

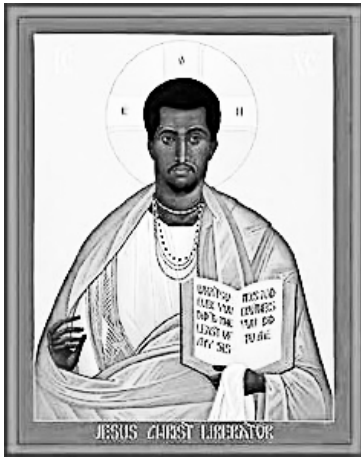


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BURIAL OF THE DEAD & INTERMENT OF ASHES OF  
**MARY LOUISE WESLEY**  
10 MARCH 1930 – 29 MARCH 2026  
2 MAY 2026 AT 11 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING

# THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD



For Christians, the Liturgy for the Dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the Resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead (not resuscitated!), all people, too, shall be raised.

The Liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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.”

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of Lazarus

his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

*THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, pg. 507*



# A LIFE WELL LIVED

Mary Louise Wesley peacefully died at home on March 30, 2026, at the age of 96. She was born in Washington, DC to Mary Madeline Wilkerson-Rice. After attending high school in southern Maryland (Jarboesville), Mary returned to Washington, DC where she married a soldier and moved to the west coast in 1956, first to California and then to Fort Lewis Army Base, Washington.

When her marriage ended, she moved to Seattle, Washington where she was employed by The Boeing Company and retired after 29 years. Mary started as a clerk and eventually moved up to manager. She attended and graduated from North Seattle Community College where she received her degree in business and flower design. She opened her first flower shop, Flower Etc. in 1984 on 23rd and Jackson, Seattle Washington. Some of her famous customers included Quincy Jones, and Liza Minnelli. Due to reconstruction of Jackson Street, Mary moved her shop to 23rd and Cherry St., renaming her shop to Flowers Just 4 U. Mary's business lasted for more than 40 years and was the only fully operated black flower shop in Seattle.

Mary attended Saint Clement of Rome Episcopal Church Seattle until her death. Mary provided fresh flowers for the Church weekly and also served as an acolyte. Mary truly loved her Church. Mary was an avid bowler and golfer. She received accolades for her hole-in-one from the Seattle Times.

Mary was preceded in death by her mother Mary Madeline, siblings Sarah Jackson, Calvin Wilkerson, Leon Rice, Jeanette Rice, Marnette Chase, and special little doggies Sissy, Lollipop, and Ginger. She is survived by her sister Barbara Jenkins, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.



May Mary rest in peace and rise in Glory!

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# THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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## THE PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace*

WILBUR HELD

*As the Prelude begins, all conversation is saved for after the Liturgy.  
At the ringing of the bell, all stand as able for*

*Then, as the Procession enters, this Anthem is offered.*

## THE INTROIT

*THE (RED) BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, PG. 491*

## THE COLLECTS (THEME PRAYERS OF THE DAY)

*The Celebrant then says* The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Silence is observed.*

*Two Collects are offered: for the repose of the soul of Mary's soul  
and one for her family and those who grieve.*

*People*

**Amen.**

## HYMN 208 *The strife is o'er, the battle done* VICTORY

*The people sit for.*

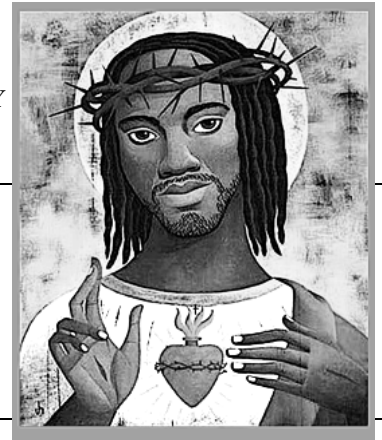
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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*After the Lessons:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.** *AFTER THE LESSON, A BELL IS RUNG. SILENCE IS OBSERVED. SILENCE ENDS WITH THE BELL*



