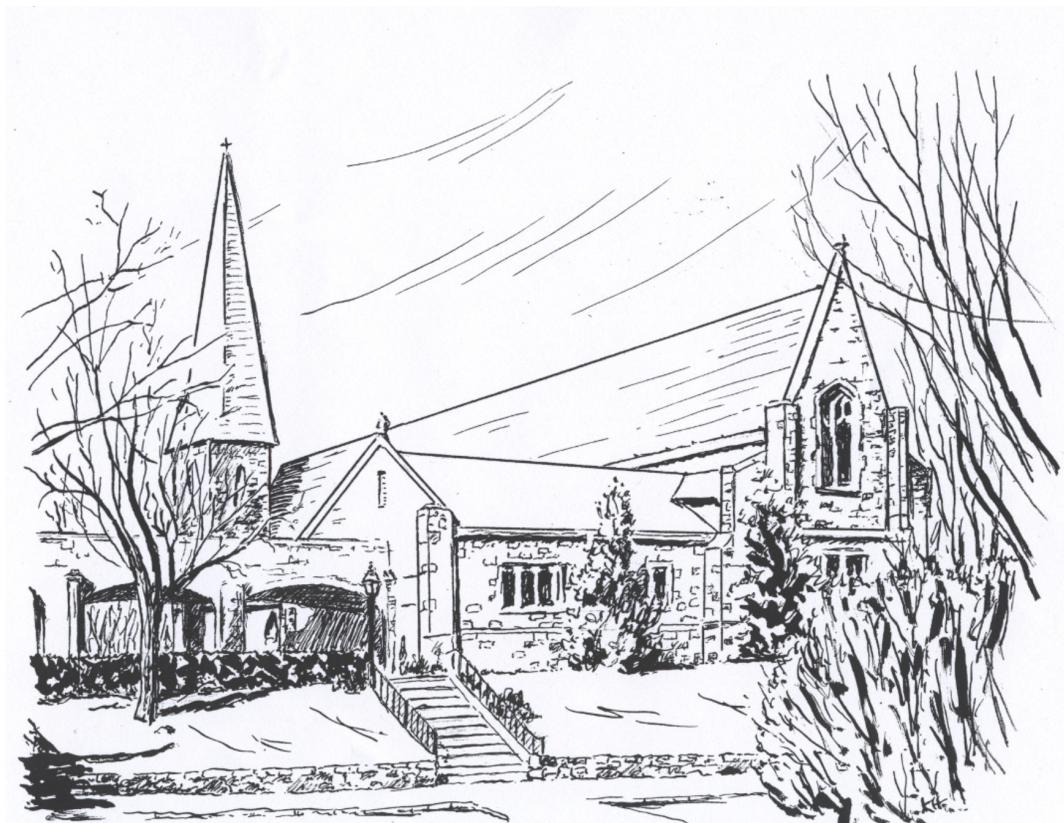


IN MEMORIAM
CAROLYN CHASE DALE MILLER



THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025
10:00 A.M.

SAINT LUKE'S PARISH
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

OFFICIANT

The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

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H. David Pulliam

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David Lang

Anne Thomas

PALL BEARERS

Dale Edward Miller, Jr.

Spencer Smith

Gregory Smith

Alan Lawrence

Colin Haupt

Bertram Tunnell, III

REMEMBRANCE

Gregory Smith

READERS

Amanda Miller

Lindsay Smith

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, 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 in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of 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, p. 507

CAROLYN CHASE DALE MILLER
AUGUST 31, 1936 – MARCH 30, 2025

Prelude

David Pulliam

Please stand as the opening sentences are said by the Officiant.

Opening Sentences

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 Collect

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Carolyn. 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.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Carolyn's family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Remembrance

Gregory C. Smith

Hymn 657

Sung by all, standing.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 Music: *Hyfrydol*, Roland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

The First Reading | Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Read by Amanda Miller

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 *Said in unison.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and
your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Read by Lindsay Smith

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 208

Sung by all, standing.

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Antiphon (at the end)

The Gospel | John 14:1-6

Celebrant 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. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Led by Hillary Miller

Leader For our sister Carolyn, 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 Carolyn 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.

The Officiant concludes the Prayers with the following:

Father of all, we pray to you for Carolyn, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Hymn at the Offertory *Sung by all, standing.*

Unison

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have
 heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord,
 if you lead me, I will hold your people in my
 heart.

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The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **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:

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

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

All

**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

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion, regardless of age or denomination. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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 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 Green Cathedral”

Sung by all, standing.

I know a green cathedral,
a shadowed forest shrine,
Where leaves in love join hands above
to arch your prayer and mine.

Within its cool depths sacred,
a priestly cedar sighs,
And the fir and pine lift arms divine
unto the clear blue skies.

In my dear green cathedral
there is a flowered seat
And choir loft in branched croft
where songs of bird hymn sweet.

And I like to dream at evening,
when the stars its arches light,
That my Lord and God treads its hallowed sod
in the cool, calm peace of night,
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in the cool, calm peace of night.

Text and Music: Gordon Johnstone and Carl Hahn

The Commendation

*Celebrant
People*

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

Celebrant

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.

Celebrant

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Carolyn. 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 & Dismissal

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Postlude "God Bless America" David Pulliam

Internment at Spring Grove Cemetery follows immediately after the service.

*The family invites you to a reception at Wee Burn Country Club,
410 Hollow Tree Ridge Rd, Darien, CT.*

*Donations in Carolyn's memory may be made to
Saint Luke's Organ Restoration Fund,
1864 Post Road, Darien, CT 06820.*

The Committal

Anthem

All

**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.**

Celebrant

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we command to Almighty God our sister Carolyn, 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. **Amen.**

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

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hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
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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.**

Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

People

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon her.

Celebrant

May Carolyn's soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

People

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant

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



She has achieved success
who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much;

who has gained the respect of intelligent men and
women, and the love of little children;

who has filled her niche and accomplished her task;

who has left the world better than she found it
whether by an improved plant,
a perfect poem, or a rescued soul;

who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty
or failed to express it;

who has always looked for the best in others and
given them the best she had;

whose life was an inspiration;
whose memory a benediction.

— Success, by Bessie Anderson Stanley