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# EPISCOPAL CHURCH



# MARY LOUISE SIGTENHORST

February 24, 1926-July 2, 2024

JULY 8, 2024 10:00 AM, RITE I



# The Burial of the Dead: Rite I

Mary Louise Sigtenhorst
July 8, 2024 • 10 AM
Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Waco, TX

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.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE: Ode to Joy

Ludwig Van Beethoven arr. Hal Hopson

#### WELCOME

The people stand as able.

#### 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 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 Mary Louise 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 • Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

A Reading from Wisdom.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them.

In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery,

And their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace.

For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality.

And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself.

They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him: for grace and mercy is to his saints, and he hath care for his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### THE RESPONSE • Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; \*

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his

Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; \*

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of

mine enemies; \*

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days

of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

# THE SECOND LESSON • 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 A Reading from 1 Corinthians.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

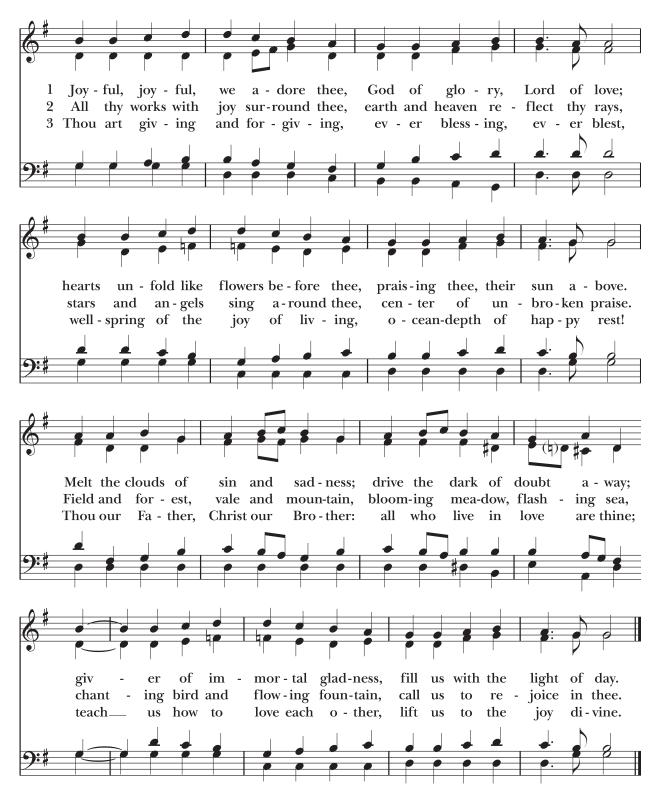
But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.



Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

### THE GOSPEL • John 11:21-27

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

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. Samantha R.E. Smith, Rector

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

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

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 Spirit,
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 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

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'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**.

Grant us grace to entrust Mary Louise 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 people stand as able.

#### 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 MUSIC

Organ Instrumental

The people stand as able.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING • Eucharistic Prayer II

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.

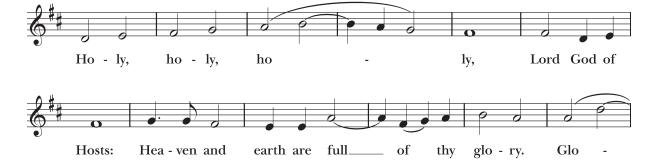
It is meet and right so to do.

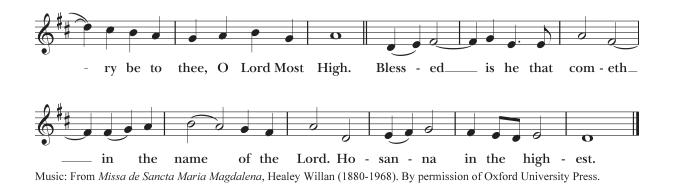
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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 singing,







All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

#### THE GREAT AMEN

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit 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

