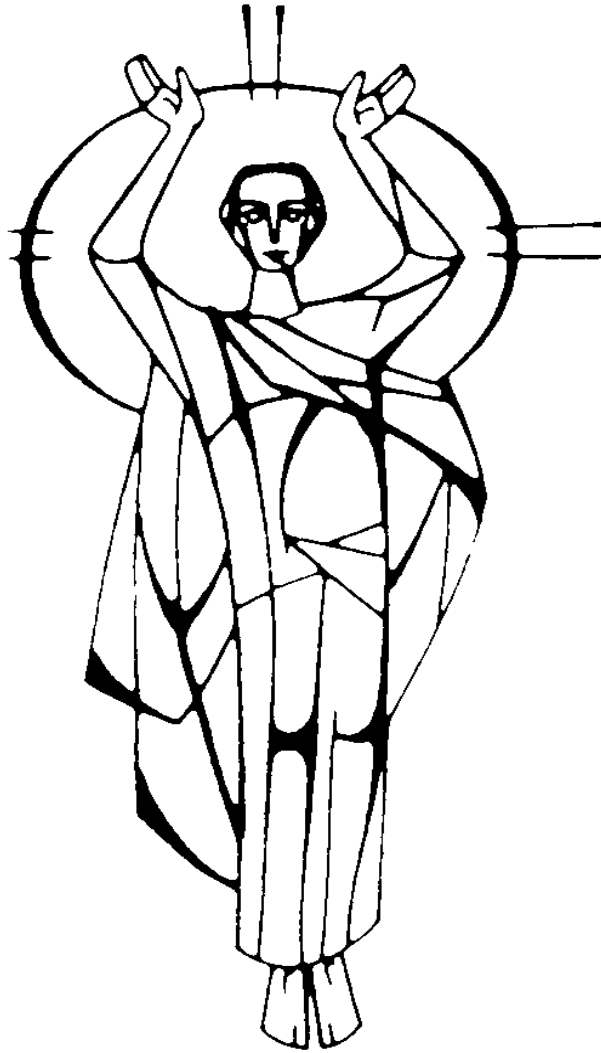


# **I am Resurrection and I am Life**



In Thanksgiving for the Life of  
**The Rev. Canon**  
**Sally Suzanne Peterson**  
April 26, 1948 – December 30, 2020

(January 8, 2021)

The Greeting

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe

We have come together to remember before God the life of Sally Suzanne Peterson, to commend her to God’s keeping, to commit her ashes to St. Paul’s burial columbarium, and to comfort those who mourn with our sympathy and with our love; while we also rejoice in the hope we share through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*(The congregation stands in silence)*

Anthem

The Rt. Rev. C. Christopher Epting

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.

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.

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.

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 410

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

Ms. Diane Hayes

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

The Collect

The Rt. Rev. C. Christopher Epting

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 Suzanne. 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.**

# Liturgy of the Word

## The First Reading

Isaiah 61: 1-3

The Rev. Maureen Doherty

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.

## Psalm 23, Hymn 663

*The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Ms. Diane Hayes

1. The Lord my God my shepherd is;  
how could I want or need?  
In pastures green, by streams serene,  
he safely doth me lead.

4. Thou hast in grace my table spread  
secure in all alarms,  
and filled my cup, and borne me up  
in everlasting arms.

2. To wholeness he restores my soul  
and doth in mercy bless,  
and helps me take for his Name's sake  
the paths of righteousness.

5. Then surely I can trust thy love  
for all the days to come,  
that I may tell thy praise,  
and dwell forever in thy home.

3. Yea, even when I must pass through  
the valley of death's shade,  
I will not fear, for thou art here,  
to comfort and to aid.

## The Second Reading

Revelation 21:2-7

Ms. Roz Ostendorf

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! 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.

George Wayne Smith, 1955-

*Thaxted*  
Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

From time be - fore the cha - os, from time be - fore all things, God  
 There is an - oth - er ban - quet, when all is said and done; it  
 Yet there is just one ban - quet which Christ bids us to share. It

sets a hol - y ta - ble for which cre - a - tion sings. There  
 waits us in the fu - ture, when ag - es long have run. Christ  
 comes be - fore all a - ges; it waits at time's last hour. Bread

God spreads Wis - dom's ban - quet; there God serves Christ's own feast, and  
 sits at ta - ble with us; Christ serves a feast of love, and  
 bro - ken for God's peo - ple, wine poured to quench our thirst: Food

bec - ons all the peo - ple, the great - est and the least, to  
 with the an - gels' voic - es a shout of song a - bove: We  
 from cre - a - tion's boun - ty which hu - man hands have worked. The

take the gifts be - fore them to take them and re - joice to  
 sing the glor - ious tri - umph which Christ the Lamb has won, and  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga has come to meet us now, to

feed up on Christ's true life, and praise him with one voice.  
 praise e - ter - nal rais - ing, we laud the Ho - ly One.  
 nour - ish all the peo - ple, God's mis - sion to em - pow'r.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Homily**

