

**ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**

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**The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer, Rector**



*Celebration of Life*

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*Rose M. Dixon*

*December 22, 1934 - November 8, 2020*

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*December 5, 2020*

*3:00 p.m.*

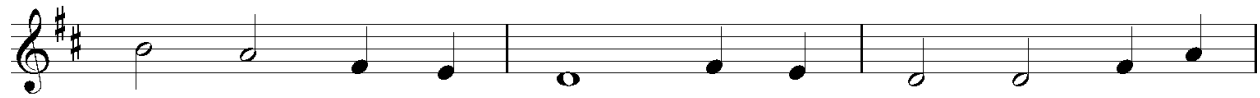
While we have printed all of the hymnal music in the bulletins, we prayerfully request that while the soloist sings our hymns, that for the safety of all during this time of Covidtide that you refrain from singing and perhaps silently read the words in quiet contemplation. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Prelude

### Opening Hymn - Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



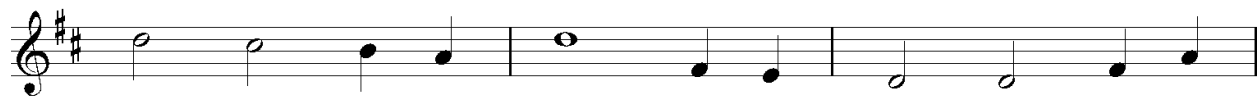
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



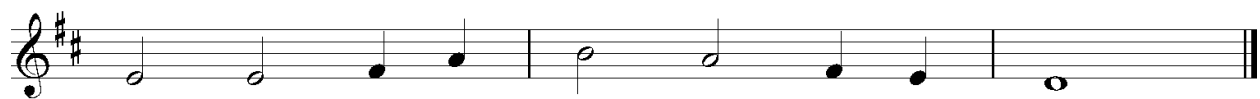
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*All stand while the following anthems are said.*

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.

*The Celebrant then says*

	The Lord be with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day  
our sister *Rose*. We thank you for giving *her* to us, *her*  
family and friends, 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 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.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with *Rose's family and friends* in *their* grief. Surround *them* with your love, that *they* may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## **First Lesson – Revelations 21:1-6a**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And 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;

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.

## Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
and 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 preparast a table before me in the presence of  
mine enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup is 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.

## Second Lesson – I Corinthians 15: 12-26

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

## Sequence Hymn – Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

## The Gospel

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 14:1-6**

***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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Homily

The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer

## Prayers of the People

For our sister, *Rose*, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

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

***Hear us, Lord.***

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

***Hear us, Lord.***

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

***Hear us, Lord.***

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

***Hear us, Lord.***

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

***Hear us, Lord.***

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

***Hear us, Lord.***

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

*A moment of silence will be observed.*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister  
*Rose*, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism.  
Grant that *her* death may recall to us your victory over death,  
and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's  
love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led  
the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and  
the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

### **The Peace** *(All stand)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** *And also with you.*

*We greet one another, in place, in the name of the Lord.*

### **Offertory Hymn – How Can I Keep From Singing**

#### **How Can I Keep From Singing? Traditional Quaker Song, Arranged by Ginger Littleton**

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

Chorus: No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. It sounds an echo  
in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness  
round me close, songs in the night it giveth

Chorus: No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging since love and lord  
of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

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Chorus: No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. It sounds an echo  
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How can I keep from singing? \_\_\_\_\_



## **The Holy Communion**

***Eucharistic Prayer B***

***The Great Thanksgiving***

*The Lord be with you.*

***People And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

***Celebrant and People***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

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

**People** and Celebrant say the Lord's Prayer together

***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**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore, let us keep the feast.***

*The Communion Table of the Episcopal Church is open to all baptized Christians. In the understanding of the Episcopal Church it is truly the Lord's Table, and not the property of any single denomination. Those of you who are here to share the service are welcome to that table at the Lord's invitation...*

# Communion

## Communion Hymn – I Sing a Song of the Saints of God



1 I sing a song of the saints of God,  
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and  
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and  
his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for  
hundreds of thousands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And  
Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And  
joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -  
one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain  
meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of  
by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son—  
or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just

