



Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



JUDI VANCURA-RILEY

OCTOBER 1, 1946 - JUNE 15, 2023



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR.

The service we use today is the "Liturgy of the Resurrection" from the Book of Common Prayer. It expresses our close relationship with God and with one another. The minister and family have selected what is suitable for this occasion.

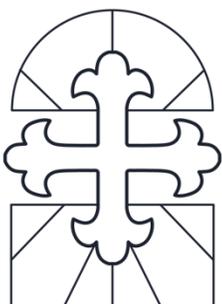
Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is renewed life, in Christ, after death.

God's love and power extend over all creation. Every life, including our own, is precious to God.

*Even those who share this faith find that there is a real feeling of loss at the death of a loved one. The living need our support and consolation. The whole congregation has an important part in giving this help; ways in which we can do this are by joining in those parts printed in **bold type**, and by singing together the hymns, found in this leaflet.*

Please turn off all cell phones and refrain from flash photography during the worship service.

Although there are customary postures (such as standing or kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.



LITURGY OF THE RESURRECTION
The Book of Common Prayer, Rite II

Saturday, August 5, 2023, 11:00 am

THE GREETING

Gathering Music

Adagio

Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

Prelude

Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K. 622: II. Adagio

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

As the procession begins, the people stand, as they are able.

The Celebrant says the following 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.

THE COLLECT

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 Judi VanCura-Riley. 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.**

Hymn

Let saints on earth in concert sing

DUNDEE

1 Let saints on earth in con - cert sing with those whose work is done;
 2 One fam - i - ly we dwell in him, one Church, a - bove, be - neath,
 3 One ar - my of the liv - ing God, to his com - mand we bow;
 4 E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went be - fore,
 5 Je - sus, be thou our con - stant Guide; then, when the word is given,

1 for all the ser - vants of our King in heaven and earth are one.
 2 though now di - vid - ed by the stream, the nar - row stream of death.
 3 part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are cross - ing now.
 4 and greet the ev - er - liv - ing bands on the e - ter - nal shore.
 5 bid Jor - dan's nar - row stream di - vide, and bring us safe to heaven.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated for the readings.

Reading from the Old Testament *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged 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 forever. 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *Psalm 23 (King James Version) Dominus regit me*

Read in unison

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

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.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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.

Reading from the New Testament *Revelation 21:2-7*

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then 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 water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

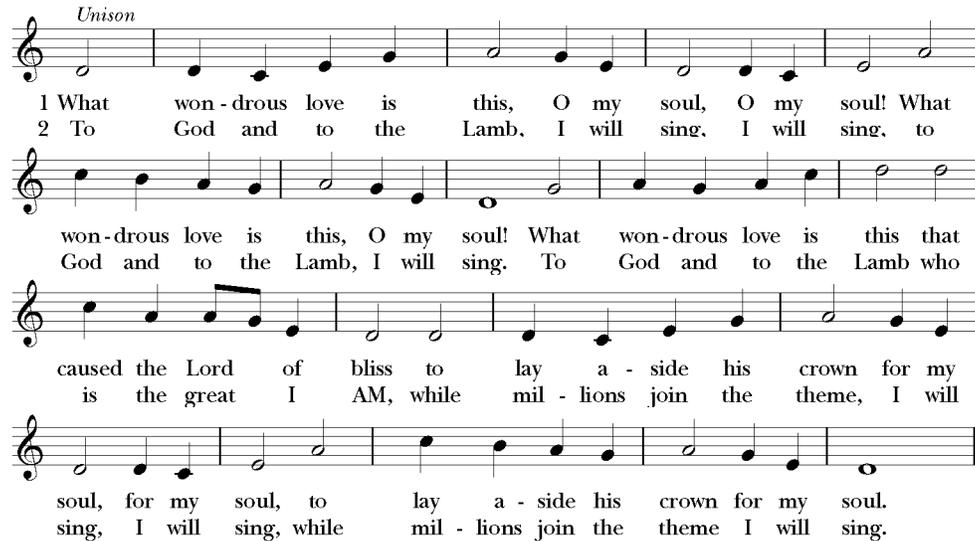
The people stand, as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

What wondrous love is this

WONDROUS LOVE

Unison



1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.

The Gospel *John 14:1-6*

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

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

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going, and how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

What wondrous love is this

WONDROUS LOVE

Unison



3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Homily

The Right Rev. John H. Taylor
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

THE PRAYERS

After a brief silence for reflection, the people stand, as they are able for the prayers.

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant 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

After a brief silence for reflection, the people remain standing, as they are able for the Prayers of the People.

Leader For our sister Judi, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Judi, 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 Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer.

Father of all, we pray to you for Judi, 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Traditional Guzheng Medley

Various

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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.**

The people remain standing, as they are able, and the Celebrant begins,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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:

Celebrant and People

**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.

The people remain standing, or kneel, as they are able. The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious God: 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."

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption 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.**

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Celebrant says the Invitation to Communion.

By long-standing tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the first part of the service, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart open to the Spirit of the living God. We hope that if you feel touched by word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the spirit of the Risen Christ, please contact info@cosepiscopal.org to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism. If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are welcome to come up for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by placing both hands on your shoulders in a crossed position.

