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FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M.  
THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SOLEMN EUCHARIST  
& INTERMENT OF THE ASHES OF ELIZABETH Y. BURR  
(DECEMBER 16, 1921-MARCH 2, 2020)  
SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR



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*Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ  
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.*

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**Elizabeth (Betty) Y. Burr**  
December 16, 1921 - March 21, 2020



*Betty enjoying herself at a Seniors' Christmas Lunch, pulling a Christmas Cracker with the Rector*



**G**OD'S love and power extend over all creation. Every life, including our own, is precious to God. Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is new life in Christ over death.

**E**VEN those who share such faith find that there is a real sense of loss at the death of a loved one. We will each have had our own experiences of their life and death, with different memories and different feelings of love, grief and respect. To acknowledge this at the beginning of the service should help us to use this occasion to express our faith and our feelings as we say farewell, acknowledge our loss and our sorrow, and to reflect on our own mortality. Those who mourn need support and consolation. Our presence here today is part of that continuing support.



ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Regina coeli

Jacobus de Kerle  
(1531-1591)

PRELUDE

Magnificat primi toni (1626)

Jehan Titelouze  
(1563-1633)

*The People stand at the entry of the Choir.*

INTROIT

Plainsong (Tone I)

**G**audemus omnes in Domino, diem festum celebrantes sub honore Mariae Virginis:  
De cuius festivitate gaudent angeli, et collaudant Filium Dei.  
Ps. Eructavit cor meum erbum bonum: dico ego opera mea regi.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:  
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Gaudemus omnes . . .

*Rejoice we all, and praise the Lord, celebrating a holy day in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
in whose festival the angels are joyful, and glorify the Son of God.*

*Ps. My heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.*

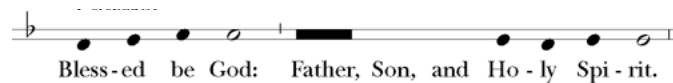
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

*Rejoice we all...*

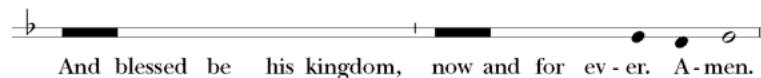
Ps. 45:1

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant



People



*The Celebrant says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The People kneel. Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**M**OST merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought,  
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.



*The Celebrant says*

**T**HE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The People stand.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Sung by the Choir*

**G**LORIA in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu  
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace,  
good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee.  
We give thanks to thee  
for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ.  
With the Holy Ghost, art most high  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**F**ATHER in heaven, by whose grace the virgin mother of thy incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping thy word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to thy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DEPARTED

**A**Lmighty God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servant Elizabeth; and we pray that, having opened to her the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive her more and more into thy joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served thee in the past, she may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE LESSON

1 Samuel 2:1-10

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 113

*Sung by the Choir*

Plainsong (*Tone V<sup>2</sup>*)

LAUDATE, PUERI

**P**RAISE the Lord, ye servants : O praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.

The Lord's Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high :

and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?

He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire;

That he may set him with the princes : even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (*Mode VI*)



*Cantor* Blessed is she that believed:  
for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.



### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-57

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.



*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord.





THE SERMON

The Rector

*A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.*

HYMN

ORIEL

1 Now in ho - ly ce - le - bra - tion Sing we of that  
2 'Whence', she cried, at that fair meet - ing, 'Comes to me this  
3 Lo, at that glad com - men - da - tion Joy found voice in  
4 Tri - une God - head, health sup - ply - ing, Rul - er of e -

Mo - ther blest, In whose flesh for our sal - va - tion  
great re - ward For when first I heard the greet - ing  
Ma - ry's breast While in ho - ly ex - ul - ta - tion  
ter - ni - ty, On the fount of grace re - ly - ing

God in - car - nate deigned to rest, When her cou - sin's  
of the Mo - ther of my Lord, In my womb the  
She her Mak - er's pow'r con - fessed, At whose word each  
We up - lift our hearts to thee, Pray - ing that in

sal - u - ta - tion Named in faith the mys - tic guest.  
joy re - peat - ing, Leapt my babe in sweet ac - cord!  
ge - ne - ra - tion Now hence - for - ward names her blest.  
realms un - dy - ing We at one with Life may be.

