



A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND
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ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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1:00 PM

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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 Judy, 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.**

OPENING HYMN

HYMNAL 1982 – 208

The strife is o'er, the battle done (Vs 1-2, 4-5)

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!

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!

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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 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.**

Remain seated.

PSALM 23

Sarah Dunlap
(KJV)

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 8:31-37

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or

peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

HYMNAL 1982 – 293

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.

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GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:1-6, 25-27

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “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.”

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 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. 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.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit.

REFLECTIONS

GWEN KING
ROD ARMSTRONG

HOMILY

THE REV. NANCY L.J. COX

Following the homily, we will have a time of quiet to consider Judy'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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Leader: For our sister Judy, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Leader: Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Judy, 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.**

Leader: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; 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 Judy, 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.**

All stand.

PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN

LIFT EVERY VOICE & SING – 38

The old rugged cross

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain: So I'll cherish the cross, the old rugged cross,

Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

2 Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above, To bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

3 In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, To pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away, Where His glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

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.

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 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 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 feast. Alleluia.**

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

WONDER, LOVE & PRAISE – 810

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: "And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

2 Snares of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

3 For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PROCESSION INTO THE COLUMBARIUM

HYMNAL 1982–671

Amazing grace!

New Britain

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!

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.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to the Almighty God our sister Judy, 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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.**

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

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

Celebrant: May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The family may be greeted on the patio in front of the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Cabarrus Meals on Wheels, 342 Penny Lane NE, Concord, NC 28025, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation (www.toysfortots.org), or St. Jude's Research Hospital for Children (www.stjude.org).

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