

Celebration of the Life of
Sr. Tina Francesca (Eileen) M. Ferriot

March 1, 1953 ~ February 18, 2026



March 7, 2026 at 11am
St. Michael's Episcopal Church
2140 Mission Avenue
Carmichael, California 95608

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PRELUDE Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach

WELCOME

Please stand in body or spirit.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though she die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed herself 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 herself,
and none becomes her own master when she 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.

OPENING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#473 Lift High the Cross

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.



till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Repeat Refrain

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Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister, Tina Francesca. We thank you for giving her to us, her 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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Please be seated.*

A reading from the book of Isaiah (6:1-3)

Renée Pierce

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 broken-hearted,
 to proclaim liberty to the captives,
 and release to the prisoners;
 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Together, let us pray Psalm 139:1-17 responsively by half verse

The Rev. Mary Claugus

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- 2 You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
- 4 You hem me in, 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 it.
- 6 Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,"
- 11 Even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
- 12 For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
- 14 That I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
- 15 When I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
- 17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (4:16-5:9)

Laura Quené

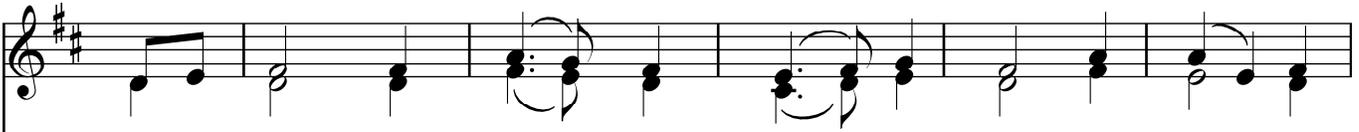
So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#693 Just as I am *Please join us.*



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in



1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).

THE GOSPEL John 14:1-6 *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, According to John.
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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

REMEMBRANCES

The Rev. Sonya Reichel
Susan Johnson
Steve Ferriot

HOMILY

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair

APOSTLES' CREED *Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

**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 DEPARTED

Deacon For our sister Tina Francesca, 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 Tina Francesca 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 sister eternal life. **Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven. **Hear us, Lord.**

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints. **Hear us, Lord.**

She 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 sister Tina Francesca; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Bishop Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Tina Francesca, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her 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 AND OFFERTORY

Bishop The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us with gladness present the offerings and gifts of our lives and labor to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Consecration by Ness Beck

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharist Prayer A, BCP*

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him 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. 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to receive communion. Communion is offered with gluten free bread that is free of the top 8 allergens. The Bread and Wine is offered in 2 stations in front of the altar rail, and grape juice is offered at the back of the altar. Communion will be taken by eating the bread and sipping from the cup. If you do not feel able to sip from the cup please allow it to pass by. We believe that if you have received communion in one kind (bread only) you have received a full communion. Cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a blessing in place of consuming. Baptism from any Christian tradition is anticipated for those regularly receiving. Let an usher know if you need to receive at your pew. Ingredients are listed in the back of the bulletin.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND INVITATION

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

Bishop This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who want to know and love Christ, all are invited to come and meet Jesus here. The Gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Take Our Lives by Shippey

Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Together, 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

Please stand in body or spirit

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Sr. Tina Francesca 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 Sr. Tina Francesca. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her 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 AND DISMISSAL

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

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#400 All Creatures of our God and King



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

POSTLUDE Going Home by Dvorak

Thank you for being with us to celebrate Sr. Tina Francesca's life. The family will join you in Parish & Johnstone Hall. They are having a few minutes together to say their final goodbyes.



***Communion Bread ingredients:** Gluten Free Flour (*Rice Flour, Whole Grain Brown Rice Flour, Sorghum Flour, Tapioca Starch, Potato Starch, Cellulose, Vitamin and Mineral Blend [calcium carbonate, niacinamide (vitamin B3), reduced iron, thiamin hydrochloride (vitamin B1), riboflavin (vitamin B2)]*), Xanthan Gum, Cellulose Gum.), Water, Avocado Oil, Honey, Baking Powder, Salt.