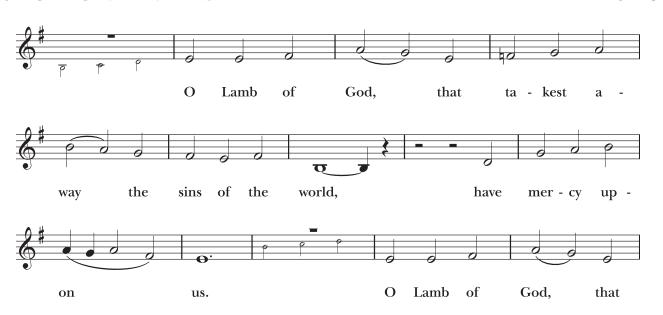
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

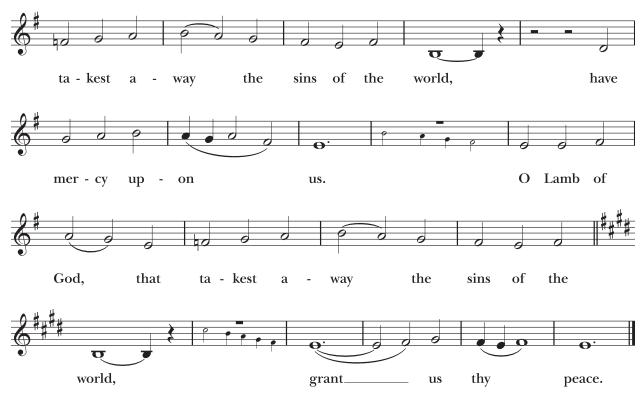
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

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#### 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.

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 sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Mary Louise. 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 Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.



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# THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Lasst uns alle Healey Willan

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# Mary Louise Sigtenhorst

February 24, 1926 – July 2, 2024

Mary Louise Sigtenhorst, aged 98, passed away on July 2, 2024 following a brief illness.

Services will be held on Monday, July 8 at 10am at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Waco, with Rev. Samantha Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 7 from 6-8pm at Wilkirson-Hatch-Bailey Funeral Home.

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IX, Mary Louise did not wait long to begin a life of myriad accomplishments, beginning with her graduation from high school at the age of only sixteen. She followed her high school diploma with a Bachelor's degree in Microbiology from UT Austin in 1946 and a Master's degree in Biology from the University of Houston in 1950. Her storied career in microbiology included teaching in academic institutions across Texas and Louisiana, authoring and co-authoring a number of academic papers in the field of bacteriology, and heading the microbiology departments at both Providence and Hillcrest hospitals in Waco. Though her love for her scientific career was undeniable, her true joy was her family, which eventually grew to include a husband and four sons just as loud, funny, and intelligent as she. Mary Louise was a respected scientist, devoted wife and mother, beloved grandmother, dedicated member of her church's leadership, accomplished gardener, talented nature photographer, avid sports fan, scathing satirist, unintentional comedienne, and the most intimidating and interesting character any of us have ever met. She will be missed by everybody who ever met her, though the voice of reason in our heads sounds suspiciously like her southern drawl.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Bryan and Mary Della Beene, and her husband of twenty-five years, Andries van den Sigtenhorst, M.D.

She is survived by her sister, Georgeann Andrus; her four sons, Andries Sigtenhorst and his partner Dana Matthews; Karel Willem Hendrik Sigtenhorst, his wife Karen and daughter Madeleine; Pieter Sigtenhorst, his wife Kathleen, their daughter Petra and stepson Christopher Bruner; and Dr. Georg Dirk Sigtenhorst, his wife Sharon and their daughter Alex. She is also survived by a vast extended family of cousins, nieces, nephews, and more.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Waco, The Mayborn Museum in Waco, or the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

# TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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

Organist Dr. Jeffrey Peterson

Soloist Dr. Will McLean

Pallbearers Dirk Sigtenhorst

Pieter Sigtenhorst Petra Sigtenhorst Christopher Bruner

Peter Andrus Matt Lanier

Honorary Pallbearers Andries Sigtenhorst

Hendrik Sigtenhorst

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Altar Guild Golda Brown

Cindie Lehr Ruth Miller