



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

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ENTRANCE RITE

Anthems

Officiant 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.

Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister
Fran. 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.

People **Amen.**

Prelude

*O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr
Frommen, Op. 122, No. 6
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

About the Liturgy

*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 make
human grief unchristian. 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 sorrow in sympathy
with those who mourn.*

Hymn 671 'Amazing grace, how sweet the sound'

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.

WORD OF GOD

Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9

Reader On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 *I lift up my eyes to the hills; **
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LÓRD, *
the máker of héaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your fóot be moved *
and he who watches over you wíll not fáll asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Ísrael *
shall neither slumber nór sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches óver you; *
the LORD is your sháde at your ríght hand.
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike yóu by day, *
—nór the móon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all évil; *
it is hé who shall kéeep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your cóming in, *
from this time fórth for évermore. [Ant.]

Lesson Matthew 25:31-40

Reader Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Remembrance

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

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

All **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 Ghost,
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 Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

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,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Additional prayers are offered.

Hymn 470 'There's a wideness in God's mercy'

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

THE COMMENDATION

Anthem

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

Officiant 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 with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Fran. 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.**


Blessing

Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 473 'Lift high the cross'

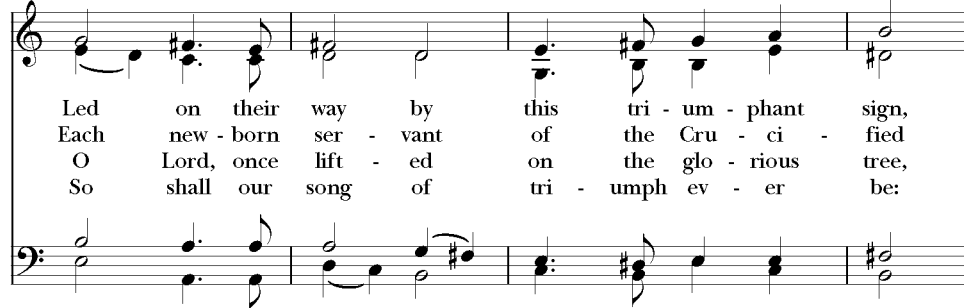
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

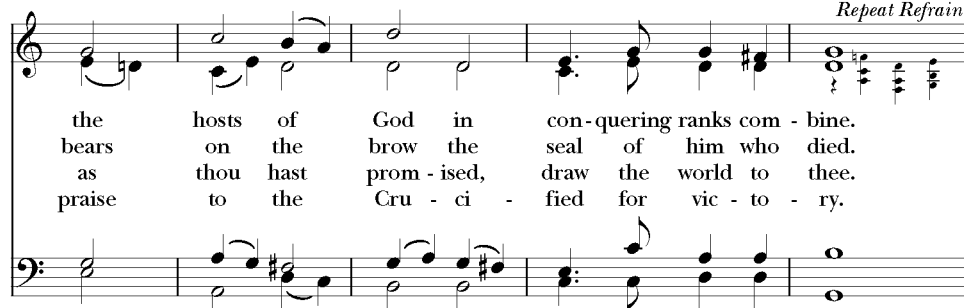


till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Postlude
*Wachet auf, ruft uns die
Stimme* BWV 645
J.S. Bach

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Choir

The Choir of Trinity Church

Readers

Adelaide Smith
Ann McClenahan

Remembrance

Sara Aibel

Prayers

The Rev. Stephen Kendrick, *Senior Minister, First Church of Boston*

Musicians

Sophie Michaux
Adam Simon
Colin Lynch, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*
Richard Webster, *Director of Music and Organist*

Homilist

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward, *Senior Associate Rector*

Officiant

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector*

Fran's family invite you to join us for a ZOOM gathering and reception at 5:00 pm. Please enter by using the Zoom link on Fran's announcement posted at www.trinitychurchboston.org.

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If you wish to make a contribution in Fran's memory, the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (www.gbio.org) and Trinity Church, (www.trinitychurchboston.org) are organizations in which she believed and faithfully supported.