



THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

# Carolyn Shirley Wimberly

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026  
3:00 PM

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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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*Book of Common Prayer, Page 507*

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# THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

## RITE TWO

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3:00 pm — June 23, 2026

### PRELUDE

SOLO    On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

### OPENING ANTHEMS

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 491

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.

## HYMN 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing ev - er blest,  
 hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain call us to re joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933) Music: *Hymn to Joy* Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

## THE COLLECT

BCP 493

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

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

## THE LESSONS

*Congregation seated*

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

Harrison Ray

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 121

Carolyn Parmer

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD himself watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- <sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.

## The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:2-7

Natalie Jakiemiec

<sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SOLO It Is Well with My Soul

*Ville du Havre*

The Gospel *standing*

John 14:1-6

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE TRIBUTES

Grace Parmer  
Bryan and Kyle Jamiemiec  
Preston Ray

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Richnow

## THE APOSTLES' CREED *standing*

BCP 496

*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.*

## SOLO The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Leader: For our sister Carolyn, 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 Joan, 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 Carolyn; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*People: Hear us, Lord*

*Silence may be kept*

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

## THE COMMENDATION

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 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 Carolyn. 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

## THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

## HYMN 657



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,  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art  
nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be  
per - fect - ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
al - way bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

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

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol* Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

## POSTLUDE

*You are cordially invited to greet the family for a reception  
at 6015 Stones Throw Road, Houston, TX immediately following the service.*

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*Celebrant*  
The Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Richnow

*Musicians*  
Steven A. Newberry, *organ*  
Nancy Curtis, *soprano*

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