

A Celebration of the Life of
THE REVEREND NANCY SHIER
MAY 31, 1938 – FEBRUARY 23, 2021



Sunday, February 28, 2021, 1 pm



CHURCH OF
OUR SAVIOUR
圣公会救主堂

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.

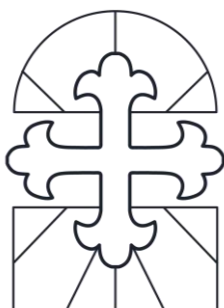
Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is renewed life, in Christ, after death.

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; one way in which we can do this is by joining in those parts printed in **bold type**.*

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.



THE GREETING

Prelude

"In Paradisum" from *Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

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 Nancy Katherine Shier. 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 people are seated for the reading of the lessons.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Lesson *Wisdom 3:1-5, 9*

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.**

The people remain seated and recite the Psalm in unison.

The Psalm *Psalms 139: 1-11*

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| 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * | 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * |
| you know my sitting down and my rising up; | where can I flee from your presence? |
| you discern my thoughts from afar. | 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * |
| 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways. | if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. |
| 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O Lord, know it altogether. | 8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, |
| 4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me. | 9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast. |
| 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it. | 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night," |
| | 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike |

Lesson *Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39*

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ— if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand, as they are able for the Gospel Lesson

The Gospel *Matthew 25:31-40*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Remembrances + Homily

Rev'do Roberto Limatú
Vicar, Immanuel Episcopal Parish

Dr. William Jenks

The Rev. Gary Bradley

The Rt. Rev. John Taylor
Bishop, Diocese of Los Angeles

THE PRAYERS

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

<i>Reader</i>	For our sister Nancy, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."
<i>People</i>	Hear us, Lord.
<i>Reader</i>	Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Nancy, and dry the tears of those who weep.
<i>People</i>	Hear us, Lord.
<i>Reader</i>	You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.
<i>People</i>	Hear us, Lord.
<i>Reader</i>	You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.
<i>People</i>	Hear us, Lord.
<i>Reader</i>	You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.
<i>People</i>	Hear us, Lord.
<i>Reader</i>	Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.
<i>People</i>	Hear us, Lord.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer.

Father of all, we pray to you for Nancy, 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 and Announcements

The Rev. Jeff D.S. Thornberg

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

How Great Thou Art

sung by Juli Kennedy

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:

**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.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people stand.

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 Celebrant and other ministers take their places.

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 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 Celebrant then says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Nancy. 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 Celebrant blesses the people, and the people respond:

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the people and the people respond:

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**





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