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A Service of Celebration and Burial  
Jean Burrell Parks  
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Grace Episcopal Church  
Gainesville, Georgia

## The Burial of the Dead Rite Two

Organ Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring  
Benji Stegner, Guest Organist

J. S. Bach

Anthems

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.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Jean, 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 First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

Reader: Jason Voyles

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23 King James Version Read in unison

- 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.

## The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Reader: Polly Jones

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.

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

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

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

**The Gospel Reading: John 10:11-16**

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

*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily: The Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

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

*Celebrant and People*

*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**

Reader: Eddie Staub

For our sister Jean, 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 Jean, 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.

Celebrant

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

## **The Peace**

Celebrant        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People            *And also with you.*

**At the Offertory**

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Please stand as you are able.*

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**Eucharistic Prayer A: Amended for these Circumstances**

**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.*

**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:

**Sanctus** *spoken by all*

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

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."

As we give thanks in these days for Christ's Presence with us, we remember the sacrifice of his Body and Blood.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*Celebrant and 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 Breaking of the Bread**

#### **Communion Music**

Organ Instrumental

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*

*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**

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servants 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 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.

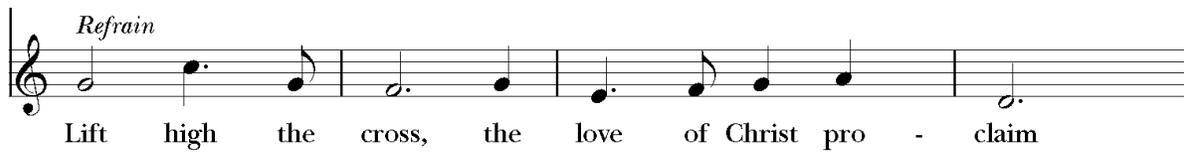
*People* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Jean.  
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.*

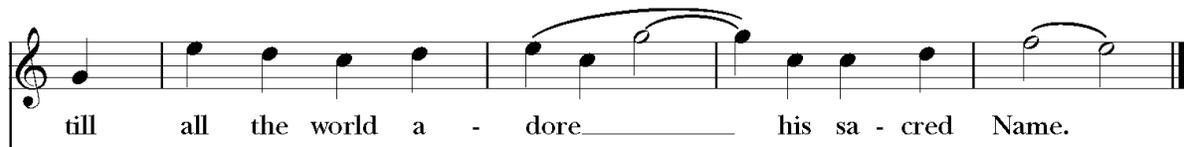
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*Crucifer*

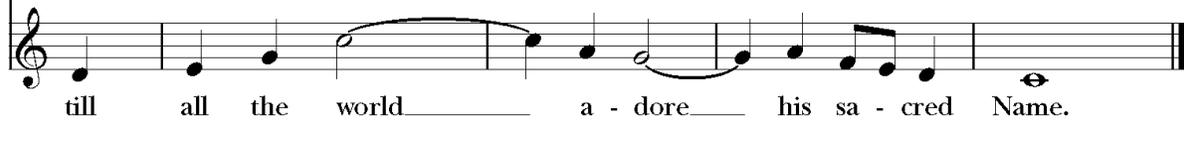
*Refrain*



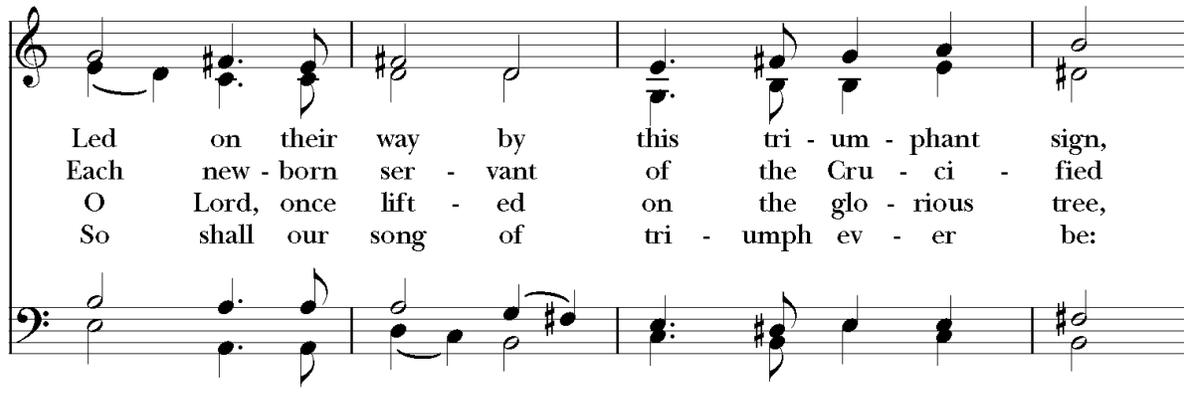
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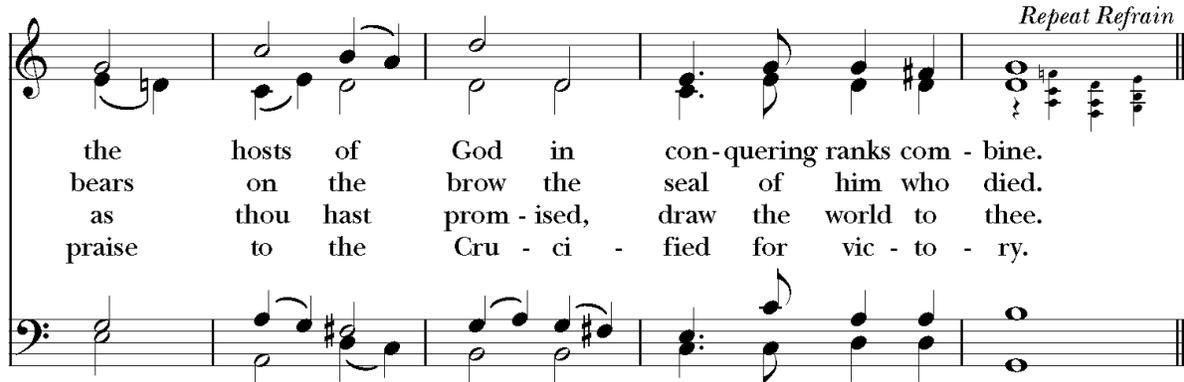
till all the world adore his sacred Name.



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
Each new-born servant of the Crucified  
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
So shall our song of triumph ever be:



*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.  
praise to the Crucified for victory.

### **The Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Dismissal**

Priest            Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People           *Thanks be to God.*

### **Organ Postlude**

*All are invited to join the family in the Parish Hall for a reception.*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Jean Parks by  
Edna Parks Haywood and family  
and  
Doug Parks and family

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