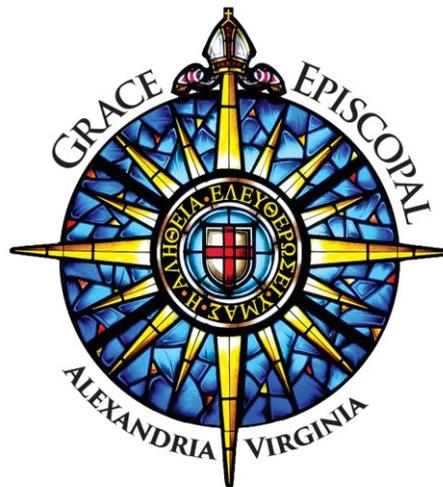




**The Burial of the Dead Rite II**  
Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 11 a.m.

**Susie Brown Shimek**  
*August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1956 – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022*



**Grace Episcopal Church**  
3601 Russell Road  
Alexandria, VA 22305

# REQUIEM EUCHARIST

From the *Book of Common Prayer*

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 Lazarus. 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.

## PRELUDE

*The people stand.*

## OPENING HYMN LEVAS II #60

## How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*  
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —  
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —  
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —  
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee:\_\_\_ How great Thou

*\* The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."*

art,\_\_\_ how great Thou art!\_\_\_ Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee:\_\_\_ How great Thou art,\_\_\_ how great Thou art!\_\_\_

THE OPENING ANTHEM

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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.

*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 Susie, 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.**

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

## EULOGIES

Jacob Shimek  
Linda Brown Murphy Scott  
Tracy Enger

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 3:1-5

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

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

*Lector* A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

For 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.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The people stand.*

SEQUENCE HYMN WLP 811

Be not afraid

Musical notation for the beginning of the hymn 'Be not afraid'. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef, both in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The first three measures are shown, with a repeat sign at the end of the first measure.

Musical notation for the first verse of the hymn 'Be not afraid'. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef, both in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The first three measures are shown, with a repeat sign at the end of the first measure. The lyrics are: "1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you".

shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in

safe - ty though you do not know the way. You shall

speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un - der - stand.

You shall see the face of God and live. \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.

Come, fol - low me, and I will give you

*Verse 2*

rest. 2. If you

pass through rag - ing wa - ters in the sea, you shall not

drown, If you walk a - mid the burn - ing flames, you shall not be

harmed. If you stand be - fore the pow'r of hell and

death is at your side, know that I am with you — through it

*To refrain Verse 3*

all. *To refrain* 3. Bless - ed are your poor, for the

king - dom shall be theirs. Blest are you that

weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if

wick - ed men in - sult and hate you all be - cause of me,

bless - ed, bless - ed are you! \_\_\_\_\_

*Final Refrain*

Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.

Come, fol - low me, and I will give you

rest.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-16

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The people sit.*

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Dr. Anne Michele Turner

MUSICAL SELECTION

Ave Maria

Performed by Mary Pohlenz

*The people stand.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

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For our sister Susie, 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 Susie, 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.

*The Officiant concludes with the following prayer.*

Father of all, we pray to you for Susie, 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 people are seated.*

MUSICAL SELECTION

A Celtic Blessing

Performed by Mary Pohlenz

*May choirs of angels lead you into paradise,  
and may the martyrs come to welcome you  
To bring you home into the holy city, so you may dwell in new Jerusalem.  
May holy angels be there at your welcoming,  
with all the saints who go before you there,  
That you may know the peace and joy of paradise;  
that you may enter into everlasting rest.*

*The people stand.*

THE COMMENDATION

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

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

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.

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Susie. 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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace

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 DISMISSAL

*Officiant*  
*People*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Friends and Family welcome attendees of today's funeral to join them in the Merrow Hall Auditorium (located on the third floor) for refreshments and an opportunity to share precious memories.

Exit the Nave (church) via the front left exit door. When exiting, walk down the hall and turn right just past the stairs. Continue straight to the elevator (take to the third floor). You may also take the stairs; Grace parishioners can show you where the stairs are located.

# Susie Brown Shimek

*August 12th, 1956 – August 2nd, 2022*



Susie Brown Shimek, 65, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on August 2nd, 2022, in Leesburg, Virginia. Susie Brown Shimek was born in Clarksville, Tennessee to Amy Jo Brown Sprinkle and Billy Gene Brown Sr. on August 12th, 1956. She attended Clarksville High School, Vanderbilt University, and Austin Peay State University. She began her career in the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Division of Air Pollution Control. Later Susie had a 27-year career with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). During her distinguished tenure at the EPA, Susie worked tirelessly as a nationally recognized expert to reduce lung cancer deaths from radon. Most recently, she was promoted to a supervisory position and led national programs aimed at helping children with asthma by controlling indoor asthma triggers, and improving indoor air quality in the nation's schools.

Susie Brown Shimek is preceded in death by her mother Amy Jo Brown Sprinkle, her father Billy Gene Brown Sr., and her mother-in-law Jean Shimek Monahan.

Susie Brown Shimek is survived by her son Jacob Shimek, her brothers Billy Gene Brown Jr., Kirk and Todd Sprinkle, her sisters Vicki Brown Hughes and Linda Brown Murphy Scott, her other mother Elaine Hawkins, her father Larry Sprinkle, Rosie Sprinkle, Adam, Brian, and Aidan Hughes, Kala, Parker Jo, and Seth Murphy, Alex Scott, Dustin, Joe, and Paul Shelby, Laura Snodgrass Pohlenz, Tracy Washington Enger, and Gail Williams.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. ET on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 3601 Russell Rd, Alexandria, VA 22305 with the Rev. Dr. Anne Turner of Grace Episcopal Church, officiating. Immediately following funeral services, a celebration of life will commence where friends, family, and loved ones will be invited to gather, share stories, and reminisce. A second ceremony will be held in Clarksville, Tennessee, at a later date, to ensure all loved ones have the opportunity to gather in celebration of Susie's life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Médecins Sans Frontières, the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, the Wanda Alston Foundation for Homeless and At-Risk LGBTQ Youth in DC, or any other charity of your choice in Susie's name.



### THOSE SERVING TODAY

*Celebrant & Preacher*

*Guest Musicians*

*Crucifer*

*Lector*

*Livestream Crew*

*Ushers*

*Altar Guild Crew Leader*

The Reverend Dr. Anne Michele Turner

Mary Pohlenz, *Soloist* & Jeffrey Winfield, *Organist*

Stephanie Reed

Laura Pohlenz

Geoffrey Whitlock, Alison Campbell

John Boris, Susie Cooper

Chad Eckles

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