Celebrating the life of Kathryn Lynch Burke



July 28, 1930 - May 11, 2020

May 19, 2021 2:30PM

Prelude

Tom Starnes & Kaia Holder

The Liturgy of the Word

All standing while the following anthem is said by the priest.

Celebrant: 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.

Hymn: #287 For all the saints, who from their labors rest Words: William Walsham; Music: Ralph Vaughn Williams



Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Collect for Burial

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Kathryn. 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.





First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-5,9

Please be seated

Reader: A reading from the book of Wisdom.

But 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.

Psalm 27

Reader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *

People: the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

Reader: When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *

People: it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Reader: Though an army should encamp against me, *

People: yet my heart shall not be afraid;

Reader: And though war should rise up against me, *

People: yet will I put my trust in him.

Reader: One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *

People: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

Reader: To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *

People: and to seek him in his temple.

Reader: For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *

People: he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Reader: Even now he lifts up my head *

People: above my enemies round about me.

Reader: Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

People: I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Reader: Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *

People: have mercy on me and answer me.

Reader: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *

People: Your face, LORD, will I seek.
Reader: Hide not your face from me, *

People: nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

Reader: You have been my helper; cast me not away; * People: do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Reader: Though my father and my mother forsake me, *

People: the LORD will sustain me.

Reader: Show me your way, O LORD; *

People: lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Reader: Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *

People: for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

Reader: What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *

People: in the land of the living!

Reader: O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *

People: wait patiently for the LORD.

Second Reading: Job 19:21-27a

Please remain seated

Reader: A reading from the book of Job

Job said, "Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Poem by Kathryn Burke

"Time is a Tower of Water"

Dr. Pam Low

Gradual Anthem: Tom Starnes & Kaia Holder

Gospel: John 14:1-6

Please stand to hear the Gospel.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily The Rev Bob Wickizer

Apostles' Creed

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say, People & Celebrant:

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.

Prayers Please sit or kneel.

Deacon: For our sister, Kathryn, 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 Kathryn, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: Hear us, Lord.

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

People: Hear us, Lord.

Deacon: You raised the dead to life; give to our sister, Kathryn, eternal life.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Deacon: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of

heaven.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Deacon: Kathryn was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship

with all your saints.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Deacon: She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your

heavenly kingdom.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Deacon: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister, Kathryn; let our faith be our

consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Deacon: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister, Kathryn, who was reborn by water

and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with

the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of Christ.

Offertory Please be seated.

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Anthem: Tom Starnes & Kaia Holder

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda Please stand as you are able.

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 him thanks and praise.

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

Father 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:

Sanctus: Hymnal #S-130



The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues:

Celebrant: † Holy and gracious Father: 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." **†††** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant & People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

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

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Now as our savior, Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

Celebrant & People:

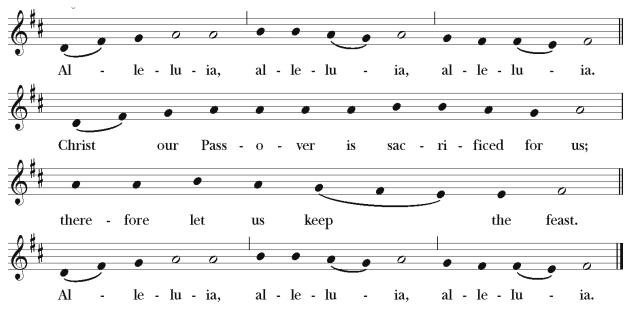
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem:

Hymnal #S-154



At Grace Episcopal Church all baptized Christians from any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing. Blessings are indicated by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.

Communion Anthem:

Tom Starnes & Kaia Holder

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & 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.

Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places. This anthem is said:

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Kathryn with your saints.

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

Celebrant: 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 Kathryn with your saints, where sorrow and People:

pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the body, says:

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Kathryn. 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.

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people with these words:

Celebrant: May your heart come to accept and know the truth of the risen Christ. May you experience God's love that is beyond human understanding. And may God bless you:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen.



Closing Hymn: #376 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Vs,1 &3) Please stand and sing.



The service concludes with the following dismissal:

Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words:

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



Kathryn Lynch Burke July 28, 1930 - May 11, 2020

Kathryn Lynch Burke died on May 11, 2020. She was born on July 28, 1930, with her identical twin, Marion, in Nashville, Tennessee, to Marion Rogers and John Lynch. Kathryn grew up in Muskogee, and after graduating from Texas Women's College she moved to New York City to begin a career in advertising and book publishing. Kathryn travelled widely. Her first trip was a hitchhiking tour of Europe with her sister in post war Europe. Kathryn married Patrick Burke of Northampton, England. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister Marion, and her brother John. She is survived by loving friends from all over the world who cherish her memory.

Children at the Spray

Time is a tower of water

And the afternoon is a spray
of a hundred thousand spurting streams
That eternity throws away ... that forever and never,
days and nights with our end allow for our being all over again

Poem By Kathryn Burke

Kathryn wrote this poem 60 years ago. She lived in New York and worked in a skyscraper across from a school. On her lunch hour she would sit on a bench beside where the children were playing. In hot weather, a cooling spray was set out.

Those Serving

Celebrant	The Rev. Bob Wickizer
Deacon	The Rev. Thomas Harrington
Organist	Tom Starnes
Cellist	Kaia Holder
Reader 1	Marth Alford
Reader 2	Melony Carey
Poem - Children at the Spray	Dr. Pam Low
Altar Guild	
Ushers	David Edwards
	John Charbonneau
1st Cross	BJ Charbonneau
Pall Bearers	Marth Alford & Catherine Nielsen



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