## THE FIRST LESSON

*Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39*

## PSALM 23: HYMN 663

*The Lord my God my Shepherd is*

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***Harmony Encouraged!***

## THE SECOND LESSON

*2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9*

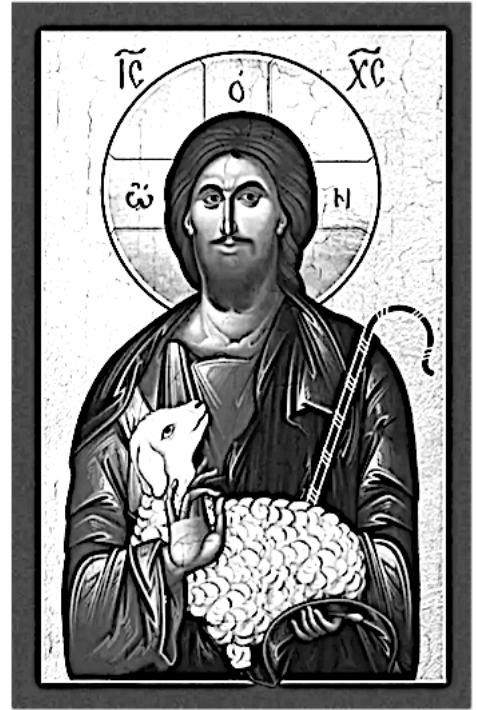


THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 5:24-27*



Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!!!  
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to John.  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.  
*The Gospel is proclaimed.*  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.



REFLECTIONS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*LATE 1<sup>ST</sup>/EARLY 2<sup>ND</sup> CENTURIES  
– ORIGINALLY USED AT BAPTISMS*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism,  
let us proclaim the faith we share with Mary  
and say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
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,

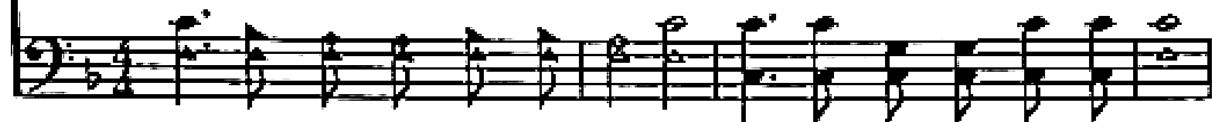
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resur<sup>✠</sup>rection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# HYMN



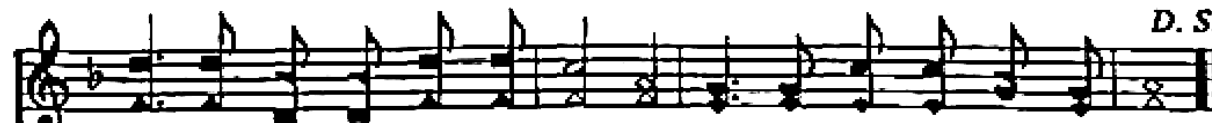
1. I am go - ing to a cit - y Where the streets with gold are laid,
2. In this world we have our trou - bles, Sa - tan's snares we must e - vade;
3. Saved ones gone to be with Je - sus, In their robes of white ar - rayed,



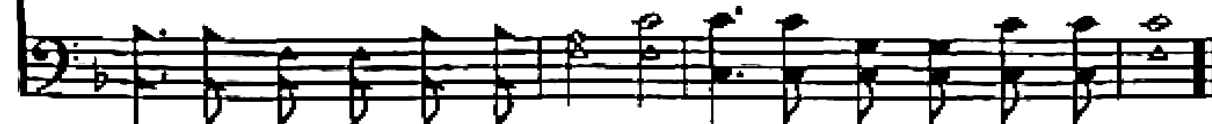
Where the tree of life is bloom - ing, And the ros - es nev - er fade.  
We'll be free from all temp - ta - tions Where the ros - es nev - er fade.  
Now are wait - ing for my com - ing Where the ros - es nev - er fade.



*D. S.* - I am go - ing to a cit - y Where the ros - es nev - er fade.



Here they bloom but for a sea - son, Soon their beau - ty is de - cayed;



# THE PRAYERS

*Petitions for the world and the Departed are offered.*

**“Lord, have mercy,”** is from the very Early Church meaning, *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

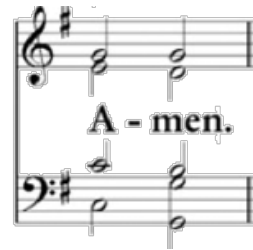
*Cantor* In peace, let us pray to the Lord Jesus who said,

**“I am resurrection and I am life.”**

*The Cantor then leads us in prayer for the Church, the world, those in need and the departed ending each petition. let us pray to the Lord.*



*All Respond*



*The Celebrant offers the concluding prayer and the People respond*

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant. The people stand as Celebrant censes the Gifts. The Thurifer then censes the ministers and then the People symbolizing their role as concelebrants of the Eucharist.*



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## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

STEPHAN CASURELLA

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *Please stand as able*

Pray, Sisters and Brothers, that this our spiritual sacrifice, may be acceptable to God the Almighty.

