

*A Service in Witness  
to the  
Resurrection of Jesus Christ  
and of*



*Elaine Gentle Good*

*May 25, 1924- March 16, 2021*

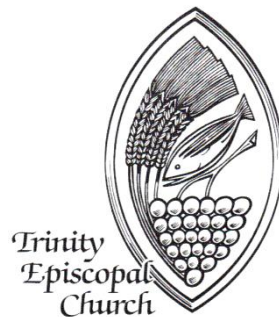
*May 29, 2021 at 11 am*

A funeral is the fulfillment of a life-long relationship with God begun at Baptism. 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.” (Romans 8:38-39)

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.”

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 507*



## **Leading Worship today, April 10, 2021**

Celebrant and Preacher: the Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane

Organist: Ms. Martha Dudich

Lay Leader: Ms. Margaret Perry

Altar Guild: Ms. Joanne Welker, Ms. Margaret Perry

# The Burial of the Dead: Rite One

## Prelude

Martha Dudich

Chorale from 'Jupiter' ~ Gustav Holst , arr. Jeremy Corcoran, 2018,LPC Publishers

## Anthems

*All stand while the following anthems are said*

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.

## Collect

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

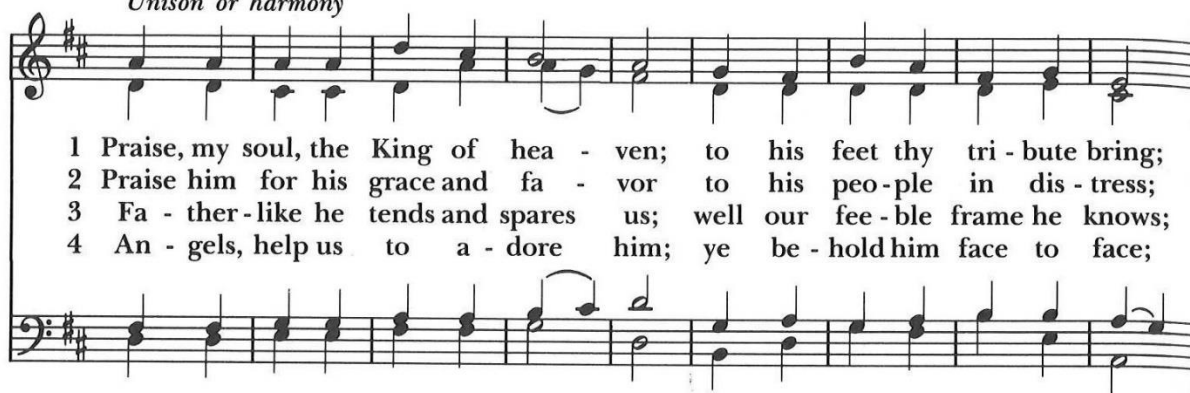
*People*                **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

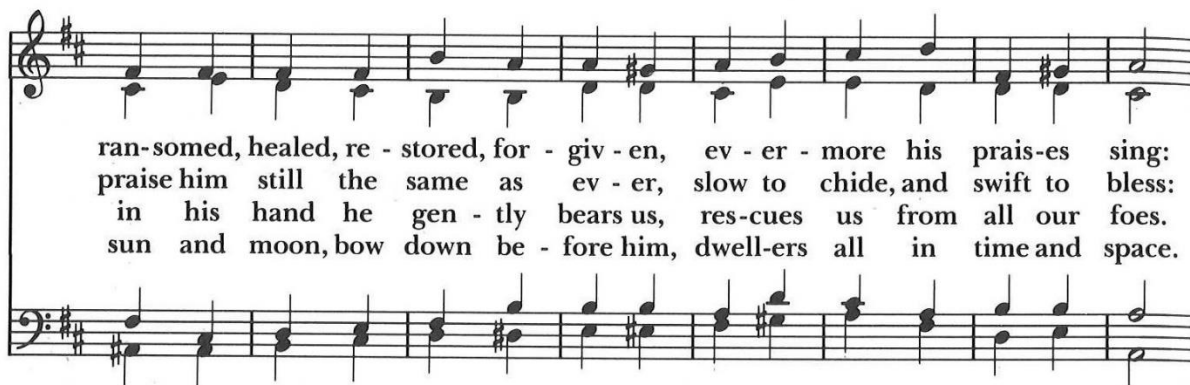
O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Elaine, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.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

