

A Service of Remembrance for the life of Diane Dehnert Hammerberg

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Saturday, November 4, 2023 11:00 a.m. 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.

The Book of Common Prayer, page 507

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Prelude

Please remain seated during the Prelude and while the family is seated.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

Opening Anthems

Please stand.

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 the they rest from their labors.

The Collect

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

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Diane. 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.**

Hymn 688



Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46. Music: Ein feste Burg, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Please remain seated.

The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Silence is kept.

The Gospel

John 14:1-6 Please stand and face the reader of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Remembrance

Please be seated.

Molly Hammerberg Presant

Hymn 662 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide *Sung by all, standing*.

Eventide



Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847). Music: Eventide, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Homily Please be seated. The Rev. Weezie Blanchard

The Apostle's Creed

Said in unison. Please 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.

The Prayers of the People

Please remain standing or kneel.

For our sister Diane, 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 Diane, 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 vour 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; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence is kept.

Father of all, we pray to you for Diane, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine up on them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory "Pavane"

Gabriel Fauré

Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand.

The Lord is with us.

God's Spirit is here.

Look with kindness, O God, on your people gathered here before you. Send forth the power of your Spirit so that these gifts may become for us the Body and Blood of your beloved Son, Jesus, the Christ, in whom we have become your own.

Holy, holy, holy Lord Sanctus

Said by all.

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.

Please remain standing or kneel.

Loving God, you are always thinking about your people. You never forget us. You sent your Son, Jesus, who gave his life for us and who came to forgive us and taught us to forgive each other.

On the very night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them, saying, "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in your tender mercy, send us the Spirit of the Lamb. AMEN.

As Jesus taught us, we now 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Please be seated.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. When you come forward, you will receive the consecrated bread, followed by the consecrated wine if you choose to receive it.

At this time, we offer wine for sipping from the chalice only.

You may also choose to receive Communion in only one kind, which is full communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Please indicate if you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer.

Hymn 8 Morning has broken

Bunessan



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After Communion

Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Commendation

Please stand.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant 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.

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 Diane. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, whom you have redeemed. 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

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up his countenance to you and give you his peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 412 Earth and all stars (stanzas 1-3 and 6) *Sung by all, standing.*

Earth and All Stars



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The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Please remain standing.

Lord, you now have set your servant free, *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Postlude "On Our Way Rejoicing"

Please join Diane's family for a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

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The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Diane Dehnert Hammerberg.

Participants in the service

Celebrant and Homilist: The Rev. Louise Browner Blanchard

Deacon: The Rev. Garrison Horle

Crucifer and Eucharistic Minister: Molly Freeman

Eucharistic Minister: Sherry McGinnis

Lectors: Mark Hammerberg and Mimi Hammerberg Garcia

Remembrance: Molly Hammerberg Presant

Intercessor: Patricia Dehnert Pierson

Organist: Dr. Cindy Lindeen-Martin, Director of Music

Livestream Assistant: Doris Kimbrough

Ushers: Jack Blumenthal, Jim Macdonald, and John Wright **Greeters:** Natalie Blumenthal, Diane Ipsen, and Cora Neslin

Altar Guild: Jedeane Macdonald, Julie Mahoney, Kelly Monroe, Suzy Whittemore, and Molly Williams

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