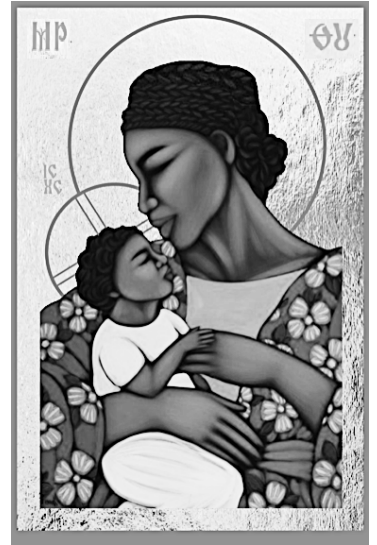
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice of our hands to the praise and glory of God's holy Name, for our good, and the good of the whole world.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Prayer* **Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING THE CANON OF THE MASS

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, PAGE 367

The Lord be with you.  
And al-so with you.  
Lift up your hearts!  
We lift them to the Lord!  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



It is right, and a good and joyful thing.....to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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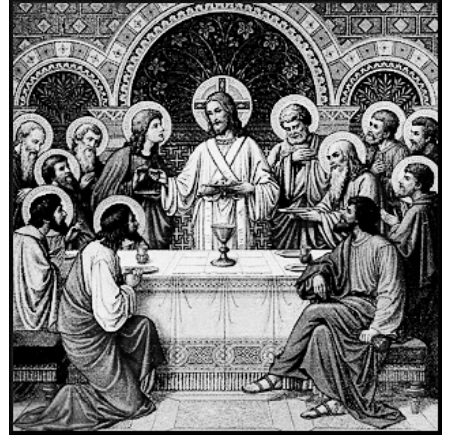
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues giving thanks to God for the whole of Creation, the coming of Jesus and then consecrates the Bread and Wine to be the Body and Blood of Christ. Then:*

Therefore, according to Christ's gracious command,  
**We remember his death;**  
**We proclaim his Resurrection;**  
**We await his coming in glory.**

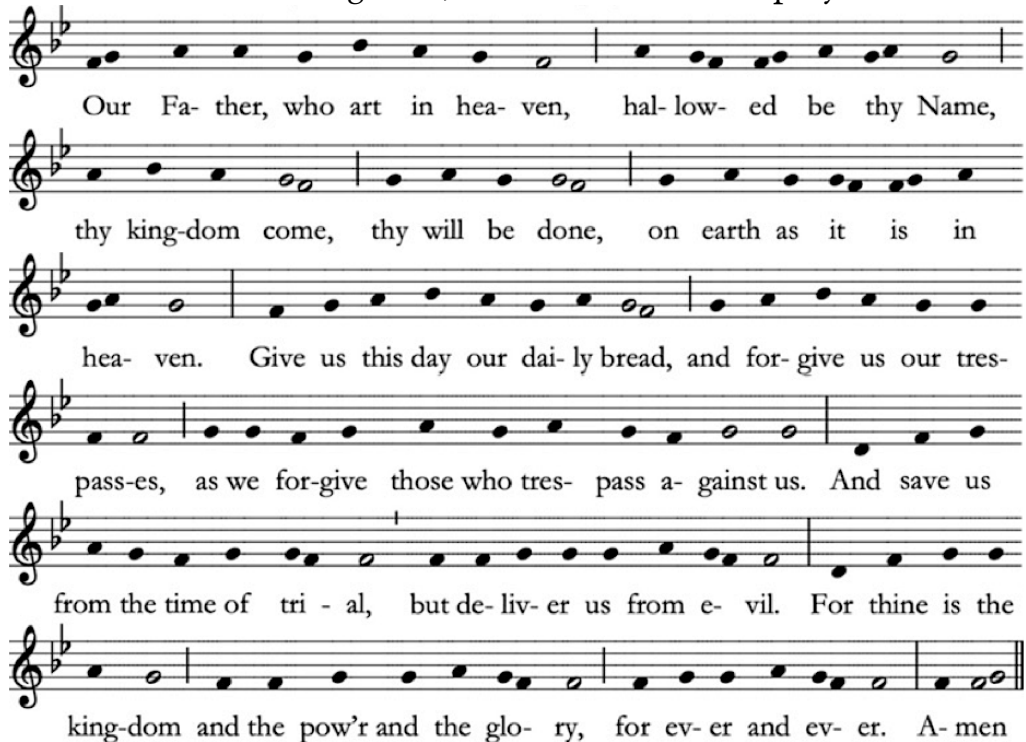
*The Celebrant continues, asking the Holy Spirit to make this bread and wine the Body and Blood for us and then prays that we may join with all the Saints in God's eternal kingdom. At the conclusion, the People affirm their consent:*

