

**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND
THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF**



KATHY JO BYSTRICKY OXX

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**All Saints' Episcopal Church
Concord, North Carolina**

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11:00AM**

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Rite II and Holy Eucharist

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE RITE

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At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able for the entrance of the Ministers into the church.

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

A COLLECT FOR BURIAL

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O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Kathy, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

HYMNAL 1982—208

The strife is o'er, the battle done

Victory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

4 He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
Alleluia!

5 Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,

that we may live and sing to thee.

Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

FIRST READING

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-26,31-33

ALICE BAXTER

Reader: A reading from the book of Lamentations.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

PSALM 23

NRSV 1989
ALEX CREIGHTON

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;*
I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;*
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul;*
He leads me in right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff they, comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;*
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;*
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long

Reader: A reading from the book of Timothy

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

I sing a song of the saints of God

Grand Isle

- 1 I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.
- 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.
- 3 They lived not only in ages past,
there are hundreds of thousands still,
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:1-6A

Gospeller: 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.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

REFLECTIONS

“A Wonderful Grandmother”

ELLA CREIGHTON
STACY CARLSON

HOMILY

THE REVEREND NANCY L. J. COX

Following the homily, we will have a time of quiet to consider Kathy’s life as a gift to us.

APOSTLES' CREED

All stand.

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 PEOPLE

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SHAWNA MOODY

TEAGAN MOODY

Leader: For our sister Kathy, 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 Kathy, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Teagan: Jesus, you said blessed are those who mourn. Comfort us in our sorrow; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Kathy 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.**

PEACE

All stand.

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

People: **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Kneel or stand at the rail and receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. Receive the cup which follows either by drinking from the cup as it is offered to you, or by retaining the wafer to carefully dip in the chalice. Another alternative is to take the wafer only. If you are not receiving communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.

OFFERTORY HYMN

How lovely is thy dwelling-place

THE HYMNAL 1982—517

Brother James' Air

- 1 How lovely is thy dwelling-place,
 O Lord of hosts, to me!
 My thirsty soul desires and longs
 within thy courts to be;
 my very heart and flesh cry out,
 O living God, for thee.

- 2 Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
 the swallows find a nest;
 how happy they who dwell with thee
 and praise thee without rest,
 and happy they whose hearts are set
 upon the pilgrim's quest.

- 3 They who go through the desert vale
 will find it filled with springs,
 and they shall climb from height to height
 till Zion's temple rings
 with praise to thee, in glory throned,
 Lord God, great King of kings.

- 4 One day within thy courts excels
 a thousand spent away;
 how happy they who keep thy laws
 nor from thy precepts stray,
 for thou shalt surely bless all those
 who live thy words they pray.

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: 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:

SANCTUS

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: 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:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People and Celebrant

**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, the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the peace. Alleluia.**

SPRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

A prayer for those joining online to be unified in Communion with Christ, prayed by a member of the congregation.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come.
Amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Lord of all hopefulness

HYMNAL 1982—482

Slane

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

The King of love my shepherd is

HYMNAL 1982—645

St. Columba

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,

and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

BLESSING

THE COMMENDATION

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) 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 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 Kathy. 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.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982—473

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

Refrain Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.

1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

2 Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *Refrain*

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Please join the family for a reception in honor of Kathy
in the Welcome Center immediately following the service.**

*In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to:
Duke Cancer Center Gastrointestinal (GI) Clinic, 20 Duke Medicine Cir, Durham, NC, 27710*

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

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