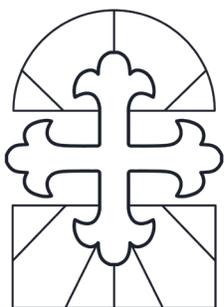


A Celebration of the Life of
ELIZABETH MUNN (BETSY) HOOVER
JUNE 28, 1928—MAY 25, 2021



LITURGY OF THE RESURRECTION

The Book of Common Prayer, Rite I

Saturday, June 26, 2021, 11 am

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR.

The service we use today is the "Liturgy of the Resurrection" from the Book of Common Prayer. It expresses our close relationship with God and with one another. The minister and family have selected what is suitable for this occasion.

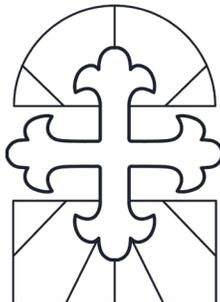
Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is renewed life, in Christ, after death.

God's love and power extend over all creation. Every life, including our own, is precious to God.

*Even those who share this faith find that there is a real feeling of loss at the death of a loved one. The living need our support and consolation. The whole congregation has an important part in giving this help; ways in which we can do this are by joining in those parts printed in **bold type**, and by singing together the hymns, found in the blue **Hymnal 1982**, located in the pews.*

Please turn off all cell phones and refrain from flash photography during the worship service.

Although there are customary postures (such as standing or kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.



THE GREETING

Prelude

Welcome

All stand, as they are able.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
For if we live, we live unto the Lord.
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Hymn #680

O God Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

THE COLLECTS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Betsy, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The people are seated for the reading of the lessons.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading *Isaiah 25:6-9*

read by Christopher Hoover

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.

Reader Here ends the Lesson.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated

The Second Reading *2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 5:1-9*

read by Stephen Hoover

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. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Reader Here ends the Lesson.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #287

For All the Saints (vv. 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8)

SINE NOMINE

The Gospel *John 14:1-6a*

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe[a] 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."

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

Homily

The Rev. Jeff D. S. Thornberg

THE PRAYERS

After a brief silence for reflection, the people stand, as they stand are able for the prayers.

The Apostles' Creed

**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

**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 Prayers of the People

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. **Amen.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant us to entrust Betsy to thy never-failing love; receive her into the arms of thy mercy and remember her according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. **Amen.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE COMMENDATION

The people remain standing, as they are able. The Officiant and other ministers take their places at the urn.

Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

People **where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we 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.**

The Officiant then says

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Betsy. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Officiant Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord:

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

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

People **And rise in glory. Amen.**

The Officiant then says

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.**

The Blessing and Sending Forth

Hymn #608

Eternal Father Strong to Save (The Navy Hymn)

MELITA

ALL ARE INVITED TO A GATHERING OF
FRIENDS FOLLOWING THE SERVICE IN
THE TELLEEN COURTYARD, JUST SOUTH
OF THE CHURCH.

ELIZABETH MUNN (BETSY) HOOVER (June 28, 1928 – May 25, 2021)



Elizabeth Munn (Betsy) Hoover (born Laura Elizabeth Munn) passed away on May 25, 2021 in Altadena, CA, one month short of her 93rd birthday. She is survived by her daughter Barbara, her son Richard (Nancy), grandsons Stephen (Ellie) and Christopher (Kylie), and great-grandsons Jack and Hank. She is preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband and partner of 66 years, Lloyd.

Betsy was born in Springfield, MA in 1928 to Ralph and Bessie Munn. She grew up in Springfield and graduated from Classical High School. After graduation, she attended Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA, where she earned a degree in biology, with a minor in music in 1950.

Also in 1950 she married Lloyd, a Naval Aviator, and over the next 29 years, the Navy moved Betsy and Lloyd 21 times. Betsy never allowed these moves to get in the way of her love of family, her music, her garden or her volunteering.

In 1979 Lloyd retired from the Navy and Betsy and Lloyd moved to Altadena and began the next chapter in their life, during which Betsy continued her love affair with music, singing and supporting the music arts in the LA area. Betsy and Lloyd were season ticket holders of the Los Angeles Opera, and loved going to operas together, something they were never able to do during their Navy years. Betsy was also a

member of the Pasadena Opera Guild, helping to lead the Guild's program supporting young singers.

Betsy was a longtime member of the congregation of the Church of Our Saviour in San Gabriel, CA. For 20 years Betsy enjoyed her work as a member of the Altar Guild, and treasured her friendships with members of the guild.

Betsy continued her commitment to helping others through her volunteer work at the Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, amassing nearly 10,000 hours as a volunteer with the Altadena Guild, serving in various leadership positions over the years. She took great pride in the role that the Guild played in supporting the establishment of the new HMRI building in Pasadena. She was also known for the wonderful cardamom braided coffee bread she baked in support of the HMRI's annual fund-raising events.

Betsy enjoyed being a part of the "Lunch Bunch," a group of LA-area Mount Holyoke graduates that met monthly to enjoy each other's company and share stories and good food – frequently at the Altadena Town and Country Club.

Betsy loved her family; even during the challenging pandemic time, she stayed actively in touch with her family around the country, and not even the pandemic could prevent 'GiGi' (her "great-grandmother name") from greeting her second great-grandson via Facetime.

When she was at home, Betsy loved her garden. Roses and other flowers bloomed everywhere. Delicious oranges grew in the front yard, and lemons in the back. All types of birds enjoyed her feeders, but her favorites were always her beloved hummingbirds.

Betsy made friends and touched people's lives wherever she went. Betsy made a difference in the lives of many people, and through them she will live on. She helped make the world a better place, and she will be missed.

Memorial donations may be made in Betsy's name to the Huntington Medical Research Institutes (HMRI) of Pasadena, CA (<http://hmri.org/>) or to a charity of your choice.



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