

*Liturgy of the Resurrection  
celebrated in memory of*

**ANN STRUTHERS COBURN**

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**10:00 AM**

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 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 the one we love  
has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord,  
we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

## Prelude

### The Resurrection Anthems

*All stand.*

*The Presider begins:*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Christ. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die. And everyone who has life, and has committed themselves to me in faith, shall not die for ever. —John 11:25

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. —Job 19:25–27

For none of us has life in themselves, and none becomes their own master when they die.

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. —Romans 14:7–9

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

—Revelation 14:13

### Hymn 460, *Alleluia! sing to Jesus!*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on earth our food, our stay!  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of lords we own;  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne;

Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;  
Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to thee from day to day;  
Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heav'n thy throne:  
Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;  
In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,  
thou with - in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
Hark! the songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;

Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
thou on earth both Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re deemed us by his blood.

### The Collect

*The Presider continues, inviting our prayers:*

May God be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

*We keep a moment of silence as holy people in this holy place.*

*The Presider continues, gathering our prayers, and saying:*

O God of grace and glory, we remember Ann before you this day and thank you for giving her to us 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 that death has been swallowed up in the victory of Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered into the company of all your saints; by the power of your Holy Spirit we pray. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### A Reading from the Book of Micah — Micah 6:6 –8

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Micah.

‘With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*after the lesson:*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

### At the Gradual, Psalm 23

1 O God, you are my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

2 You make me lie down in green pastures \*  
and lead me beside still waters.

3 You revive my soul \*  
and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

Poem, *When Death Comes* by Mary Oliver

When death comes  
like the hungry bear in autumn;  
when death comes and takes all the bright coins from his purse

to buy me, and snaps the purse shut;  
when death comes  
like the measles-pox

when death comes  
like an iceberg between the shoulder blades,

I want to step through the door full of curiosity, wondering:  
what is it going to be like, that cottage of darkness?

And therefore I look upon everything  
as a brotherhood and a sisterhood,  
and I look upon time as no more than an idea,  
and I consider eternity as another possibility,

and I think of each life as a flower, as common  
as a field daisy, and as singular,

and each name a comfortable music in the mouth,  
tending, as all music does, toward silence,

and each body a lion of courage, and something  
precious to the earth.

When it's over, I want to say all my life  
I was a bride married to amazement.  
I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.

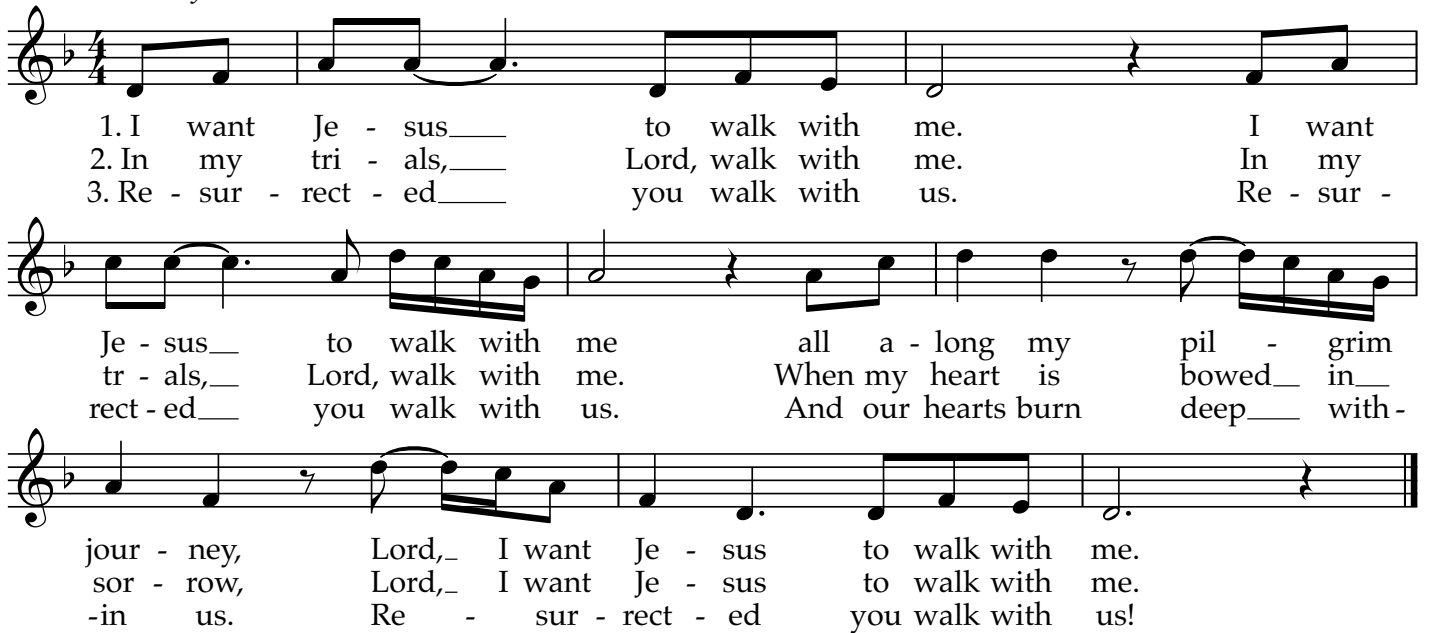
When it's over, I don't want to wonder  
if I have made of my life something particular, and real.