The Most Rev. Thabo Makgoba

**The Apostles’ Creed**

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe

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**

Ms. Maggy Clarke

For our sister Suzanne, 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 Suzanne, 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.**

**Collect**

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe

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

# The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you!  
And also with you!

## Offertory Hymn

*We are marching in the light of God - Siyahamba*

Mr. Kutlwano Kepadisa

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, notes, rests, and triplets. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing\* in the light of God, we are Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - march - ing in the light of God. hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. march - ing in the light of, the hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen, kha - God. khos'. We are march - ing, Si - ya - ham - ba, light of God. nyen' kwen - khos'. We are march - ing, Si - ya - ham - ba, march - ing, we are ham - ba, si - ya - march - ing, ham - ba, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God. ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

\*Alternate text: *dancing, singing, praying*

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# Liturgy of the Table

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## 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.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Sarah, Rachel, Rebekkah and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

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

### Communion of the Faithful

Communion Music

*Thuma Mina /Send Me, Jesus*

Mr. Kutlwano Kepadisa

1. *Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na So - man - dla.*
2. Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me, Lord.
3. Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Lord.
4. Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

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### An Act of Spiritual Communion

*As those who are physically present receive the Bread, those who are digitally present can use the following prayer for communion with Christ, from A Prayer Book for the Armed Services (2008):*

**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.**

*After Communion, the following prayers are used by those who are in the church.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**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

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) 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(s) with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Suzanne. 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.**

## Blessing

The Rt. Rev. C. Christopher Epting

## Dismissal

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

The Rev. Susanne Watson Epting

## Closing Hymn #594

*God of grace and God of glory*

Ms. Diane Hayes

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown the ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to love and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christlike graces,  
pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not them nor thee,  
that we fail not them nor thee!

5. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

Organ Voluntary

Canon David Raymond

**Those wishing to stay online and visit are welcome to linger for a hosted virtual reception.  
Suzanne's extended family is grateful for your care, support, prayers and love.**

# The Committal

*(The Bishop and Chaplain in the Columbarium)*

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 Almighty God our sister Suzanne, and we commit her ashes to their 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.**

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*Other prayers may be added*

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;  
**And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

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

**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**

## Assisting Today

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The Rev. Canon Sally Suzanne Peterson, 72, died December 30th due to complications following a heart attack in Des Moines. She leaves behind a community of friends and family that literally spans the world.

Suzanne was born and raised in Bradenton, FL, the daughter of Harry Peterson, Jr. and Mildred (Romine) Peterson. Following graduation from Manatee High School, she attended Florida State University and pursued a higher calling by enrolling in Virginia Theological Seminary. After graduation, she accepted a job as an assistant to the Rector for Christian Education at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Des Moines, Iowa. At that time, women were not ordained in the Episcopal Church. But she had found a home in the church and its mission of peace and justice, so she quietly pursued that possibility and she was the first woman in the Diocese of Iowa to be ordained to the transitional diaconate on December 18, 1976 by Bishop Walter C. Righter. In 1977, she became one of the first women in Iowa to be ordained as an Episcopal priest. Suzanne served for many years as Assistant Priest at St. Paul's, Des Moines. She served as the statewide program coordinator for the Iowa Interfaith Agency for Peace and Justice from 1983-1991.

Suzanne's service to The Episcopal Church included serving as a Deputy to General Convention, the House of Deputies Commission on the State of the Church, the Standing Commission on Peace, and the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations.

Her journey took her to South Africa for 17 years, working in various positions, including assisting parish priest and Sub Dean of the Cathedral in the Diocese of Grahamstown. She was the first woman priest to be licensed to minister as a priest in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, at the invitation of David Russell, Bishop of Grahamstown at that time. She then served in the office of Archbishop Thabo Makgoba in Cape Town as Public Policy and Advocacy Officer for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and as Correspondence Manager for the Office of the Archbishop. Suzanne traveled extensively throughout South Africa and Latin America in her ministry for peace and justice.

Suzanne returned to the United States in 2013 and became Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Waterloo. She has served the Diocese of Iowa as a member of the Commission on Ministry, the One World One Church Commission, in ecumenical ministry, in peace and justice ministry, and most recently as the Diocesan Global Missioner. Following retirement, she moved back to Des Moines.

She is preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her brother Harry Peterson, III (Cindy) of Bradenton, FL, along with nieces Faith (Ozzie) Mejia, Anna (Nathan) Smith, nephew Jacob Peterson, two great nephews and one great niece. She also leaves behind her beloved four legged companion Thandi, a black labrador that eats tv remote controls.

Due to COVID-19, services will be private but can be viewed online Friday, January 8th at 10 a.m. from the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. The service will be streamed via [www.iowaepiscopal.org](http://www.iowaepiscopal.org). Online condolences will be welcomed [here](#).

Memorial contributions can be made to the [\*\*Canon Suzanne Peterson Memorial Fund for Justice and Peace/Episcopal Diocese of Iowa\*\*](#).

But perhaps the best way to honor her lifelong efforts would be to respect and love each other, in the name of justice and peace.