

Memorial Eucharist in Celebration of the Life of

CARMEN LILLIAN COURTNEY

August 2, 1934 — July 25, 2019



St Dunstan's Episcopal Church
Saturday, August 10, 2019
11 o'clock

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

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand at the tolling of the bell.

Scripture Anthem

Priest I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die.
And everyone who has life, and has committed themselves 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 ourselves,
and none become their own master when they die.
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 Collects

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

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

All are seated.

Welcome

The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

Remembering Carmen

Peggy Queen, Veda Courtney,
and Deborah Compagno

There will be time for more stories and sharing during the reception.

All Stand.

Green Hymnal 810 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

Eagle's Wings;
Michael Joncas

THE WORD OF GOD

All are seated.

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Read by Carmen Rose Compagno

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Read together by all.

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

Led by Courtney Musser

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Read by Jordan Courtney

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Hymn 379 God is love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh

John 14:1-6

Priest 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

After the homily a brief silence is kept.

The Prayers *All stand.*

Priest For Carmen, 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, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

Priest You raised the dead to life; give Carmen eternal life.

People Hear us, Lord.

Priest You promised paradise to the thief who repented;
bring Carmen to the joys of heaven.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

Priest Father of all, we pray to you for Carmen, and for all those whom we love but
see no longer. Grant to 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

The people exchange the peace with one another.

The Offertory

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

All Stand.

Green Hymnal 812 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Here I am, Lord; Daniel Schutte

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest 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:

**People 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 or kneel.

Priest 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Priest 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. **AMEN.**

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

People **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

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest **A**lleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the cup by drinking (guide the chalice gently to your lips by the base) or by dipping the bread.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

The Post-Communion Prayer *All Stand.*

Priest Let us pray.

People **A**lmighty 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 Commendation *All Stand.*

Priest **G**ive rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints.

People **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Priest 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.

Priest Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Carmen.
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 Blessings

Priest Life is short.
And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts
of those who travel the way with us.
So be swift to love.
Make haste to be kind.
And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

Hymn 405 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

Postlude Hornpipe

S. Wesley

Following the postlude, you are invited to a luncheon next door in Brock Hall.

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in thanksgiving for the life of Carmen Courtney*

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

Eulogists

Peggy Queen, Veda Courtney, Deborah Compagno

Readers

Carmen Rose Compagno, Courtney Musser, Jordan Courtney

Chalice Bearers

Mystery Chastain & Janel Hornbeck

Ushers

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