**Hymn: Praise my Soul the King of Heaven**

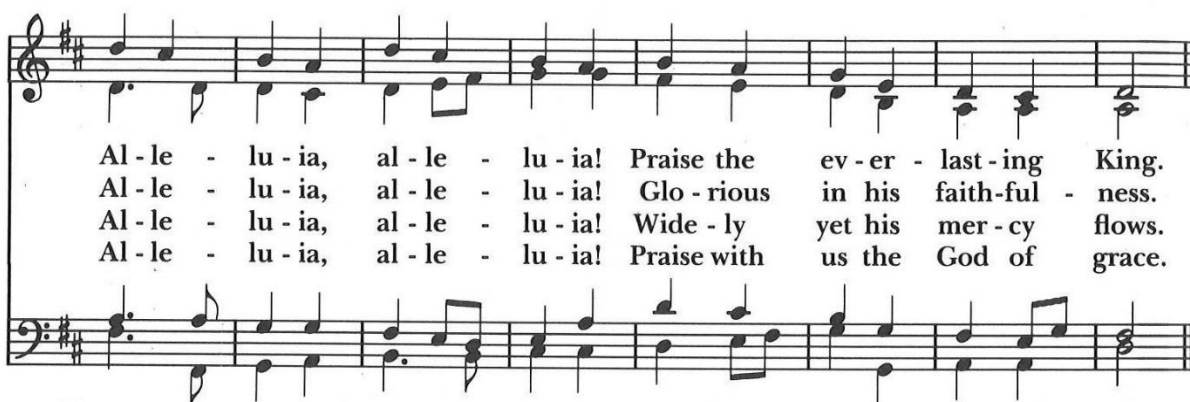
*Unison or harmony*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
 3 Fa - ther-like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais-es sing:  
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell-ers all in time and space.

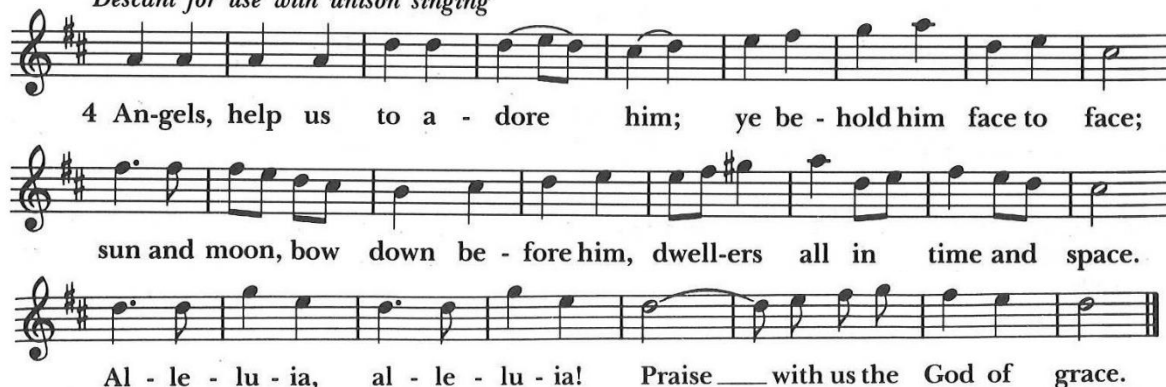


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.  
 Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880)

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*Descant for use with unison singing*



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Music: *Lauda anima*, desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

