

Celebrating the Life of
Nancy Ann Hurley



July 20, 1940 - February 5, 2025

The Liturgy of the Word

All stand as able while the following anthem is said by the priest.

Celebrant: I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord. and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Hymn: #457

Thou art the Way

Please remain standing & sing.

Collect for Burial

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Nancy, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-5,9

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

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

Read in unison.

- 1 **The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**
- 2 **When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**
- 3 **Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;**
- 4 **And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.**
- 5 **One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**

- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35-39

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Reader: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

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.**

Gospel: John 6:37-40

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 to the people, "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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily: The Rev. Bob Wickizer

Remarks: Andrea Hurley, Hank Batty

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.

Celebrant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with Nancy and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer II—BCP pg. 340)

Sursum Corda

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Celebrant & People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues:

Celebrant: † All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." †††

Celebrant: Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." †††

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant & People:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant & People: **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music:

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

Tom Starnes, Organist

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: **Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy 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 thy servant Nancy with thy saints,

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

Celebrant: Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant Nancy with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

The Celebrant, facing the body, says:

Celebrant: Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Nancy. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Please stand & sing.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NANCY ANN HURLEY

Nancy Ann Hurley, age 84, passed away peacefully while surrounded by family on February 5, 2025. Nancy was born in Oklahoma City on July 20, 1940, to William James and Alma Louise Batty. She was a 1958 graduate of Southeast High School. Nancy attended Central State College in Edmond where she met and married Albert Rowe "Butch" Hurley.



Nancy and Butch started a family by welcoming Scott and Alisa into the world while Nancy continued her education, earning her bachelor's degree in education at Central State. Nancy then taught kindergarten as they moved to Blackwell and Claremore. While teaching in Claremore, Nancy earned her master's degree in psychology at Northeastern State College in Tahlequah. Armed with her master's degree, Nancy taught psychology and child development at Claremore Junior College. As busy as she was, Nancy devoted most of her time to her family.

Never one to sit on her hands, Nancy also sold life insurance for Northwestern Mutual (the only job she ever hated), and owned and ran a clothing store, Newport Ltd, in Wagoner and then Muskogee. After closing the store, she became the first counselor and administrator for an experimental court for adult, nonviolent, felony drug offenders in Tulsa County. That experiment has resulted in similar courts today in 73 of the 77 counties in Oklahoma. Nancy continued drug counseling and added foster care counseling until her retirement.

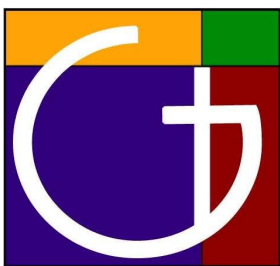
Outside of work and family, Nancy enjoyed volunteering, gardening, fashion, antiques, and politics. She actively participated in the Wagoner Rotary Club and Main Street program. She was a long-time member of Grace Episcopal Church in Muskogee where she was a vestry member and lay reader. She relished Grace Church's annual rummage sale.

Nancy is survived by her son Scott Hurley and wife Nora, daughter Alisa Hurley and husband Jim Ferguson; granddaughters Andrea Cottle and husband Cade, Katie Ferguson and husband Blair Corbin, and Abby Ferguson; great granddaughters Cadence and Cree Cottle; brother Hank Batty and wife Joan; and adopted family member Carlos Oliva. Nancy was predeceased by her parents, husband, sister Linda Batty, and granddaughter Emily Nicole Hurley.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 5:00 until 7:00 at Baggerley Funeral Home, 930 South Broadway, Edmond, Oklahoma.

Nancy's funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 10:00 at Grace Episcopal Church, 218 N. 6th Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma. The family will greet guests at a brief reception at the church after the service. Interment will follow at 3:00 at Evergreen Cemetery in Minco, Oklahoma.

Since Nancy loved colorful clothes, please wear your brightest colors as we celebrate her life. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association Inc., doing business as the Alzheimer's Association and / or Grace Episcopal Church in Muskogee.



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