



A Service of Thanksgiving for the life
of
Ann Thomas Streit,
in the Hope of the Resurrection

July 28, 1927 – August 6, 2024

Saturday, October 19th 2024
Noon
Church of the Holy Comforter, Episcopal
543 Beulah Road NE
Vienna, VA 22180

Prelude

Procession

All stand while the following anthems are said, in procession.

Celebrant:

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 himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
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.

Welcome

The Rev. Jon C. Strand

Opening Hymn #671 (Blue Hymnal): *Amazing Grace* (Omit verse 2)

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 Ann. 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 Ann's family and friends in their grief, especially her children Jep, Laurie and Kim, and their spouses Sue, Bruce and Dan; her sister-in-law Mitzi and spouse Roman; her grandchildren Joshua, Will, Zachary, Grace, and Nathan; her step-grandchildren, John and Becca; her great-grandchildren Jadon, Elina, John Emmanuel, Rosalind, Jacqueline and Brynn; her nephews, nieces and family, Ken, Brian, Susan, Sarah, Annie and Carol and others who are here or with us in spirit. 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 people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Reader: Nathan Wild

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23 (read responsively at the half-verse)

Dominus regit me

- 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.

Second Reading Ruth 1:16-17

Reader: Grace Wild

'But Ruth said,
 'Do not press me to leave you
 or to turn back from following you!
 Where you go, I will go;
 where you lodge, I will lodge;
 your people shall be my people,
 and your God my God.
 Where you die, I will die—
 there will I be buried.
 May the Lord do thus and so to me,
 and more as well,
 if even death parts me from you!'

Reflections

Jep Streit, Josh Streit, Laurie Bradford, shared by her husband
 Bruce, Kim Wild

Sequence Hymn: *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

GRACE
 2146 **His Eye Is on the Sparrow**



1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows
 2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I
 3. When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a -
 come? Why should my heart be lone-ly
 hear, and rest-ing on his good-ness,
 rise, when song gives place to sigh-ing,
 and long for heaven and home, When Je-sus is my
 I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he
 when hope with-in me dies, I draw the clo-ser

por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
 lead-eth but one step I may see: } His eye is on the
 to him, from care he sets me free: }

spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his eye is on the

spar-row, and I know he watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm

hap-py, (I'm hap-py,) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free,) for his

WORDS: Civilla Martin (Luke 12:6-7; John 14:1)
 MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel

SPARROW
 Irregular with Refrain

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
 People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.'

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
 People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily

The Rev. Jon C. Strand

The Prayers

Dear Friends: It was our Lord Jesus himself who said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Let us pray, then, for our sister Ann, that she may rest from her labors, and enter into the light of God's eternal sabbath rest.

Receive, O Lord, your servant, for she returns to you.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Ann.

Wash Ann in the holy font of everlasting life, and clothe her in her heavenly garment.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Ann.

May she hear your words of invitation, "Come, you blessed of my Father."

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Ann.

May she gaze upon you, Lord, face to face, and taste the blessedness of perfect rest.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Ann.

May angels surround her, and saints welcome her in peace.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Ann.

The Officiant concludes

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, before whom live all who die in the Lord, receive Ann into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place. Let Ann's heart and soul now ring out in joy to you, O Lord, the living God, and the God of those who live. This we ask through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Announcements

Hymn at the Offertory: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

1. I am weak but thou art strong; _____
 2. Through this world of toil and snares, _____
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, _____
 Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, _____

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; _____ I'll be sat - is - fied as
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? _____ Who with me my bur - den
 3. Time for me will be no more; _____ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly
 Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, _____ Dai - ly walk - ing close to

1. long _____ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares? _____ None but thee, dear _____ Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er _____ To Thy king - dom _____ shore, to thy shore.
 Refrain: thee, _____ Let it be, dear _____ Lord, let it be.

D.C. for Refrain

The Great Thanksgiving

As Jesus welcomed all to the table, all are welcome to share in Christ's offering of love to us through the giving of himself in love through the shared meal and presence.

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 him thanks and praise.*

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; (the presider continues...) Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

*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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

Communion Hymn #711 (blue hymnal) : *Seek Ye First*

The Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Hymn at the Commendation: *In the Garden*

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing
2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He
3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He
tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we
tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

The Commendation (congregation please join in italicized words)

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

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.

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Ann. 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 and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn: *O When the Saints, Go Marching In*

Vs. 1, Solo Trumpet, Unaccompanied

2. Oh, when the saints go marching in Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in.

3. Oh, when the drums begin to bang Oh, when the drums begin to bang
Oh Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in.

4. Oh, when the stars fall from the sky Oh, when the stars fall from the sky
Oh Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in.

5. Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call
Oh Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in.

6. Oh, sister Ann you are my friend Oh, sister Ann, you are my friend
Yea, you gonna be in that number When the saints go marching in.

7. Oh, when the saints go marching in Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in.

Postlude: *The Air Force Song*

The interment will take place at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

All are invited to join us for gathering and further remembrances in the Ministry Center.



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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.

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Gifts in Ann’s memory may be made to these organizations that were important to her:
Wounded Warrior Project; St. Jude’s Hospital for Children.

Participants

- The Rev. Jon C. Strand, Rector, presiding and preaching
- The Rev. Ann Gillespie, assisting
- The Very Rev. Jep Streit, assisting
- Dr. David Kelley, Minister of Music, organ
- Alan MacEwen, trumpet
- Andrew Eastman, verger
- Lolly Mixer, altar guild
- Randy McGuire, AV