

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 + 4:00 p.m.

Requiem Eucharist in Celebration of the Life of Yvonne Lucille Coulson February 9, 1943 – August 2, 2023

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 present, 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.”

This 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. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

—The Book of Common Prayer, p. 507

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Be Thou My Vision

—Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Prelude on “Ar Hyd Y Nos”

—Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

—Dale Wood (1934–2003)

The Entrance Rite

At the tolling of the bell, please stand for the entrance of the ministers.

OPENING ANTHEMS

Celebrant: I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die.
And all those who have life,
and have 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 we do not have life in ourselves,
and we do not become our own master when we 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 COLLECTS *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Yvonne. 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.*

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Yvonne's family and friends 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.*

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Lamentations (3:22–26, 31–33).

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the LORD will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 “Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8: 14–19, 34–35, 37–39).

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE Psalm 121 *All say the psalm together.*

- 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.

HYMN “God is love, let heaven adore him” *Remain standing; everyone sings.*



1. God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let earth re - joice;
 2. God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in one em - brace:
 3. God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all hu - man life,



let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him and ex - alt him with one voice.
 with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us, ev - ery child of ev - ery race.
 God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness guides us through our earth - ly strife.



God who laid the earth's foun - da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove,
 And when hu - man hearts are break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod,
 Sin and death and hell shall nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain;



God who breathes through all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 then we find that self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 God is Love, so Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

—Words: Timothy Rees (1874–1939), alt.

Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907–1991)

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:1–7).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “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. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

APOSTLES' CREED *Standing, all who are able.*

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

All: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: For our sister Yvonne, 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 Yvonne, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of
heaven.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her
fellowship with all your saints.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in
your heavenly kingdom.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: 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.

Father of all, we pray to you for Yvonne, and all those whom we love but see no
longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May
Yvonne’s soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest
in peace. *Amen.*

PEACE *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

GREETINGS *Seated.*

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. —*Ephesians 5:2*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A) *Standing, all who are able..*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

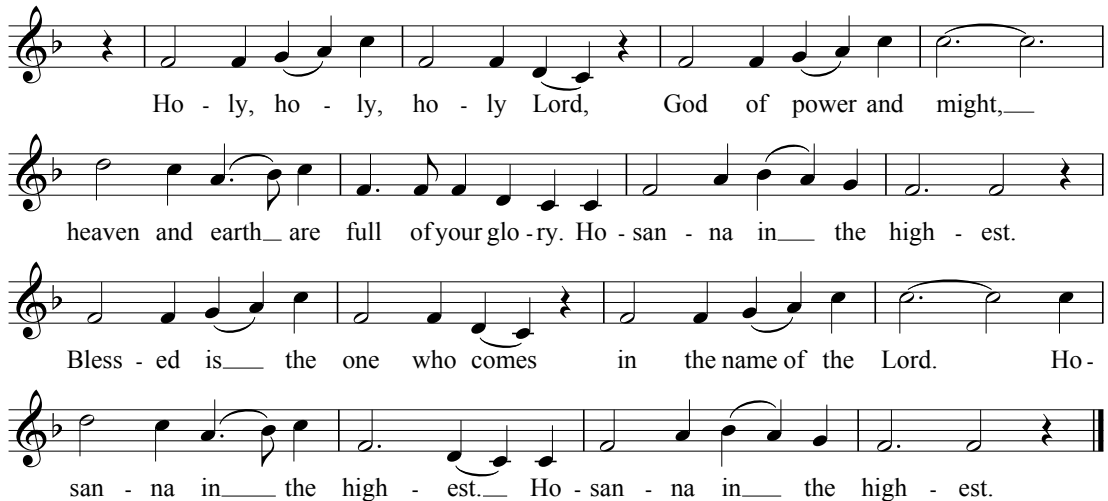
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God 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:

Everyone sings:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —
heaven and earth — are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.
Bless - ed is — the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in — the high - est. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

—Setting: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody, arr. Marcia Pruner.

The people stand or kneel.

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:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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.

All: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

INVITATION

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

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Amazing Grace” *Everyone sings.*



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

—Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.;
 st. 5 from *A Collections of Sacred Ballads*,
 Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Standing, all who are able.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

THE COMMENDATION *Remain standing.*

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

Celebrant: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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.

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

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Yvonne. 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 *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Life is short, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us; so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this day and always. *Amen.*

HYMN “Jesus Christ is risen today” *Everyone sings.*



The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence on the fourth staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The refrain 'Al - le - lu - ia!' is repeated after each line of the main text.

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
5 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as his love, Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

— Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyrice Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 5. Charles Wesley (1707–1788)
Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyrice Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt.

Please join us for a reception in Henslee Hall.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Celebrant:	The Reverend Cal Calhoun
Assisting:	The Reverend Elizabeth Farr
Acolyte:	Bruce Holt
Altar Guild:	Terry & Zane Scarlett
AudioVisual Techs:	Lynn Hopps, Bill Manning
Eucharistic Ministers:	Bruce Holt, Karen Sproles
Flowers:	Michelle Bales
Lectors:	Mary LeMense, Shari Gagnon
Organist:	Fredrick Brabson
Reception:	Fran Potter, Bereavement Committee
Ushers:	Karen Downing, Zane Scarlett

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