



A LITURGY IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

LOUISA WASHINGTON DAWSON SMUCKER

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Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
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10:00 a.m.

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD, RITE II

*Page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer.
Numbered hymns can be found in The Hymnal 1982.*

Prelude: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”
“Sheep May Safely Graze”
“All Glory be to God on High”

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD, RITE II

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.

All please stand while the following anthems are said. (Book of Common Prayer, page 491)

Opening Sentences:

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though she die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed herself 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.

Opening Hymn 482: "Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy" *found in The Hymnal 1982*

Slane

Clergy: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Clergy: Let us pray.

Collect: O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Louisa, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

read by The Rev. Bruce Stewart

- 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.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13

read by Mrs. Jackie Phillips

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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

King James version

read by The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

- 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.

Sequence Hymn 405: “All things bright and beautiful”

found in The Hymnal 1982

Royal Oak

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-40

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

Response: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ***

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”’

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Tributes:

Mr. Philip Smucker

Ms. Anne Smucker

The Rev. Elwood Jones

The Homily: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

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

***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

led by The Rev. Bruce Stewart

For our sister, Louisa, 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 Louisa, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

The Celebrant concludes with the following collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister, Louisa, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.

Amen.

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: "Adagio"

DR. JANE TAVERNIER, organ

Louis Victor Jules Vierne

Presentation Hymn 380: Doxology (verse 3)

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

p. 367

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.*

Sanctus S130 (found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Franz Peter Schubert

The Lord's Prayer

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Agnus Dei S164 (found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Franz Peter Schubert

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.

If you would only like to receive the consecrated Bread please extend one hand. Crossed hands indicate you would like to receive consecrated Wine as well, either intincted (dipped) by you or by drinking from the chalice. If you are physically unable to come to the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.

Post Communion 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.

THE COMMENDATION

The Clergy take their places at the urn.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, Louisa, 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.

The Celebrant, facing the urn, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Louisa. 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

Closing Hymn 179: “ ‘Welcome happy morning!’ age to age shall say” verses 1, 2, 5, and 6 *Fortunatus*
found in The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ
People: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude: “Ode to Joy” Ludwig van Beethoven

After the playing of the Postlude, please join the Rev. John Smucker and his family for a reception at:
Goodwin House Alexandria - The Living Room
4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Louisa’s name to the following:



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Alexandria, VA
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The Rev. Bruce Stewart
Mrs. Jackie Phillips
The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

Intercessor:

The Rev. J. Bruce Stewart

Tribute from Family:

Ms. Annie M. Smucker, daughter
Mr. Philip G. Smucker, son
The Rev. Elwood Jones, family friend
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Dr. Jane Tavernier, organ
Director of Music at Immanuel

Ushers:

Mrs. Mollie Lambert
Ms. Agnes Soos

Flower Arrangements:

Mrs. Sally Guy Brown
Mrs. Wendy John
Immanuel Flower Guild



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