

Memorial Service & Committal in Celebration of the Life of

VICTORIA CLARK

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St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

July 30, 2021

10 o'clock

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

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths.

~Proverbs 3:5-6

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All gather 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 Victoria.
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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

- 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.

John 14:1-6

‘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.’

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reflections

The Prayers

Led by The Rev. Laurel Coote

Leader For Victoria, 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 Victoria eternal life.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

Leader Victoria 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 Victoria,
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 Victoria, 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 Commendation

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 **I**nto your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Victoria.
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 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 Victoria. 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.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

**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.**

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.**

The 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.**

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The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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