and managed Lynch Farms, LLC, with his brother Richard, which grew to become the largest farming business on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Robert served as a director of numerous public companies in the technology, engineering, construction, and infrastructure sectors, including AMASYS, Dames & Moore, Data Broadcasting Corporation, HOCHTIEF, and Turner Construction Company.

Above all, Robert was a family man. He was the deeply loved husband of Patricia; the beloved father of Heather Lynch McAuliffe (m. Philippe) and Robert Joseph Lynch III (m. Sarah); and the adored grandfather known affectionately as "Pop" to Chloe, Lachlan, Hugh, Payne and Tommy. Nothing brought him greater pleasure than his family, and those closest to him will remember his warmth, humor, love of a good story, and that ever-present twinkle in his eye.

He will be remembered not simply for the many chapters of his long and full life, but for the way he lived them — with curiosity, charm, humor, resilience, and an enduring love for the people around him.

A celebration of Robert's life will be held on Friday, September 25, 2026, at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, 1085 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10128. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Robert's memory may be made to the Central Park Conservancy, an organization close to his heart. <https://www.centralparknyc.org/support>



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Saturdays 5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist
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The first “Sunday” of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

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11:15 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris’ Office
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