

The Commendation

The family and clergy are invited forward to place a hand on the urn.

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

People: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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 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 Diane.

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 Blessing

The Dismissal

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn H#287

For All The Saints,

Sine Nomine

Who From Their Labors Rest

Postlude

Elegy

G.T. Thalben-Ball

Diane’s family and the People of St. Andrew’s invite you to the Parish Hall for refreshments and remembrances.

***A Celebration of the Life of
The Rev. Diane L. Rhodes***

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church

September 25, 2022

2:00 PM

Born—May 8, 1949

Entered into Life Eternal—September 14, 2022



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Participants in this service

Celebrant	The Rev. Canon Margo Peckham Clark, Diocese of Newark
Assisting Ministers	The Rev. Canon Andrew Wright, Diocese of Newark The Rev. Elizabeth Wigg-Maxwell
Eucharistic Minister	Paul Shackford
Eucharistic Minister 2	Amy Szurly
Readers	Jeremy Lyons, Gwen Lyons, Lisa Arcella
The Prayers	The Rev. Rose Cohen Hassan
Ushers	Cathryn McGlone, Jim McGlone, Kate Duggan, and Kathy Ferdinand
Gift Bearers	Padraic, Maeve, Grainne, and Finn O'Neil
Organist	James Chiappini

Prelude *Elijah: O Rest In The Lord* *Felix Mendelssohn*

Fraction Anthem: H#S154 Christ our Passover Hurd
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sanctified for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

These are the Gifts of God for you, the People of God.

The Communion

All who seek God and are drawn to our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to the Lord's Table. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Music

Meditation

Douglas Wagner

Voluntary

Douglas Wagner

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Let us pray.

People: 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.

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,

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

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 Blessed Mary, St. Andrew, Diane, 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 forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Opening Hymn (H) # 8 Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Diane, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Michael, Kelly, Zachary, and Julia, William and Cindy, and Hielkje 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.**

Please be seated for the scripture readings.

The First Reading

A reading from The Wisdom of Solomon (3: 1-5, 9)

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. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our 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. 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus H#S124

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hurd

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

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."

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.

Concluding Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister, Diane, who was re-born 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.**

Father of all, we pray to you for all those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—

from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

**He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.**

**He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

**The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.**

**The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.**

The Second Reading:

A reading from The Revelation to John (7: 9-17)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn (H) #664 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Resignation*

The Holy Gospel (John 11: 21-27)

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Elizabeth Wigg-Maxwell

Remembrances of Diane

Paul Shackford, Warden;
Paul Hoelscher,
Mayor of Harrington Park

Hymn (L) # 101 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling Will L. Thompson

The Apostles' Creed (*stand, as you are able*)

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

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 Prayers

For our sister, Diane, 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 Diane 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.