

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

For the Life of

**Dawn Rice**



Thursday, July 11, 2024

10 a.m.

Officiant and Homilist: The Rev. Christopher H. Martin

Celebrant: The Rev. Lynn Oldham-Robinett

Deacon: The Rev. Erin Wiens St. John

Pianist: Michael Struck

Prelude                      The Lord is Good to Me                      Gannon and Kent

Opening Sentences                      *Please stand*

*Officiant*                      The Lord be with you.

*People*                      **And also with you.**

*Officiant*                      Let us pray.

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

*Officiant* Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Dawn's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Personal Remembrances                      *Please be seated*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading                      Isaiah 25:6-9                      *Please be seated*

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*After the reading, all reply*                      **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23                      Book of Common Prayer p. 612

Second Reading                      2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*All reply*                      **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel                      John 11:21-27                      *Please stand.*

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

*All reply*                      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel*                      The Gospel of the Lord

*All reply*                      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily                      The Rev. Christopher H. Martin

*Pause for a minute of silence.*

The Apostles' Creed                      *All stand, if able. Said by all.*

**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

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **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 Peace

*Please Stand*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 292

I Sing a Song

*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 unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing...

...who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest,**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption , O Father...

...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.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. All are welcome to inquire about the Baptism and receive a blessing.*

Hymn In the Garden

*See insert for words*

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.**

Blessing

The Commendation

*Officiant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

*People* **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Officiant* 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.**

*Officiant* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Dawn. 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.**

Hymn 671 Amazing Grace

The Dismissal

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude The Circle of Life

Elton John

*Please join us for a reception following the service. Donations in lieu of flowers can be given to Halleck Creek Ranch, an organization that enriches the lives of those with developmental disabilities through equine therapy.*

### In The Garden

I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.

*Refrain:*

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with Him,  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling.