## Memorial Service in Celebration of the Life of

## **NANCY WILTON GREEN**

1931 — 2023



St Dunstan's Episcopal Church Saturday, June 3, 2023 11:00am

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

#### Concerning the Service:

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Their joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend, Lazarus. So, while we rejoice that the one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we walk with sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

The congregation is encouraged to participate throughout the service. Congregational responses are printed in bold type.

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude:** O God, thou faithful God

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

How blessed are the Souls

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 they die.

And everyone who has life, and has committed themselves 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 become 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, 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

Isaiah 61:1-3 Reader—Laurie Green

To comfort those who mourn.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.** 

#### Psalm 23 A Psalm of David

Reader—Mandie Green

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

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

#### All stand

## Gradual Hymn 685 Rock of ages, cleft for me

Toplady



## John 1:1-14

A hymn to the expression of God's very being, God's Word, who has now become flesh and lived among us. Through the Word all things have their life. The Word is the light of all humankind, and was witnessed to by John the Baptist. Although the world made by the Word did not recognize the Word, those who believe in the Word have been given the right to become children of God.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated

Remembrances

Philip Green Scott Green Carlton Green Diane Green Alyssa Green Christensen

The Homily

After the homily a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Laurel Coote





## The Apostles' Creed

All remain standing

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

Priest I believe in God, the Father almighty,

and creator of heaven and earth.

People 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.

Priest As our savior Christ has taught us, 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.

## The Prayers

Reader—Mandie Green

Leader For our sister 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 for Nancy, 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 to the joys of heaven.

People Hear us, Lord.

Leader Our sister 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 all who mourn, especially: Philip, Scott, Carlton, Laurie, Diane, Mandie and Nancy's family, friends, and colleagues; Let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Priest Father of all, we pray to you for Nancy, 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

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Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Hymn 671 Amazing grace

New Britain

All stand



The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

## The Commendation All remain standing.

Priest Give 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 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.

#### The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

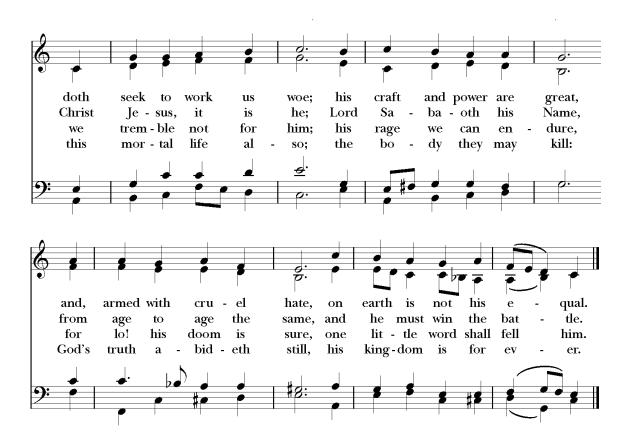
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn A mighty fortress is our God





#### O Canada

#### Calixa Lavalée



Postlude: Sonata II (Allegro maestoso)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

All are invited to join the reception in the Parish Hall following the conclusion of the service.

#### NANCY WILTON GREEN



Nancy Wilton Green, a 55-year resident of Carmel and Carmel Valley, passed away on Sunday, May 7th, surrounded by her family.

Nancy was born in Pilot Mound, Manitoba, Canada, to Philip Keith Wilton and Margaret Campbell Wilton in 1931. She is survived by her older sister Margaret McKercher (Robert) of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and younger sister Bette Johnston (Albert) of Toronto, Ontario. The three sisters had a close bond and were life-long best friends.

Nancy graduated from Nutana Collegiate in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, in 1949, after briefly attending City Park Collegiate to enroll in a physics class that she was prohibited from attending at Nutana because she was a girl. Always fiercely dedicated and determined, Nancy was an accomplished figure skater, a sport encouraged by her parents who would flood the backyard in the winter to make a small skating rink. While in high school Nancy was the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club champion. She was also the club's silver medalist in dance and attained the sixth and highest test level in figures.