I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened,  
or full of argument.

I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.

## Sacred Song, *I want Jesus*

*All stand as they are able.*



1. I want Je - sus\_\_\_ to walk with me. I want  
2. In my tri - als,\_\_\_ Lord, walk with me. In my  
3. Re - sur - rect - ed\_\_\_ you walk with us. Re - sur -

Je - sus\_\_\_ to walk with me all a - long my pil - grim  
tr - als,\_\_\_ Lord, walk with me. When my heart is bowed\_\_ in\_\_  
rect - ed\_\_\_ you walk with us. And our hearts burn deep\_\_\_ with -

jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
sor - row, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
-in us. Re - sur - rect - ed you walk with us!

## A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke — Luke 24:13–35

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Jesus Christ.**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*after the Gospel:*

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of Our Redeemer.

*People* **Praise to you, Jesus Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Remembrance

## Homily

The Reverend Phil Brochard, *Rector*

*After the Homily, we keep a substantial silence for reflection on all the words we have heard.*

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand as they are able.*

*Asst. Min.* In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim the faith and say:

I believe in God,  
**All 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

*Asst. Min.* For our sister Ann, let us pray to our Savior Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

*Intercessor* Jesus, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Ann, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**All Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Jesus, you raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Jesus, you promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Ann was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her a place in the company of all your saints.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Ann was nourished with your Body and Blood in the Eucharist; grant her a place at the table at the banquet you have promised to your people at the close of the age.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Jesus, comfort us in our sorrows at the death of Ann; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

*The Presider concludes:*

Gracious God, grant to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to face the future with assurance and patience, not as those who are without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your loving kindness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life in your presence, with those they love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, risen in glory. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Presider* May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## Welcome

### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*Presider* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. —Ephesians 5:2

At the Offertory, Psalm 23

Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,  
She makes me lie down in green meadows,  
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,  
She leads me in a path of good things,  
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark & dreary land,  
There is nothing that can shake me,  
She has said She won't forsake me,  
I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,

She anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness & kindness will follow me,  
All the days of my life,  
And I will live in her house,  
Forever, forever & ever.

Glory be to our Mother, & Daughter,  
And to the Holy of Holies,  
As it was in the beginning, is now & ever shall be,  
World, without end. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (*The Eucharistic Prayer is Prayer 3 from Enriching Our Worship.*)

<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
<p>May_ God be___ with_ you.    <b>And_ al - so with you.</b></p>	
<p>Lift_____ up your_ hearts._    <b>We lift_____ them to___ the Lord._</b></p>	
<p>Let us give thanks_____ to the Lord our God.    <b>It is right_____ to give our thanks and praise._</b></p>	

*Presider*    All thanks and praise are yours at all time and in all places, our true and loving God, through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out of the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing; All you create is a sign of hope for our journey.