THE COMMITTAL (FAMILY)

Officiant Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

As the urn is placed in the niche, the Officiant 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 sister Tina Francesca and we commit her body to its resting place, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. **Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

At this time we offer prayers for Sr. Tina Francesca, either silently or aloud.

Officiant Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

People **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

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

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Sr. Tina Francesca (Eileen) M. Ferriot

March 1, 1953 – February 18, 2026

Sister Tina Francesca's life was one of resilience, determination and faith.

Eileen Marie (Tina) Ferriot was born on March 1, 1953 in Akron, Ohio to Mary Catherine and Richard Ferriot. She was one of five children. She moved to Sacramento with her mother when she was four years old. Tina graduated from El Camino High School and obtained an Associates in Gerontology degree from American River College. She worked as an administrative assistant for a professor at ARC and was a pet sitter for several friends.

Tina was born with severely limited vision due to her mother having measles during her pregnancy. She was misjudged as lacking intellectually and put in special classes due to being legally blind, not unusual for the time. She was an intelligent woman who struggled against the stereotypes associated with disability.

Tina was confirmed at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in 1976. St. Michael's was Tina's community and family for 50 years. She was a deeply involved and visible participant in most every area of parish life.

Tina began her sobriety in 1989 and her journey with Franciscans in 1993. She became a Professed Third Order Franciscan. Through a closer walk with Christ, she found the purpose, discipline and community that would prove to be transformative throughout her life.

Tina was an original. She loved color and frequently wore a rainbow-colored tie-dyed T shirt, and had a purple streak in her thick white hair. Sequined baseball caps kept the sun out of her sensitive eyes. She did not fit in the usual boxes embraced by society and the institutional church. She had an unusual vocational vision, not easily understood by many. Tina was consecrated to the Single Life by Bishop Beisner in April of 2010. Tina was subsequently consecrated as Sister Tina Francesca Ferriot, a Solitary Religious in the Episcopal Church, by Bishop Traquair in December of 2023. After her consecration as a Solitary Religious, she embraced a brown habit and wore it without fail to church related functions, a visible sign of the religious life.

Sister Tina was diagnosed with cancer in October of 2023 and received chemotherapy treatment for two years. Her condition began to decline toward the end of 2025. She was well supported, loved and cared for by her St. Michael's and Franciscan communities, friends, and her adopted brother, Steve Ferriot, and his family.

About this Service

In The Episcopal Church 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. This service, 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 heights, 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 eliminate human grief. The very love we have for each other 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.



The Paschal Candle

The paschal candle is decorated with the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, a cross, and sometimes other symbols of the Resurrection. The candle is lit from new fire and carried into the darkened church during the Great Vigil of Easter. It is lit throughout the Easter season, and at Baptisms and Burials to remind us of 'The light of Christ' and His words, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."



Memorial Gifts

In thanksgiving for Sr. Tina's life, donations can be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church (& Altar Guild) and The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.



Flowers

The flowers for this service are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Sr. Tina's life.



Please join us for a reception immediately following the service in the Parish & Johnstone Halls.



Ministers of the Service

**The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, The Rev. Rodney Davis, The Rev. Mike Ferrito
& The Rev. Katie Holeman**

St. Michael's Altar Guild

Dianne Robbins & Jim Hammil Acolytes

St. Michael's Flower Guild Flowers

Mary Ellen Ferguson, Ann Hall & Jan Bowdler Eucharistic Ministers

Renée Pierce, Rev. Mary Claugus, Laura Quené Readers

St. Michael's Chancel Choir

John Cozza Music

Steve Ferriot, Michael Johnson, Suzanne Phinney, Dawn & Tyson Wright Ushers

Molly Hoever Greeter

Jack Cozza Videographer

Mary Ellen Ferguson, Renée Pierce, Marcie Larkey & Michelle Falcy Reception Coordinators