

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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

Monday, April 22, 2024 + 3:00 p.m.

Requiem Eucharist in Celebration of the Life of Frances Bible Scheidt December 3, 1927 – April 13, 2024

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 Fran. 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.

Celebrant: Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Fran'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 Ecclesiastes (3:1–8).

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

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.

SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (13:1-13).

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE Psalm 23 *All say the psalm together.*

- 1 The 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.

GOSPEL *Standing, all who are able.*

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.*

Leader: For our sister Fran, 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 Fran, 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 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.

Celebrant: Father of all, we pray to you for Fran, and 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.

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

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

HYMN “On Eagles’ Wings”

The cantor sings the verses; everyone sings the refrain.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!” *Refrain*



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God’s wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

For to the angels he’s given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their wings they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

—Words and Music: Michael Joncas (b. 1951); para. of Psalm 91
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *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: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

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.

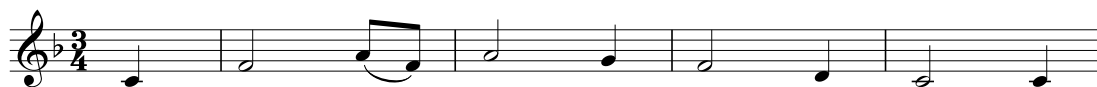
—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God, holy Gifts for God's holy People.
Take them in remembrance that Christ 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.

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 us, 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.

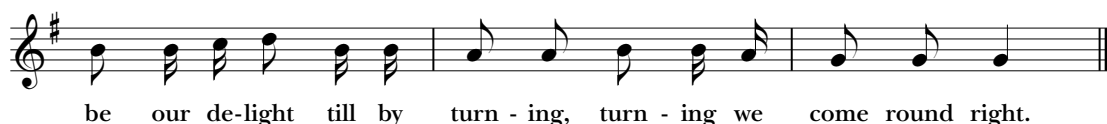
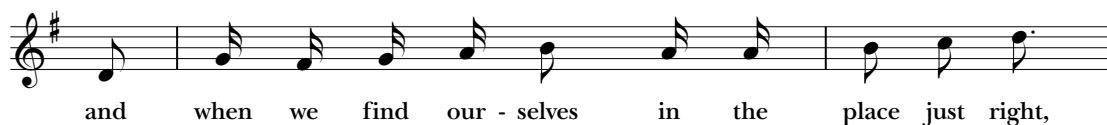
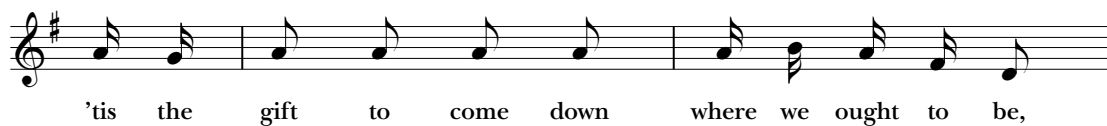
All: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Fran. 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 “’Tis the gift to be simple, ’tis the gift to be free” *Everyone sings the hymn twice.*



—Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.
Music: *Simple Gifts*, Shaker melody

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Celebrant:	The Reverend Cal Calhoun
Assisting:	The Reverend Elizabeth Farr
Acolyte:	Beverly Guiler
Altar Guild:	Terry & Zane Scarlett
Audio Technician:	Steve Campbell, Mark Downing
Eucharistic Ministers:	Beverly Guiler, Karen Sproles
Flowers:	Michelle Bales
Lectors:	Sam Venable
Organist:	Fredrick Brabson
Ushers:	Mark Downing, Zane Scarlett

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