  
**A - men.**

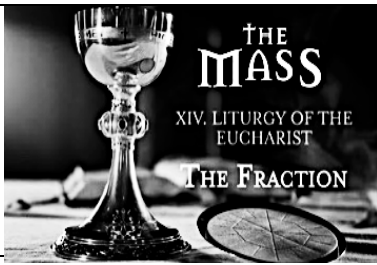


## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray.



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,  
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-  
pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And save us  
from the time of tri-al, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the  
king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men



## THE FRACTION:

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Consecrated Bread, the Body of Christ, is broken. Silence is observed. As the Bread is broken, be aware of the paradox that as we are broken for the sake of the world, so are we united together in the Eucharist and share that peace with one another.*

Alleluia! This is the true Bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Then, is sung* **THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

GARY JAMES



The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

**REPEAT ANTIPHON**

One body are we, Alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

**REPEAT ANTIPHON**

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## THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*At the Eucharist, **WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE LORD'S TABLE**, regardless of religious affiliation, if any. Receive the Body of Christ in the open palm of the hand. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you wish, receive the Blood of Christ by drinking from the Chalice. Intinction: dipping your Bread into the Chalice is forbidden in this Diocese for health reasons. Holy Communion in one kind is receiving a full Communion.*

*Those do not profess the Christian Faith are more than welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament as a symbolic "last meal" with the Departed.*

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## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

PUBLIC DOMAIN

*Communion Devotions are found in the pamphlet in your pew rack.*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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# THE COMMENDATION

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*The Urn containing the ashes are taken in procession to the center of the Nave. The Celebrant and other ministers take their places in the center of the Nave. During the Procession, this Hymn is offered.*

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 humankind;  
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 Mary. Acknowledge, we pray, 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 BLES✠SING:***is not given in Masses for the dead.*

*Instead:* Let us go forth, in the Name of Christ!

**Thanks be to God.**



# HYMN

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me  
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws  
 4. When the light dis - ap - pears and we all draw

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 near, When my life is al - most gone;  
 near, And the day is past and gone;  
 near to that Place where all have gone,

— Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
 — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I  
 — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my  
 — at God's Ta - ble we'll stand, with the Saints, hand in

light, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on.  
 fall, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on.  
 hand, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on.  
 hand. Take our hand pre - cious Lord, we are home!

## PROCESSION TO THE CHURCH YARD

*The Urn is borne from the Church. The People follow the procession.*

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# THE COMMITTAL

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## THE COMMITTAL SENTENCES

*The Celebrant offers portions of Scripture.*

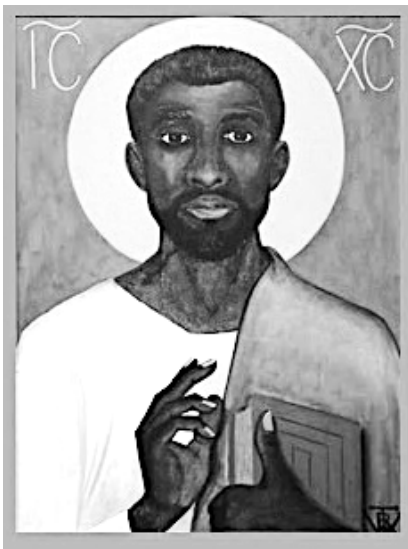
## THE BURIAL

*The remains are buried as the Celebrant prays*

..... give her peace.

**Amen.**

*Then, the Celebrant offers*



I heard a voice from heaven, saying to me, Write,  
“From henceforth blessed are the dead  
who die in the Lord:  
even so says the Spirit;  
for they rest from their labors.”

*Pastoral Assistant*

Rest eternal grant to Mary, O Lord;  
**And let light perpetual shine upon her.**  
May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
**Amen.**



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