

*Memorial Service in Celebration of the Life of*

**NANCY GRAHAM VERA**

1948 — 2019



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

February 1, 2020

2 o'clock

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



# THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## **Prelude** Elegy

Sheep may safely graze  
The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want

*George Thalben-Ball, early 20th c.*

*J.S. Bach, 18th c.*

*Harold Darke, 19th c.*

*All Stand at the tolling of the bell.*

## **Scripture Anthem**

Priest 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 ourselves,  
and none becomes their own master when they die.  
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.

## **The Collect**

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Nancy.  
We thank you for giving her to us, his 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.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

*All are seated.*

## The Song of Solomon 3:1—5

Read by John Graham

Upon my bed at night  
I sought him whom my soul loves;  
I sought him, but found him not;  
I called him, but he gave no answer.  
'I will rise now and go about the city,  
in the streets and in the squares;  
I will seek him whom my soul loves.'  
I sought him, but found him not.  
The sentinels found me,  
as they went about in the city.  
'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'  
Scarcely had I passed them,  
when I found him whom my soul loves.  
I held him, and would not let him go  
until I brought him into my mother's house,  
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.  
I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,  
by the gazelles or the wild does:  
do not stir up or awaken love  
until it is ready!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 121** *Levavi oculos*

Led by Graham Murphy

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

**Revelation 21:2—7**

Read by Joe Heston

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.’

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**Gradual Hymn 335** I am the bread of life

*Suzanne Toolan*

**The Homily** *All are seated.*

*After the homily a brief silence is kept.*

The Rev. John Saville

**Remembering Nancy**

Keith Wieneke & Nancy Budd-Garvan

**The Prayers** *Standing or kneeling.*

Led by The Rev. John Saville

Leader For Nancy, 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, 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 Nancy eternal life.

**People Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You promised paradise to the thief who repented;  
bring Nancy to the joys of heaven.

**People Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Nancy 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 Nancy,  
let our faith be our consolation and eternal life our hope.

**People Hear us, Lord.**

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Nancy, 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.**

**Welcome** *All are seated.*

The Rev. John Saville

Make me a channel of Your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love  
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of Your peace  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy  
Make me a channel of Your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

**The Commendation** *All stand.*

Priest **G**ive rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints.

**People** **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Priest 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.**

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

## **The Blessing**

Priest **L**ife is short.

And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts  
of those who travel the way with us.

So be swift to love.

Make haste to be kind.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn 208** The strife is o'er, the battle done

*Victory*

*Please join us in the columbarium for the interment of ashes followed by a reception in Brock Hall.*

**Postlude** Concerto IV in C major

*J.S. Bach*

## The Committal

Priest **E**veryone 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 Nancy. And we commit her  
remains 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 Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

**People O**ur 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.**

Priest **R**est 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.**

**T**he God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant:  
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which  
is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever  
and ever. **Amen.**

*Officiants*

The Rev. John Saville  
The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

*Readers*

John Graham, Graham Murphy, and Joe Heston

*Crucifer*

Daniel Garcia

*Ushers*

Karen Deaton & Hal Snellgrose

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