

Celebrating the Life of



Suzanne Louise Harris

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Wednesday, February 1, 2023

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION
Northwoods, Missouri**

Book of Common Prayer Burial Rite II with Eucharist

Prelude Music

All stand as the procession enters and the funeral anthems are spoken by the Celebrant.

Opening Anthems

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.

Opening Salutation

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Suzanne., 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.***

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Suzanne's family in *their* grief. Surround *them* with your love, that *they* may not be overwhelmed by *their* loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 61: 1-3

Isaiah Hamilton

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm ***"Shepherd Me, O God"*** (a musical interpretation of Psalm 23)

Refrain

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. [refrain]

2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name. [refrain]

3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort, and my hope. [refrain]

4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. [refrain]

5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. [refrain]

Second Reading

Revelation 21:2-7

Ryan Hamilton

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection "I Can Only Imagine"

Shamar Jordan

The Holy Gospel

John 14: 2-6

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

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

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Reflection

Sanford Hamilton

The Apostles' Creed

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

Celebrant and People

*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

Leader For our sister Suzanne, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the 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.

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 Suzanne to the joys of heaven.

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.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Suzanne, 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

Liturgy of the Table

The Eucharist Prayer-Prayer A

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 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:

Celebrant and People (spoken)

***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:

Celebrant and People

***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

The Celebrant continues

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 And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

*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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant and People

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

(All are invited to God's Table. You may come forward to receive the Body of Christ or to receive a blessing. Some may wish to remain in your seats. Please use this time to quietly sit and pray.)

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant 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.***

Tributes

Ryan Hamilton

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

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 and Dismissal

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes 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 among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn *"Soon and Very Soon"*



Today's Liturgical Leaders

Celebrant

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner, Rector

Worship Leader and Acolyte

Stanley Johnson

Readers

Isaiah Hamilton

Ryan Hamilton

Ushers

Machelle West

Margarett Williams

Musician

Shamar Jordan

The Committal
*St. Peter's Cemetery
2101 Lucas and Hunt Road*

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.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant 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 *Suzanne*., and we commit *her* body to the ground; *
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

People The Lord be with you
 And also with you.
 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 him.***
Celebrant May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

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.***

Repast

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Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension wishes to thank you for your presence here today. We also thank our sister church, St. Steven's Episcopal Church for their hospitality in hosting the repast.

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