



Burial of the Dead

Rite II

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 1 p.m.

Nancy Virginia Wells Macklin

September 2, 1929– January 6, 2024



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BURIAL OF THE DEAD

FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, P. 507

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.

PRELUDE

The people stand.

OPENING HYMN 671

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 melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919). Harmonization Copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press.

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

BCP, P. 493

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. 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:1-3

Lector A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

THE APPLE TREE

Sung by Kelly Macklin, John delRe, and their family

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:4-9

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

HYMN 595

GOD OF GRACE

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of thy sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to faith and praise: grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these days.
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. Music: *Mannheim*, melody from Vierstimmiges Choralbuch 1847; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:3-10

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

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

“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 the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

EULOGY

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Bruce Stewart

The people stand.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 PRAYERS

BCP, p. 497

For our sister Nancy, 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 Nancy, 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 Celebrant concludes with the following prayer.

Father of all, we pray to you for Nancy, 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

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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 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 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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

The congregation is invited to join the family for a reception in the Merrow Hall Auditorium, located on the third floor.

Nancy Virginia Wells Macklin *September 2, 1929– January 6, 2024*

Nancy Wells Macklin passed away peacefully at Goodwin House in Alexandria, Virginia, on January 6, 2024. She was pre-deceased by her husband Daniel Keenan Macklin of Tontogany, Ohio, and her parents Virginia and Joseph Wells.

Nancy was born on September 2, 1929, and raised in Zanesville, Ohio, along with her younger sister Sally. She graduated from Lash High School in 1947 and Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 1951. In 1950 she married Dan, the love of her life. They had six children and remained happily married for 59 years. While Dan served in the Marine Corps and their family grew, they moved often, living in Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, and California until settling permanently in Alexandria, Virginia.



In 1964, Nancy, Dan, and Marilyn Hansen formed Macklin-Hansen Real Estate, of which Nancy was the Secretary-Treasurer. Nancy enjoyed a successful career as a broker of commercial and residential properties in and around Old Town. She was fascinated by Alexandria's history and architecture and loved her profession so well that she continued working into her 80s. Nancy was an active member of Grace Episcopal Church for decades and treasured her community. She chaired the United Way campaign in 1982, served on the Advisory Board of Christmas in April, was a member of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, tutored schoolchildren, delivered food with Meals on Wheels, and volunteered at Carpenter's Shelter.

Nancy valued her friends, playing bridge and tennis, attending book club, hosting parties and picnics, and traveling around the globe with them. She practiced yoga and, with Dan, bicycled frequently along the Potomac River. Nancy was fun-loving and adventurous. In her 80s, she parasailed in the Florida Keys and went up in a hot air balloon.

Nancy was a devoted and proud mother of six children. Her great pleasure was being surrounded by her large family. She, Dan, and her sister Sally ensured annual family reunions in numerous locations beginning in the early 1970s. A highlight was a trip to Tuscany in 2000 to celebrate Nancy and Dan's 50th wedding anniversary.

Nancy knew intuitively what makes for a fulfilling, happy life: purpose, physical and mental activity, lifelong learning, grace and optimism under pressure, gratitude, and above all holding family and friends close.

When asked recently for advice for her grandchildren, she responded, “Enjoy your life.” Nancy led the way, sharing her bright spirit by smiling often, laughing easily, and exuding kindness. Nancy is survived by her sister Sally Wells of Washington, DC, son Dr. Daniel Macklin of Jacksonville, FL, daughter Kelly Macklin of Boyce, VA, daughter Katie Macklin of Alexandria, VA, son Jeff Macklin of Santa Barbara, CA, daughter Sally Macklin of Alexandria, VA, daughter Amy Macklin of Atlanta, GA, their spouses, seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Nancy’s memory may be made to Carpenter’s Shelter in Alexandria, VA, Senior Services of Alexandria, or Grace Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA.



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