## **First Reading: Romans 8: 35-38**

**Read by Anne Fox**

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

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

## **Psalm 139: 1-11**

**Read by Elizabeth Banger**

<sup>1</sup>O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

<sup>2</sup>Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

<sup>3</sup>Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

<sup>5</sup>Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

<sup>7</sup>Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

<sup>10</sup>Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

<sup>11</sup>If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

## **Gospel Reading: John 10: 7-12, 14-16**

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Sharing of Memories

### Homily

**The Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane**

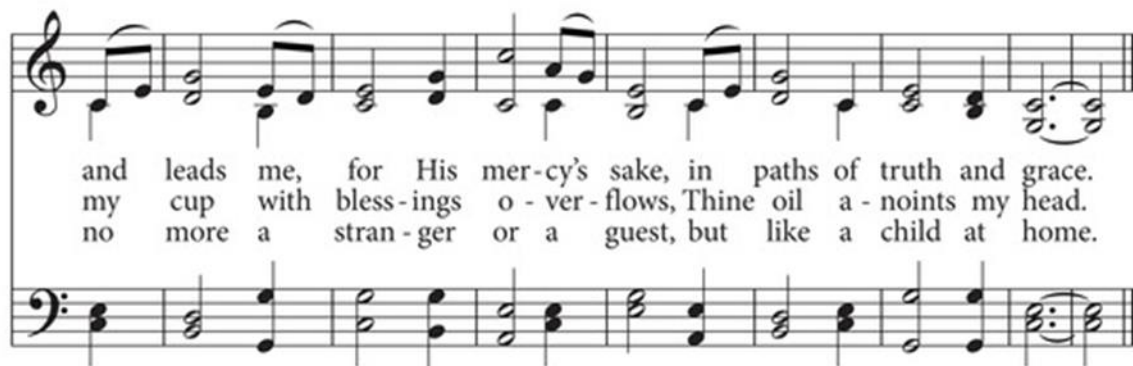
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*



### Hymn: My Shepherd Will Supply my Need

1. My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need, Je-ho-vah is His Name;  
2. When I walk thro' the shades of death, Thy pres-ence is my stay;  
3. The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;

in pas-tures fresh He makes me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.  
a word of Thy sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.  
O may Thy house be mine a-bode, and all my work be praise!



WORDS: Psalm 23; Isaac Watts, 1719

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MUSIC: Southern Harmony, 1835

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## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**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.**



## Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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 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.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Elaine 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 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.**



## **Easter Proclamation *John 20: 1-18***

**Read by John Banger**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” ’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

## **The Benediction and Dismissal**

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

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.

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

Elaine, our companion in the faith and fellow child of Christ, we entrust you to God. May you rest in peace and rise in glory, where pain and grief are banished, and life and joy are yours forever and ever. **Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia**

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

**Postlude**

**Martha Dudich**

In Thee Is Gladness ~ Gastoldi / Bach arr. Wilbur Held 1996, Morningstar Music

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*The Swan*  
*Rainer Maria Rilke*

*This laboring of ours with all that remains undone,  
as if still bound to it,  
is like the lumbering gait of the swan.*

*And then our dying—releasing ourselves  
from the very ground on which we stood—  
is like the way he hesitantly lowers himself*

*into the water. It gently receives him,  
and, gladly yielding, flows back beneath him,  
as wave follows wave,  
while he, now wholly serene and sure,  
with regal composure,  
allows himself to glide.*

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*Elaine Gentle Good was born on May 25, 1924 in Rochester NY to Louise Richmond and Francis William Gentle. In 1926 her parents moved to London, England and thus she grew up in her father's home country. One of three sisters, she attended university for one year before WWII and its impact took her back to London to work. She fulfilled a number of roles during the war: care of the children of soldiers whose wives were also at work, briefly as a Land Girl and finally as a support staff member at an ear, nose and throat hospital. She had many stories to tell about the Blitz and the experience of coming of age in the 1939-1945 period which came together in a book she published in 2002 entitled We Went to England.*

*After the war, Elaine came to America to be with her mother's family back in Rochester. At a Christmas Party in 1946, she met Romer Franklin Good and they were married in September 1947. Romer was an engineer and was himself a WWII veteran. They lived on first one and then another small farm south of Rochester and there raised five children.*

*Elaine was widowed in 1978 and thus began the longest phase of her life. She immersed herself in the amateur acting community in Rochester – most notably, Blackfriars. She played major roles in productions like Sunday in the Park with George, Quilters, Into the Woods and Great Expectations. This passion was supported by her lifelong love of literature, her skill at artistic pursuits like sewing and painting and her deep respect for drama as a means of communication.*

*In addition to acting, she'd served on the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, on the Board of Directors for one of the first community childcare centers in the area and as a member of an important and influential Diocesan Committee which supported congregational development in the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester. She also worked for a time at B. F. Forman's department store.*

*At the age of 80, Elaine left Rochester and came to Doylestown PA to be nearer her family. She again became involved first in acting and then with the Center for Learning in Retirement at Delaware Valley College. She served on the Board there until she was 94 and taught classes as varied as Literature (Jane Austen, Thackeray, Dickens); Acting and History (The Georges: Kings of England; Napoleon; The Tudors to name a few). She also was an active member of Trinity Church, Buckingham.*

*Elaine is survived by her five children: Anne Fox of Joppa MD, John Good of Mill Creek PA, Alison Kouzmanoff of Germantown NY, Jean Good of High Bridge NJ and Katherine Semisch of Doylestown PA. She is also survived by two beloved nieces, 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.*