At the age of 17 she turned professional and joined the Barbara Anne Scott show (the Canadian Olympic champion) titled "The Skating Sensations," touring Canada and the United States. In 1949, at age 18, Nancy became the first teaching professional at the new Clinton Figure Skating Club, in Clinton, NY. Seventy-eight years later, the club still exists and is one of the oldest skating clubs in the country. Nancy's annual ice show is still a club tradition. At 20, she joined the traveling Holiday on Ice skating show, called The Vogues, starring Olympic champion, Sonja Henie. The troupe toured Central and South America in what became known as the extravaganza of the century. After a brief tour of the U.S., Sonja Henie selected Nancy as one of two skaters to join her on a European show tour, Hollywood Ice Review. While in London, Nancy attended the 1953 coronation of Queen Elizabeth. On the Saturday morning before her recent passing, Nancy dressed in her pearls and fascinator to watch King Charles' coronation.

While skating at a show in Berlin, Germany, in 1953, Nancy met her future husband, James Russell Green, a United States Air Force captain from Huntington, West Virginia. In Nancy's words, "he was handsome and a good dancer, with a good sense of humor — and that's all it took!" They had a one-month whirlwind romance and were married. He remained the love of her life until he passed away in 2012.

Soon thereafter her sons, Philip, Scott and Carlton, were born at various Air Force bases around the world. The family could not join Jim when the Air Force transferred him to Alaska, so Nancy joined the Casa Carioca Ice Review at the small but important military dinner theater in Garmisch, Germany, nestled in the picturesque Bavarian Alps. The family moved to Vandenberg Air Force Base in California in 1961 until Jim retired in 1967. They relocated to Carmel Valley, California, where Jim was the construction engineer for the COMSAT Earth Station in Jamesburg. Jim and Nancy remained in Carmel and Carmel Valley for the rest of their lives. Among other things, they owned a Baskin-Robbins ice cream store and the Sandal Spot in Carmel.

Nancy received an associate of arts degree from Allan Hancock Junior College in 1963 and then a bachelor's degree in social sciences in 1965 from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She obtained a master's degree in political science from UC Santa Barbara in 1967.

Her children having grown and moved away, in 1976 Nancy decided to become a lawyer, and attended the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. She graduated in 1979, one day before her oldest son, Philip, graduated from UCLA Law School. Twenty years after taking her first college course, Nancy obtained her LLM in Estate Planning at Golden Gate University.



Nancy practiced as a California State Bar Certified Probate, Estate Planning and Administration lawyer in Carmel from 1979 until she retired in 2013, at age 82. Most of her career, she was a partner in the firm of Stewart, Green & McGowan in Carmel. Nancy was active in many community organizations, including serving as a three-time president of the League of Women Voters of Monterey County and president of both the Democratic Women of Monterey County and the Monterey Peninsula College Foundation. She was a member of The Peninsula Club and a parishioner at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley for 55 years.

Always an athlete and never one to slow down, Nancy enjoyed travel, cooking, skating, dancing, tennis, bridge, the symphony, opera, theatre, classes at MPC, and countless walks around Carmel Point with her friends.

In addition to her three children, Nancy is also survived by her daughters-in-law, Diane Fearn Green, Laurie Dahlstrom Green, and Mandie Green; her grandchildren, Alyssa Christensen (Todd), Cameron, Shelby and Aidan Green; and her great-grandchildren, Lyla, and Travis Christensen. In addition to her two sisters and their husbands, Nancy is also survived by her six nieces and nephews and their families.

Her accomplishments notwithstanding, Nancy will be most remembered for her unfailingly positive nature, considerate manner, and love of family. She was a friend and inspiration to many. Nancy will be greatly missed.

# Preacher The Rev. Laurel Coote

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Joe Heston

Remembrances
Philip Green, Scott Green
Carlton Green, Diane Green, Alyssa Green Christensen

Lectors
Laurie Green
Mandie Wilson

Greeter Susan Pitts

Intercessor

Mandie Wilson

Ushers
Carol and Rodger Langland

Organist Fred Burgomaster

Florals & Reception
St. Dunstan's Altar Guild

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity, culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability

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