

A Celebration of the Life of

Audrey L. Muschler

24 May 1928 – 22 January 2022



Saturday, April 23, 2022 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

The Burial of the Dead

and

The Holy Eucharist

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

PRELUDE

All stand, as able.

ENTRANCE ANTHEM

Presider I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

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.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
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.
Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

All remain standing for the Hymn.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heav'n, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com -
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE COLLECT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Audrey L. Muschler. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage.

In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.

Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life,
so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth,
until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Wisdom 3:1-4

Reader: Ana Audrey Muschler

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

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 23

Reader: James Thomas Muschler

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.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 8:14-18

2 Corinthians 4:16-19

Reader: Carolyn Virginia Muschler

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand, as able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN (Sts. 1-2, 5)

"Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er"

VICTORY

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). It features a simple, hymn-like melody with block chords. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are placed between the staves. A 'Ped.' (pedal) symbol is located at the bottom left of the bass staff.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell, let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee, Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

REFLECTIONS

George Muschler
John Muschler
James Muschler

HOMILY

Donna Ialongo

All stand, as able.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The people kneel, stand, or sit, as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: Ian Muschler

Reader For our sister, Audrey, let us pray to the Lord Jesus Christ who said,
"I am the Resurrection and I am Life".

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrows.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader You raised the dead to life; give our sister eternal life.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader You promised paradise to the thief who repented;
bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;
give her fellowship with all your saints.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader She was nourished with your Body and Blood;
grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister;
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept.

Presider Father of all, we pray to you for Audrey, and for all those whom we love
but no longer see. Grant them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.
May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

THE CALL



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

All stand, as able.

The Iona Invitation

*This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.*

*So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before;
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed;*

*Come, not because the Church invites you;
It is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.*

from The Iona Community Worship Book

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand, kneel, or sit, as able.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

All **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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION

Presider Behold what you are;
People **May we become what we receive.**

THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion, including children.
Those who prefer to receive a blessing may cross their arms over their chest.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

"On Eagles' Wings"

*Eric Muschler, Vocalist
Tom Muschler, Guitarist*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

HYMN

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

ENGELBERG

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life; _____
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____ Al - le -
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____

Final Ending

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

THE COMMENDATION

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

Presider You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, 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.

People **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Presider Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Audrey. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, 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.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The preacher offers a dismissal, and the people respond

Thanks be to God.



*The family invites you to join them for a reception
in the Parish Hall of the Church immediately following the service.*



*The family requests that memorials in Audrey's name be made to:
PEO Foundation Educational Loan Fund at
<https://donations.peointernational.org/peo-donation-elf>*



