

*Memorial Service & Committal in Celebration of the Life of*  
**MARGARET ANN “MICKEY” MANNING**  
1932— 2022



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church  
October 16, 2022  
1 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

## 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, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Mickey, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me***

*The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.*

- 1 **T**he LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.

## **Poem: For My Mother**

*Wilbur D. Nesbit*

**G**ive me skies of sunniest blue  
For my mother:  
Give me blooms of rarest hue  
For my mother:  
Aye, the fairest stars above  
And the very deepest love —  
All that joy is fashioned of  
For my mother!

## **John 14:1-6**

*Jesus speaks with his disciples shortly before his passion and tells them that he is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the way because he himself is going the way of the sacrifice of his death, so to prepare a place for his disciples. In this way followers will discover the truth that Jesus so intimately reflects the character of God that those who have seen him have seen the Father. All who come to the Father through Jesus will find true life.*

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

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

‘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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Reflections**

## The Prayers

Leader God, your will for us is abundant life;  
receive Mickey now into the fullness of life in your presence.

**People Hear our prayer**

Leader You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith;  
shed the brightness of your light upon Mickey, who also sought understanding.

**People Hear our prayer**

Leader You are greater than all our ideas and images of you;  
draw Mickey into the mystery of your being.

**People Hear our prayer**

Leader We know you as perfect Mercy and Love;  
welcome Mickey into the grace of that love and mercy.

**People Hear our prayer**

Leader We praise you as the giver of life;  
gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life.

**People Hear our prayer**

Leader The church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit; and so we commend Mickey to you,  
giving thanks for the gift of her life.

**People Hear our prayer**

Priest **M**ay the Holy One, to whom all the desires of our hearts are known  
before we ask, hear our prayers for Mickey, and for all who mourn,  
and grant us newness of life, and peace. **Amen.**

## The Commendation

Priest Let us commend Mickey to the mercy of her Creator,

*Silence may be kept*

**G**od, our Creator and Redeemer; by your power Christ conquered death and  
entered into glory. Confident of his victory and claiming his promises,  
we entrust Mickey to your mercy in the name of Jesus, who died and is alive  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Priest **M**erciful Savior, we commend Mickey to you.  
Receive her as a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock,  
a sinner of your own redeeming. Accept her into your merciful arms,  
into everlasting peace, and into the company of saints. **Amen.**

## **The Committal**

Priest **G**od of power and mercy,  
you hold the universe in your hands  
and all that breathes has life from you.  
We commend to you, Mickey, whose faith is known to you  
and whose heart's prayers you have heard in life.  
We give honor to her body, which was marvelously made,  
to all the relationships that held her, and to those who mourn her.  
We trust that all whom you have created will never be lost to you.  
  
God whose names are many,  
whose mystery is vast, and whose love endures forever,  
keep Mickey, who we now lay to rest, in the company of your saints,  
and at the last, raise her up to share with all the faithful  
the endless joy and peace that comes from you and you alone. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Priest May God be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray

**People Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by thy name.  
Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Gives us today 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, forever. Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

Priest **G**o forth in the name of the Holy One, the giver of Life.

**People Thanks be to God.**



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