

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

ANNE ROBERTS



March 14, 2025

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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.

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Anne, 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 Lessons *Please be seated for the reading of the lessons*

A Reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 25:6-9

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *Please respond where bold*

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me 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 they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from the First Letter of John

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

Please stand as you are able

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

John 14:1-6

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

Remembrances

Peter Roberts

Homily

The Very Rev. Dave Marshall

Musical Reflection

There is Room in My Father's House

Joseph M. Martin

The All Angels Choir

The Apostles Creed *Please stand as you are able*

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 universal Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

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 Anne, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented;
bring Anne to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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.

Celebrant:

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last. **Amen.**

Musical Reflection

Love Divine

Fred Gramann

All Angels Bell Choir

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God 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 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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Please be seated, or remain standing, as you are called and able.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

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. **AMEN.**

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.

Communion Music

David Stasney

Post Communion Prayer

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.

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places.

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 Anne.
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.**

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; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.





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or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of_____ God are just



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Postlude

The Committal

Please assemble outside in the memorial garden inside the walls or around the outside.

The Celebrant continues:

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.

*The ashes are placed in the ground.
Celebrant continues.*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God
our sister, and we commit her body to the ground;
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 her countenance upon her and give her peace.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray as our Lord and Savior as taught us.

**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.**

Rest eternal grant to her, 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.**

***You are invited and encouraged to attend the reception
that immediately follows this service.
Please join with your friends and neighbors.***

Anne Roberts

July 20, 1937 - February 25, 2025

Anne Roberts died Tuesday, May 25th of natural causes at Freedom Village of Bradenton, Florida.

Anne was born in La Jolla, California on July 20, 1937 to Francis Findlay and Lois Hopkins. She was preceded in death by her older brothers John and Frank and by her older sister, Martha.

Anne attended Stanford University and met her husband, Warren, on a ski trip to Sun Valley, ID. She left her studies to get married and have 4 children in Berkeley, CA.

After relocating to Albany, New York to support Warren's career as a university professor, Anne finished up her degree while raising her children and then went on to earn her Masters (Library Science) and PhD in Children's Literature from SUNY Albany. Anne had a long and rewarding career as a Reference Librarian, specializing in Information Science.

Anne and Warren loved to travel the world and took the family to England for a year in 1970 during Warren's sabbatical. Their fondness for classical music, history, art and culture were legendary and the house parties and intellectual discussions that inevitably ensued marked the way in which Anne and Warren entertained and socialized.

After retiring from the university in 2002, Anne purchased her dream retirement home in Longboat Key, FL where she flourished for over 20 years; enjoying the opera, museums, art galleries and other rich cultural elements that are plentiful in the greater Sarasota area. Truly a social butterfly, Anne thrived on her personal relationships, and she made friends wherever she went. She made a lasting impression on people and will never be forgotten.

She is survived by her four children; Carissa (nee Erin), James (Susan), Thomas and Peter; and six grandchildren Kyle, Austin, Nolan and Surawit Roberts and Stuart and Hillary Williams.

Contributions in lieu of flowers can be sent to Southeastern Guide Dogs or the Save the Manatee Club.



Today's presenters:

The Very Rev. David Marshall
Rector

Bob Erker and Larry Elder
Chalice Bearer, Acolyte, Crucifer

David Stasney
Music Director

The All Angels Choir

The All Angels Handbell Choir



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