

In Loving Memory



Dorothy Kamp Fite

FEBRUARY 21, 1934 - MAY 16, 2025

Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Grace Episcopal Church

218 N. 6th Street, Muskogee, OK

We Gather

Organ Prelude

Tom Starnes, Organist

All stand while the following anthem is said by the Celebrant:

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.

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 Dorothy, 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.**

We Hear the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Please be seated.

Katherine: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Katherine: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Martha: Let us say Psalm 23 together.

All: ¹ **The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.**

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ **He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Brita: A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Brita: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: #287

For all the saints
(v. 1-2 before, v. 3-4 after Gospel)

Please stand & sing as you are able.



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,—
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!—



thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We feeble - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
win, with— them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are— one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel: John 14:1-6

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

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

Homily: The Rev. Bob Wickizer

Please be seated.

We Pray

Apostles' Creed

Please stand as you are able.

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.

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.**

Intercessions

Please kneel, sit, or stand.

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

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Dorothy to thy never-failing love; receive her into the arms of thy mercy, and remember her according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

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 Dorothy 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. **Amen.**

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Solo:

The Lord's Prayer

Ken Beard.

Commendation

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

Celebrant: Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Dorothy. 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.**

Celebrant: The blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional: #645

The King of love my shepherd is
(v. 1, 2, 4, 6)

Please stand & sing as you are able.

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness

1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal* 1982.

Organ Postlude

Tom Starnes, Organist

Please join us for reception in the Parish Hall following the service.



Dorothy Kamp Fite

February 21, 1934 — May 16, 2025

Dorothy Kamp Fite, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2025, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 91. Born on February 21, 1934, in Oklahoma City to Frederick William Kamp and Dorothy Thacker Kamp, Dorothy lived a full, vibrant, and compassionate life that left an indelible mark on everyone she knew and loved.

Dorothy was everyone's perfect mother and grandmother, whether she raised you or simply welcomed you into her heart. She was a caretaker by nature, a devoted listener, and a steadfast support to her countless friends and family. Dorothy was always ready to receive her loved ones with a warm smile, a hug... and a little glass of wine or Maker's Mark if anyone needed perking up. She was endlessly gracious and has been described as a model for how to live an exemplary life. Her hot meals made their way around town faster than Coleman could sample them, and her best recipes are still circulating. "Grano" never missed a tennis tournament, spelling bee, or celebration for her children or grandchildren. She gave them the peace and security that comes from being unconditionally loved.

She met the love of her life, Coleman Bartow Fite, while working in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. She accepted a secretarial position there after graduating from the University of Oklahoma where she was the Alpha Chi Omega Psi Chapter President. She married Muskogee native Coleman on October 4, 1958, just three months after they met. After their wedding they lived in Calgary where Coleman was a geologist with Sunray Oil Company. They lived in Denver a short while before settling on a farm in Fort Gibson and eventually building a home in Muskogee. Theirs was a whirlwind love story that blossomed into decades of the truest partnership. Coleman remained her sweetheart and greatest champion until his death. Her intentional, devoted, yet easy ways of loving him set the standard for a happy marriage.

Dorothy was beautiful inside and out. Elegant, whip-smart, and effortlessly cool, she was the woman everyone wanted to be when they grew up. She was a peaceful and calm woman whose wisdom guided many. She played tennis in her younger years, enjoyed bird-watching later, and was a valuable amateur historian for her community. She loved a good bridge game and participating in PEO, Garden Club, and Keystone Book Club. Much of her heart lived at the river in Tahlequah, where she spent cherished time with family and friends at Sequoyah Club, Wauhilla Outing Club, and Swannanoa Ranch.

Dorothy was a dedicated parishioner of Grace Episcopal Church, where she served in the Women of Grace in various capacities for decades. She was patriotic, principled, and believed in always doing the right thing with kindness, grace, and style. Her warmth, humor, and boundless love made the world a better place. She was deeply loved, and her spirit lives on in the countless lives she touched.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband Coleman Fite in 1999, her son, Coleman Bartow "Bart" Fite, Jr. in 2017, and her brothers Fred W. Kamp and Dr. Richard Kamp.

She is survived by her daughter Ann Fite of Tulsa, her grandchildren, Carleigh Fite (husband Damon Cassens) of Colorado Springs and Coleman Fite (wife Lauren Fite) of Tulsa, great-grandson Coleman "Case" Fite of Tulsa, step-grandchildren Cole Chapman and Victoria Chapman, and numerous Kamp and Fite nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grace Episcopal Church.

Those Who Serve

Celebrant -----The Rev. Bob Wickizer

Officiant -----The Rev. Omar Cisneros

First Lesson Reader -----Katherine Coburn

Psalm Reader -----Martha Fite

Second Lesson Reader-----Brita Haugland

Altar Guild -----Marlene Odom

First Cross-----Van Odom

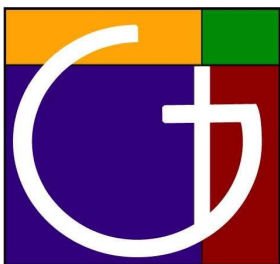
Second Cross -----B.J. Charbonneau

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Organist -----Tom Starnes

Video -----Nancy Scott

Reception-----Sharon Champlin



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