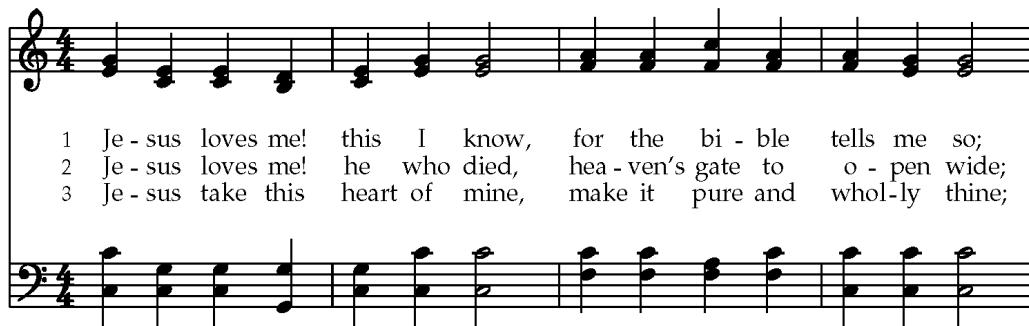


God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.  
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Let us pray.

***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.***

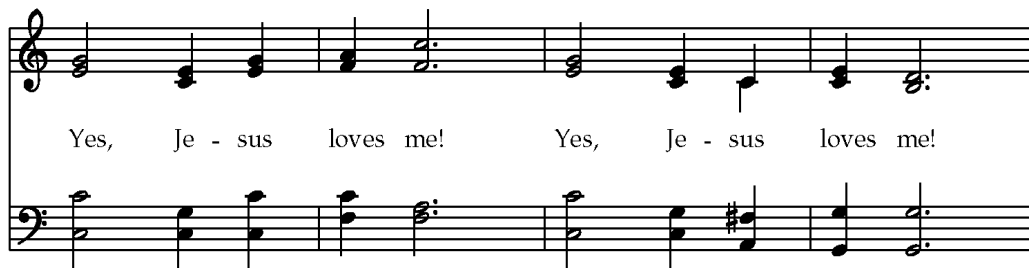
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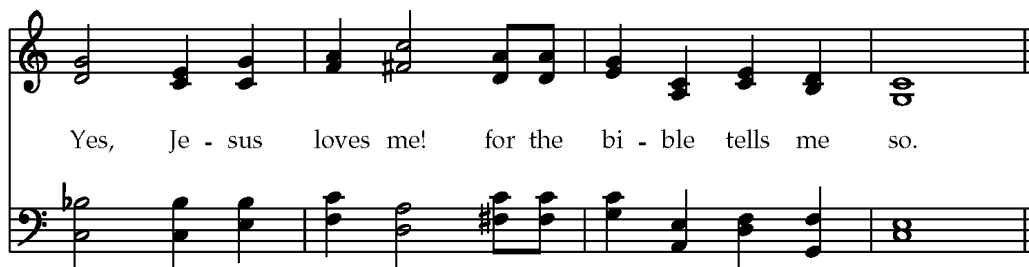
1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died, hea - ven's gate to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus take this heart of mine, make it pure and whol - ly thine;



lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
on the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee.



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! for the bi - ble tells me so.

## The Commendation

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.*

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

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.

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

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your  
servant *Rose*. 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. *Amen.*

## **The Benediction**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

***Thanks be to God.***

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to  
those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having  
taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in  
his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the  
kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may  
The martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city  
Jerusalem.



## The Committal

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;  
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead  
will also give new life to our mortal bodies  
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*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 Rose*, 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 to *her*, the Lord lift up his countenance upon *her* and give *her* peace. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant says*

Rest eternal grant to *her*, O Lord:  
***And let light perpetual shine upon him.***

May *her* soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ***Amen.***

*The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words*

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.*

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*Serving the Liturgy*

The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer, Rector  
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*Pianist*

Karen E. Waddill

*Soloist*

Patrick Ishler

*Readers*

Clinton Dixon  
Lamar Dixon  
Cheryl Shearer

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*To Those I Love  
And  
Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You musn't tie yourself to me with tears.*

*I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown.  
But now it's time I traveled alone.*

*So grieve a while for me if grieve you must.  
Than let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part.  
So bless the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away. For life goes on.  
If you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, You'll hear  
All my love around you soft and dear.*

*An then, when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and "WELCOME HOME."*

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