Communion Music

*Cello Concerto in E minor, Op. 85: III. Adagio
Gamba Sonata No. 1 in G Major, BWV 1027: I. Adagio*

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people stand, as they are able.

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

The people remain standing, as they are able. The Bishop and other ministers take their places.

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

Bishop 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 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.**

The Bishop then says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Judi. Acknowledge we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a soul 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 Bishop blesses the people with these words

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 eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn in Recession

The strife is o'er, the battle done

VICTORY

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1	The	strife	is	o'er,	the	bat - tle	done,	the	vic - to -		
2	The	powers	of	death	have	done	their	worst,	but	Christ	their
*3	The	three	sad	days	are	quick - ly	sped,	he	ris - es		
4	He	closed	the	yawn - ing	gates	of	hell,	the	bars	from	
5	Lord!	by	the	stripes	which	wound - ed	thee,	from	death's	dread	

1	ry	of	life	is	won;	the	song	of	tri - umph
2	le - gions	hath	dis - persed:	let	shout	of	ho - ly		
3	glo - rious	from	the	dead:	all	glo - ry	to	our	
4	heaven's	high	por - tals	fell;	let	hymns	of	praise	his
5	sting	thy	serv - ants	free,	that	we	may	live	and

1	has	be - gun.	Al - le - lu - ia!
2	joy	out - burst.	Al - le - lu - ia!
3	ris - en	Head!	Al - le - lu - ia!
4	tri - umphs	tell!	Al - le - lu - ia!
5	sing	to	thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

Postlude

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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Judi Vancura Riley

October 1, 1946 - June 15, 2023

Judi Van-Cura Riley passed away peacefully on June 15, 2023, at home, surrounded by her immediate family.

She is survived by her loving husband, Reese; two daughters, Hannah and Fritz; and granddaughter, Zoi.

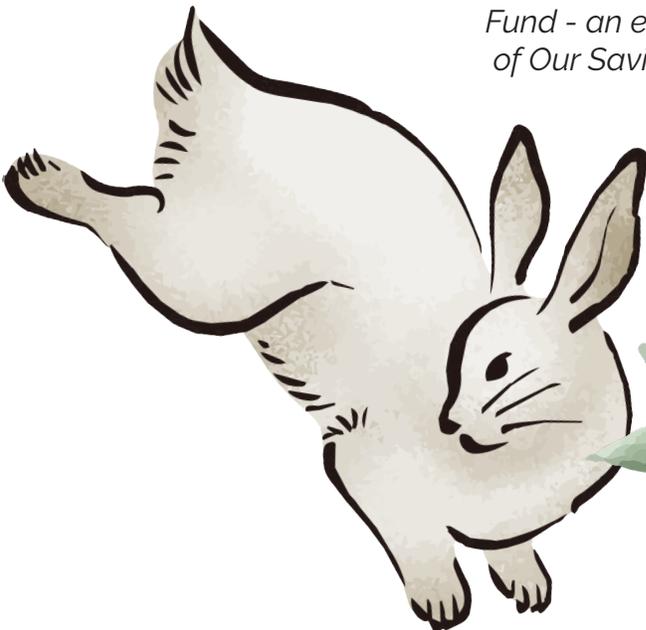
Born in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Judi graduated from Farmington High School, where she met Reese during her sophomore year. Their love story and life together traveled from coast to coast, from New Mexico to Massachusetts and Maine to Vermont. They finally settled in California.

After earning a B.A. in sociology from Oberlin College and the University of Denver, Judi spent her early career helping others: teaching the blind, helping disenfranchised women re-enter the workforce, and mentoring the differently abled. Later, she earned her master's in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling and became a practicing therapist and professor of multiculturalism in therapy at Trinity College of Graduate Studies. She retired in 2011 as a supervising social worker in Children's Services and Foster Care for the County of Orange.

A cradle Episcopalian, Judi served alongside her husband the priest, from the Diocese of Maine to the Diocese of Los Angeles. Notably, she made her own path, far beyond that of the "preacher's wife" cliché, assisting bishops and helping develop parishes.

Judi was a righteous troublemaker and an ardent champion for those who couldn't defend themselves. She was an accomplished watercolorist, an avid reader (so many mysteries), and a horrific softball player. She collected more bunnies than you can even imagine. Judi's smile knocked you off your feet, and her sense of humor was legendary. She was loved outrageously, and the indelible mark she made on those she touched will span lifetimes.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to the Bill Doulos Legacy Fund - an endowment that supports Church of Our Saviour's sober living home ministry.





Heaven knows terrible things happen to people in this world. The good die young, and the wicked prosper, and in any one town, anywhere, there is grief enough to freeze the blood. But from deep within whatever the hidden spring is that life wells up from, there wells up into our lives, even at their darkest and maybe especially then, a power to heal, to breathe new life into us. And in this regard, I think, every man is a mystic because every man at one time or another experiences in the thick of his joy or his pain the power out of the depths of his life to bless him. I do not believe that it matters greatly what name you this power—the Spirit of God is only one of its names—but what I think does matter, vastly, is that we open ourselves to receive it; that we address it and let ourselves be addressed by it; that we move in the direction that it seeks to move us, the direction of fuller communion with itself and with one another.

From Frederick Buechner's "The Magnificent Defeat"

