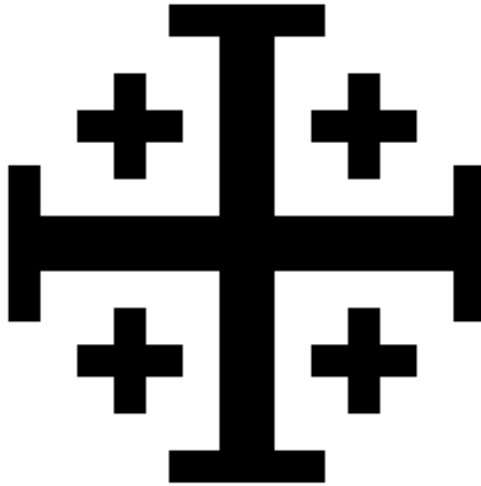


THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL



NANCY LOUISE RENICK

MARCH 27, 1933 – JULY 18, 2026

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

HALF PAST FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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SCHMÜCKE DICH, O LIEBE SEELE, BWV 654

*Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)*

INTROIT

GOD BE IN MY HEAD

*John Rutter
(b. 1945)*

God be in my head, and in my understanding.

God be in my eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and at my departing.

The people are invited to stand.

RESURRECTION ANTHEMS

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

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

St. Anne

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.



People And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Nancy, 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.

People Amen.

The people are seated.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

chant: *C. Hylton Stewart*

The LORD is my shepherd; *
therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me
against them that trouble me; *
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life; *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

HYMN

FOR ALL THE SAINTS, WHO FROM THEIR LABORS REST

Sine Nomine

For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—
 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
 thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—
 saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host—
 Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospeller 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the Celebrant.

EULOGY

Ellen Renick Durand

HOMILY

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

The people are invited to stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

People **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.**

Leader 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.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

You raised the dead to life;
give to our sister eternal life.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented;
bring our sister to the joys of heaven.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;
give her fellowship with all your saints.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

She was nourished with your Body and Blood;
grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister;
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Nancy, 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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the altar is prepared.

ANTHEM

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

*Michael McCarthy
(b. 1966)*

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

The people are invited to stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 Nancy, and to all 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

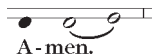
Christ will come again.

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.

People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

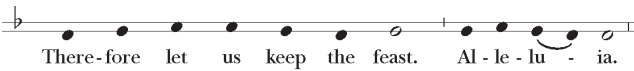
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People  There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION

The people are seated.

To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

ANTHEM

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

*John Rutter
(b. 1945)*

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Numbers 6:24

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

THE COMMENDATION

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

People **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.

People **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.

People **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to live with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in the comfort and peace of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

RESURRECTION ANTHEMS

Officiant Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to
those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace,
having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in
his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the
kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may
the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

VOLUNTARY

FUGUE IN G MAJOR, OP. 37, NO. 2

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

All are invited to the Columbarium for the Committal.
Following the Committal, all are invited to a reception in the Undercroft.

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THE COMMITTAL

When all are in place, the Celebrant says

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give
new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Nancy, and we commit her body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace.

People **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Father of all, we pray to you for Nancy, and for all those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all our care on you, we may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings but one equal eternity; in the habitations of your glory and dominion, world without end.

People **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

People **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy and love of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.

People **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to live with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people saying

Go in the comfort and peace of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



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