And so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. —  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Presider continues:*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all: your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations; you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human: to share our life; to proclaim the coming of your holy reign; and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us—the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made,

*Presider:*

...we ac - claim you, O Christ:

*All:*

Dy - ing, you des - troyed our death. Rising, you re - stored our life. Christ Je - sus, come in glo - ry!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Mary the God-bearer and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Ho - ly Spi - rit  
 we worship you, our God and Cre - a - tor, in voi - ces of un - end - ing praise:  
*All*  
 Bless - ed are you, now and for ev - er. A - men. —

## The Lord's Prayer

Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844–1908)

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*Cantor*



Our Fa - ther in heaven,  
Hal - lowed be your Name. Your king - dom come. Your will be done on earth as in heav'n.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who  
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*When Jesus appeared to the disciples that first Easter evening, he broke bread, a sign that the same hands which had broken bread at the Last Supper were the same hands continuing to feed them still. After the Presider breaks the bread for us to share, a moment of prayerful silence is kept. We then celebrate Jesus' risen peace among us as we say:*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

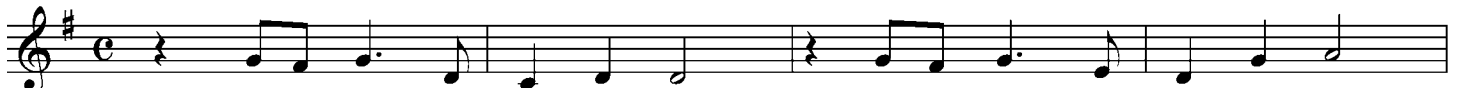
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE


*All who are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please follow the usher's invitation to receive the bread (gluten free available upon request) and wine at the altar rails or grape juice in front of the pillar on the courtyard side. If you would like a blessing instead of the Eucharist, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## Music at Communion

Hymn 812, *Here I am Lord*



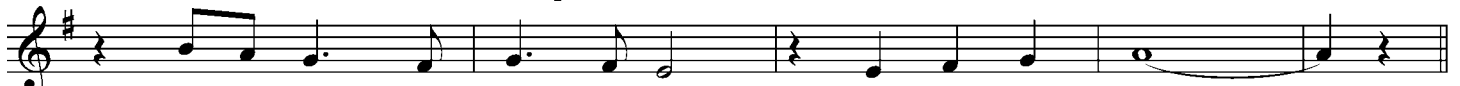
1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry,  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin, My hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - - way.  
 I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness *bright*.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ is it I, Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ I have heard you call - ing in the night. \_\_\_\_\_



I will go, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ if you lead me, \_\_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Sacred Song, *Will you come and follow me?*

F C/E Dm Dm/C Bb Gm C

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name? \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name? \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name? \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name. \_\_\_\_\_

F C/E Dm Dm/C Bb Bb/C F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same. \_\_\_\_\_

Bb Gm Am Bb C

Will you let my love be sown, \_\_\_\_\_ will you let my name be known, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare \_\_\_\_\_ should your life at - tract or scare? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, \_\_\_\_\_ and do such as this un - seen, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you use the faith you've found \_\_\_\_\_ to re - shape the world a - round, \_\_\_\_\_  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go \_\_\_\_\_ where your love and foot - steps show. \_\_\_\_\_

F C/E Dm Dm/C Bb Bb/C F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Post-Communion Prayer

*All stand as they are able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us with the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, giving us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. We pray this Sacrament may be for us a comfort in affliction, and a sign of our inheritance in that place where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the joy of true homecoming; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Commendation

*Presider* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

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

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so you ordained when you created us, 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 Ann. Receive her as 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**

*The Presider blesses the People:*

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift with love, make haste to be kind, and as we go, may the blessings, the peace and the joy of the Holy One, who is in the midst of us, be in our hearts this day and always. **Amen.**

**Sacred Song, *Canticle of the Turning***

1 My \_\_\_\_\_ soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
2 Though \_\_\_\_\_ I am small, my \_\_\_\_\_ God, my all, you \_\_\_\_\_ worked great \_\_\_\_\_ things in me,  
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
4 Though the na - tions rage from \_\_\_\_\_ age to age, we re - mem - ber who holds us fast:

And my spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
and your mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant \_\_\_\_\_ from his throne.  
God's \_\_\_\_\_ mer - cy must de - - - liv - er us from the con - queror's crush - ing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn,  
Your ver - y Name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
The hun - gry poor shall \_\_\_\_\_ weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn;  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which holds us bound,

So from east to west shall my name be \_\_\_\_\_ blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
you will show your might, put the strong to \_\_\_\_\_ flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
there are ta - bles spread, ev - ery mouth be \_\_\_\_\_ fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by \_\_\_\_\_ God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.

Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws \_\_\_\_\_ near, and the world is a - bout to \_\_\_\_\_ turn!