*Now in holy celebration* – Words: Latin, 15<sup>th</sup> century; tr. Laurence Housman (1865-1959).  
Music: Oriel, Tune as set to *Pange Lingua* in C. Ett's *Cantica Sacra*, Munich, 1840.



## THE INTERMENT

*The Celebrant says*

**T**HOUGH we are dust and ashes,  
God has prepared for those who love him a heavenly dwelling place.  
At her funeral, we commended Betty into the hands of almighty God.  
As we prepare to commit the remains of Betty into the Columbarium,  
we entrust ourselves and all who love God to his loving care.

*The Ministers and Family members go to the Resurrection Chapel. The Choir sings this anthem*

### THE BURIAL SENTENCES

*Sung by the Choir*

*William Croft  
(1678-1727)*

**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 shalt stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:  
whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

**W**E brought nothing into this world,  
and it is certain we can carry nothing out.  
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away;  
blessed be the Name of the Lord.

*The Priest says*

**I**N sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Elizabeth;  
and we commit her ashes to this resting place; 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 Congregation joins with the Priest in saying*

**Thanks be to God who hath given us the victory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The urn is placed in the Columbarium.*





LITANY

*The Celebrant and the People pray this Litany*

Jesus, Savior of the world,  
**be gracious to us.**  
By thine incarnation and nativity,  
**be gracious to us.**  
By thy prayers and tears,  
**be gracious to us.**  
By thy grief and anguish,  
**be gracious to us.**  
By thy cross and suffering,  
**be gracious to us.**  
By thine atoning death,  
**be gracious to us.**  
By thy rest in the grave,  
**be gracious to us.**  
By thy triumphant resurrection,  
**be gracious to us.**  
By thy presence with your people,  
**be gracious to us.**  
By thy promise of your coming at the end of the ages,  
**be gracious to us.**

**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 Ministers and family return to their places.*



## THE PEACE

*The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words*

UNTO us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9:6*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The People sit.*

## THE GREETINGS

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

*Johannes Eccard  
(1553-1611)*

ÜBER'S Gebirg' Maria geht  
zu ihrer Bas' Elisabeth.  
Die grüßt Maria hoch erfeut,  
der Heilig Geist durch's Wort sie treibt,  
dass sie des Herren Mutter nennt;  
Maria ward fröhlich und sang:  
"Mein Seel' den Herrn erhebet,  
mein Geist sich Gottes freuet.  
Er ist mein Heiland, fürchtet ihn.  
Er will allzeit barmherzig sein."

Was bleiben immer wir daheim?  
Laßt uns auch auf's Gebirge gehn,  
da eins am andern sprechen zu,  
des Geistes Gruß das Herz aufthun.  
Davon es freudig werd und spring,  
der Mund in wahren Glauben sing:  
"Mein Seel' den Herrn erhebet,  
mein Geist sich Gottes freuet.  
Er ist mein Heiland, fürchtet ihn.  
Er will allzeit barmherzig sein."

Over the mountains Mary goes  
to visit her cousin Elizabeth.  
She greets Mary with great joy,  
the Holy Spirit urges her by its word  
that she addresses the mother of the Lord.  
Mary became joyful and sang:  
"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God.  
He is my Savior, fear Him!  
He shall always be merciful."

Why do we always stay at home?  
Let us also go on the mountains,  
there to speak to one another.  
The spirit's greeting to open our heart,  
so that it becomes joyful and leaps,  
its mouth in true faith singing:  
"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God.  
He is my Savior, fear Him!  
He shall always be merciful."

*Ludwig Helmbold (1532-1598)*



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*  
It is meet and right so to do.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Sung by the Choir*

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The People kneel or stand.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes*

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.

