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BETTY KHOURY

July 24, 1932 - September 14, 2023

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 10:00 AM, RITE I

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD: RITE I

The people stand as able.

OPENING HYMN • Lift High the Cross • 473



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OPENING ANTHEMS

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 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.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Betty 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.**

The people are seated

THE FIRST LESSON • Isaiah 61:1-3

A Reading from Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE • Psalm 81

Read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
- 2 Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.
- 4 For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
- 5 He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a voice I had not known:
- 6 "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- 9 Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- 10 There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
- 11 I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
- 12 "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.
- 13 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.
- 14 O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

- 15 Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.
- 16 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.
- 17 I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

THE SECOND LESSON • Revelation 21:2-7

A Reading from Revelation.

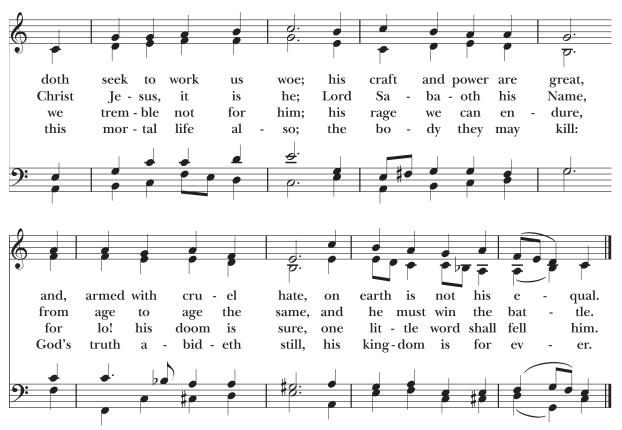
I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.





Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46. Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

THE GOSPEL • John 10:11-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

"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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 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.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE HOMILY • The Rev. Brandon S. McGinnis, Assistant Rector

The people stand as able at the invitation of the celebrant to recite the Nicene Creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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

The people kneel or sit.

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 is 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 his 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**.

Grant us grace to entrust Betty 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 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 the blessed Virgin Mary and St. Paul and 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

The people stand as able.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM · Agnus Dei by Robert Young

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING • Eucharistic Prayer I

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is

changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all

others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

THE GREAT AMEN

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION

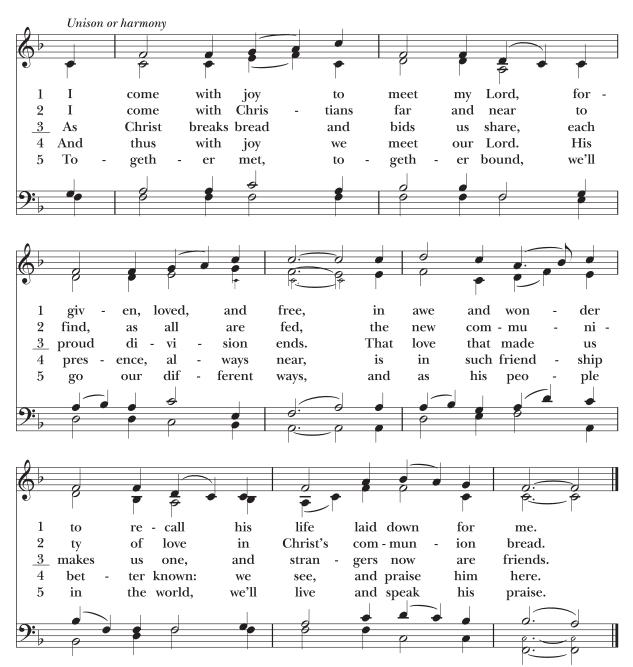
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the acolyte's direction. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer to receive communion from your pew, you may remain seated during altar rail distribution. A priest will come to the congregation for anyone wishing to remain in the pew. You may raise your hand to get their attention.

COMMUNION MUSIC • Panis Angelicus by Franck



Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.



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The people kneel or sit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION

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 the earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou creatdst 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 the sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Betty. 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.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.





Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt. Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE COMMITTAL

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior, thou most worthy Judge eternal. Suffer us not, at our last hour, through any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Betty 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 unto her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. **Amen**.

The Lord be with you. And with they spirit.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be one, 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.

O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be made perfect unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, grant that we, who now serve thee on earth, may at last, together with them, be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**.

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 flowers on the altar today are given by Rollin & Lorri Khory, Rusty & Dawn Khoury, Jeff Khoury, and Greg & Nancy Khoury to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Khoury.

About the Liturgy

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 take away our grief. 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 share in sorrow of those who mourn.

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Funeral Home in Waco.

Betty Gani Khoury

July 24, 1932 - September 14, 2023

Betty Rae Khoury passed away peacefully, in her home, Thursday, September 14, 2023.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 23, at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Waco with The Reverend Samantha Smith and The Reverend Brandon McGinnis officiating. A graveside service will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, with a reception to follow at Saint Paul's Church. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., Friday, September 22, at Wilkirson-Hatch-Bailey

Betty was the eighth child born to Mary and Robert Gani in Lake Charles, Louisiana in 1932. She married Fred Khoury and moved to Waco in 1957. Fred and Betty were members of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church where they raised their three children: Cynthia, Fredrick, and Sharon. Betty was an active Altar Guild member at Saint Paul's and performed outreach and communion services to those unable to attend church, through the Stephen's Ministry. She was a member of the Eastern Star, and the Waco Syrian-Lebanese Women's Association.

Betty taught kindergarten in Waco and then worked for 25 years as the Office Administrator of Dean Highland Elementary School. She was a faithful wife and caregiver to her husband Fred, for 63 years. Betty was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and was dedicated to her family, church, and community.

Betty was preceded in death by her Husband, Fred Khoury.

Betty is survived by daughter, Cynthia Badrak, and her husband, Jim with son, Luke; son, Fredrick Khoury, with his wife, Sandee and their children, Jordan, and Jaden; her daughter, Sharon Carroll, with husband, Jeff, and their children, including Jacob, and wife, Jordan with granddaughter, Ellie, son, Isaac and wife, Lauren, as well as their son Lucas, and his fiancé, Yari.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

We seem to give them back to thee

We seem to give them back to Thee,
o God who gavest them to us.
Yet as Thou didst not lose them in giving,
So do we not lose them by their return.
Not as the world giveth, givest Thou o Lover of
souls.

What Thou givest Thou takest away,
For what is Thine is ours also if we are thine.
And life is eternal and love is immortal,
And death is only an horizon,
And an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.

Lift us up, strong Son of God that we may see further;

Cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly;
Draw us closer to Thyself
That we may know ourselves to be nearer
to our loved ones who are with Thee.
And while Thou dost prepare a place for us,
prepare us also for that happy place,
That where Thou art we may be also for
evermore.

Bishop Brent

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Celebrant The Rev. Samantha R.E. Smith, Rector

Preacher The Rev. Brandon S. McGinnis, Assistant Rector

Reader: Old Testament and Psalm Margret Ptakowski

Reader: New Testament Mary Martin

Chalice bearer Piers Bateman

Choir Director Will McLean

Organist Jeffrey Petterson

Singers Saint Paul's Choir

Soloist Edgar Sierra

Ushers Robert Braswell

Cliff Burgess Kristi Carlile David Clinton Chet Scheel

Pallbearers Jacob Carroll

Isaac Carroll Lucas Carroll Greg Khoury Jeff Khoury Luke Badrak

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