**Dismissal**

*Asst. Min.* Let us go forth in the Name of the Risen Christ, alleluia, alleluia!  
*All* **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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The Rev. Ann Coburn, who opened doors for women clergy in The Episcopal Church, a lifelong advocate for social justice, and beloved mother, grandmother, pastor and friend, passed away June 7 in Oakland, California. She was 74.

Coburn was ordained at St. James' Episcopal Church in Danbury, Connecticut, in December 1977, just a year after the church formally began recognizing women priests. She was the first woman priest in Connecticut and one-half of the first married couple ever ordained together. Coburn confronted sexism in the church with a forceful grace, including working with ecumenical groups in Danbury to encourage churches to open their altars to women, spending time as the only woman priest in the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe, and serving as a part of the Task Force authorized under resolution A045, passed by the Denver General Convention in 2000, to visit dioceses not ordaining women to "monitor progress toward full access of women to the ordination process, as required by the canons."

Coburn served at St. James' first as a curate 1977-79 and later rector 1982-98, where she mobilized ecumenical groups in Danbury around a variety of causes, including the founding of the Daily Bread Food pantry that continues to serve residents of Danbury to this day. In addition to her time at St James', Coburn served as a canon at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, Connecticut, as rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Providence, Rhode Island, and as interim rector of Grace Church, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Coburn also served six terms in the Episcopal House of Deputies and from 2000-2005 on the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, where she advocated particularly for initiatives supporting women in the priesthood and a variety of other social justice issues. Coburn believed that the church needed to be more inclusive and lead congregations in thoughtful discussions about the use of gender pronouns during the liturgy. Also, as a member of the Planning, Budget and Finance Committee for many years, she worked to address the ways in which the church supported a greater range of voices in the church structurally. In these roles, Coburn became a mentor to and an advocate for women in the priesthood. Over the course of her career, women went from being completely unrepresented in the priesthood to now making up 40% of all Episcopal priests (though as Coburn would point out there is still much to be done and a 13.5 percent wage gap between men and women in the church persists).

As the Rev. Marilyn Anderson recalled: "I will always be grateful to Ann and others who were our trailblazers. Ushering in huge changes within an institution is really difficult. There's a lot of resistance to change and a lot of adapting to do. These first women priests absorbed a lot of pushback, and they made the way a lot easier for those of us ordained in the next generation."

Coburn was also a fierce advocate for Palestinian rights. Coburn spent several years attending and organizing Sabeel Conferences, which strive "towards theological liberation through instilling the Christian faith in the daily lives of those who suffer under occupation, violence, injustice, and discrimination." Later she fought for 'responsible travel' to the Holy Land including leading four trips to Palestine to bear witness to and build awareness of the oppressive conditions there.

She was director of fundraising and financial oversight for the Episcopal Peace Fellowship Palestine Israel Network and was the 2023 Cotton Fite Award recipient, in recognition of her work for the Episcopal Peace Fellowship Palestine Israel Network.

Harry Gunkel of the Palestine Israel Network said, "In four visits to the West Bank and Gaza with Ann leading our small groups, I witnessed over and over again not only her wisdom, but her experience and fierce devotion to doing justice. Ann has a rare gift of kindness and gentleness, determination and steadfastness all together in perfect balance."

Coburn was a graduate of the Ethel Walker School, Pine Manor College, and Georgian Court College in Lakewood, New Jersey. She later went to seminary at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California, where she later returned to work as Alumni Relations Director in 2005, calling the Bay Area home for the next 20 years.

At the same time, Coburn remained firmly connected to the East Coast, and Wellfleet, Massachusetts, in particular, where she listened to the Red Sox on the radio, did jigsaw puzzles and swam in the ponds with her grandchildren every summer.

Coburn is survived by her son Noah (Elizabeth Ruane-Coburn), daughter Abigail (Harris Epstein) and five particularly magnificent grandchildren Nathaniel, Ruthie, William, Atticus and Azariah.

A funeral service will be held for Coburn on June 24 at All Souls Parish in Berkeley, with a memorial service and burial of her ashes scheduled tentatively for September 9 at St. James the Fisherman, Wellfleet.

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts has established the Rev. Ann Coburn Fund for Women in the Ministry, and donations can be made to the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111 or by going to [www.diomass.org/give-now](http://www.diomass.org/give-now).

In lieu of flowers, Coburn requested that friends consider supporting this fund or the Episcopal Peace Fellowship Palestine Israel Network.

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