



# ALL SAINTS'

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In Celebration  
and Thanksgiving  
for the Life of  
**Lou Agnes Nutter**

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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

### PRELUDE

### OPENING ANTHEM

*Standing, as able.*

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 - 473

*Lift high the cross*

*Sung by all.*

*G. W. Kitchin*

## COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Lou. 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 WORD OF GOD

*The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.*

### THE FIRST READING

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23**

*Read responsively by alternating whole verse.*

- 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.**

**THE SECOND READING**

1 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

## **MUSIC AT THE SEQUENCE**

*It is well with my soul*

*Helen Percy, soloist*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 14:1-6

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

## **HOMILY**

The Rev. Jessica T. Holthus

*The people stand.*

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

*Said by all.*

Book of Common Prayer p. 496

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

**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.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 364

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

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### REMEMBRANCES

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*The people will respond*

**Hear us, Lord.**

For our sister Lou, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Leader Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Lou, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

**People Hear us, Lord.**

Leader You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

**People Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People Hear us, Lord.**

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

**People Hear us, Lord.**

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

*Silence may be kept. The Celebrant concludes with a prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Lou, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his 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.**

## **PRAYERS FOR A DAUGHTER OF THE KING**

*The prayers are lead by a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King.*

Father of all mercies, giver of all comfort, Lou's life was knit together with ours as we worked to fulfill your will on earth through prayer, service and evangelism. Thank you for the time we shared with her as sisters in the Order of the Daughters of the King®. Bestow your gracious mercy and strength on all who mourn her passing. Let us cast every care on you that we may know the consolation of your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence.*

God of love, our sister Lou worked faithfully for the extension of your kingdom. Together with Daughters who have gone before, may she enter into the land of light and joy, and the fellowship of all the saints.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**Give us your peace.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*Silence is held.*

Dear Heavenly Father, we bless you for all those who have departed this life in your faith and fear, especially your Daughter Lou, who daily prayed for others and served cheerfully in fulfillment of her vows. May her faith and example inspire other women and girls to greater and more faithful service for you. Grant that the light of your presence and the glory of the life beyond be her great and everlasting reward. **Amen.**

### **THE COMMENDATION**

*Standing, said responsively.*

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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 Lou. 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 Celebrant offers a blessing and the people respond* **Amen.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**HYMN AT THE RECEPTION - 287 V 1&8** *Sung by all.*

*For all the saints*

**POSTLUDE**

*Inurnment will be immediately following the service  
in our Memorial Garden. All are welcome to attend;  
the entrance to the garden is through the door by the altar, and down the stairs.  
An elevator is available for those who need assistance; exit at level 2.*

*Afterward, there will be a reception in All Saints' Great Hall,  
located on our fourth floor.*

**THE COMMITTAL**

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.

*While the ashes are placed inside the columbarium, the Celebrant says*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Lou, and we commit her remains to their final 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. **Amen.**

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## ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all, we pray to you for 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. **Amen.**

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

## THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; may the blessing of God Almighty, Parent, Child, and Breath of Life be upon you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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