*The People respond* AMEN.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Celebrant and People*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant says*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People*

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

**B**EHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*People*      **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.*

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**I** BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;  
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.  
Never permit me to be separated from thee!  
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul,  
that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted.*

*You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.*

## AGNUS DEI

*Sung by the Choir*

**A**GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel and silence is kept.*

*The Celebrant Says*

**O** gracious God,  
who gavest to Elizabeth and Mary  
joy in recognizing the signs of redemption at work within them:  
grant us, who have shared in the joy of this communion,  
knowledge of the Lord deep within us,  
and of his love shining forth in our lives,  
that the world may rejoice in thy salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

**W**HEN the Word became flesh earth was joined to heaven in the womb of Mary:  
may the love and obedience of Mary be your example. **Amen.**

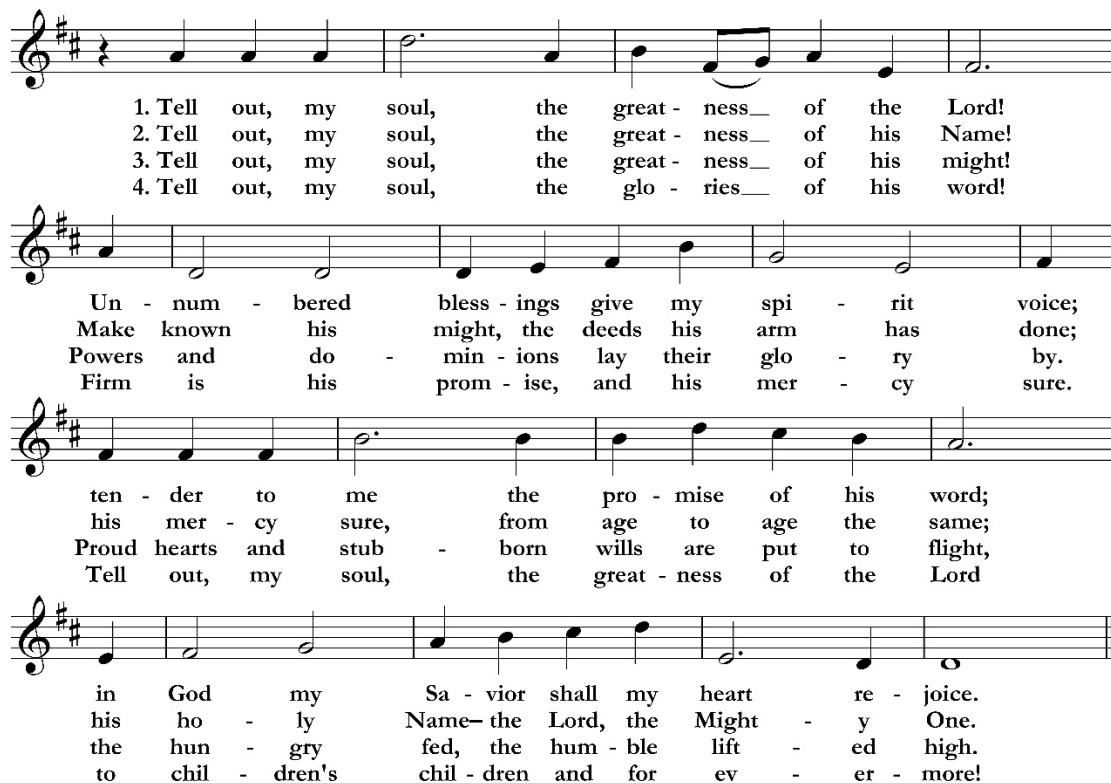
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and homes. **Amen.**

May you be filled with the joy of the Spirit and the gifts of your eternal home. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

WOODLANDS



1. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!  
2. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!  
3. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!  
4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the pro - mise of his word;  
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!* — Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *The Song of Mary*.  
Music: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949).

The Deacon says

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Fuga sopra il Magnificat BWV 733

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

Please join us for cheese, wine, and soft drinks in the Narthex immediately following the service.



# Summer Feast Days 2024

*Come and celebrate the stories of our faith*

5:30 p.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST  
with the Gentlemen of the Choir  
*followed by cheese, wine, and soft drinks*

Monday, June 24 – The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Thursday, July 25 – St. James the Apostle

Tuesday, August 6 – The Transfiguration of our Lord

Thursday, August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary