

A Celebration of the Life of
Rosemary Esse

October 1, 1937 – March 8, 2024



March 15, 2024

11:00 a.m.



Rosemary was born on October 1, 1937, to the late Sam and Mary Meide. Beloved wife of Douglas (deceased), loving mother of Douglas Jr. and David (Angeline). Proud Situ of Douglas III (Lesley), Michael Esse (Kaley, fiancée), Alexa Bernard (Jared), Ciara Sprague (Kevin), and Kelsey Lanahan-MacDonald.

Great Situ to Douglas IV, Albert, Kira, Sienna, and Owen.

Rosemary came from a family of four brothers. She was the dearest sister of the late Abraham (late Loretta), the late Mose (late Bridgette), the late Anthony (late Audrey), the late Albert (late Shumsie).

Gifts in memory of Rosemary may be made to Christ Church Detroit by placing checks or cash into white memorial envelopes at the entrances, and giving them to ushers or placing them in the offering box, or online at www.christcd.org/online-giving.

A luncheon will follow at Encore Banquet Center (21801 E 9 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores), and the committal will be thereafter at Forest Lawn Cemetery (11851 Van Dyke Street, Detroit).

*At this service, you will find hymns in the red Hymnal 1982 in your pew.
Numbers that begin with “S” refer to “service music” in the front of the hymnal.
“LEVAS II” refers to the Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal,
“WLP” refers to the green Wonder, Love, and Praise hymnal,
and “BCP” refers to the Book of Common Prayer.*

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ASSISTING IN TODAY’S LITURGY

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, Rector
<i>Musicians</i>	Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, <i>Director of Music</i> Mr. James C. Moore, Jr., <i>tenor</i>
<i>Readers</i>	Douglas Esse III, Alexa Bernard
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Tammy Brennan
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Jon Miller, Sandy Zull, Mary Brown, Josephine Powell
<i>Oblation Bearers</i>	Alexa Bernard, Douglas Esse III
<i>Ushers</i>	John Brennan
<i>Sacristans</i>	Carolyn Maher, Josephine Powell
<i>Livestream Team</i>	Chuck Atwater, Desmond Jones, Jim Treece
<i>Pallbearers</i>	Sam Esse, Steve Esse, David Meda, Sam Meide, Mark Rolain, Steven Esse



THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

from the *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on “Rock of Ages”

Edward Maki-Schramm

ENTRANCE OF THE BODY

BCP 491

As the Ministers enter, all stand as able.

The Celebrant says or chants

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 becomes 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.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace!

LEVAS II 181

OPENING COLLECT

BCP 493

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light:

Grant that your servant Rosemary, being raised with him,
may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory;
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding:

Deal graciously with this family 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.

People **Amen.**

REFLECTION

Michael Esse

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People sit.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-5,9

Douglas Esse III

Lector A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *read by all*

Psalm 23

**The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

**He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**Surely your 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 READING

Revelation 21:2-7

Alexa Bernard

Reader A reading from Revelation.

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 coming from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; 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. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

The strife is o'er

Hymnal 208

GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "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 People sit.

HOMILY

The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey

A period of silence is kept.

At the invitation of the Celebrant, all stand as able.

APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 496

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

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 497, adapted

Tammy Brennan

Leader For Rosemary, 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 us near to those who mourn and dry the tears of those who weep.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant Gracious God, we pray to you for Rosemary
and for all those whom we love but see no longer.
Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.
May Rosemary’s soul and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People share Christ’s peace, and then are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant offers words of welcome and invitation, concluding with

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

We Shall Behold Him

Dottie Rambow

All stand as able.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

The musical notation is arranged in four lines, alternating between the Celebrant and the People. Each line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Celebrant
The Lord be with you.

People
And al - so 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.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-130
Franz Schubert

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

The Celebrant continues

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

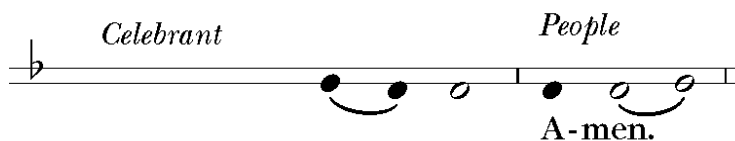
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.



LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

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

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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 invited to receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

There are three ways to receive the wine. At the high altar, please either sip from the first chalice or dip (intinct) your bread into the second, shallow chalice. At the transept, please take a single cup of wine or juice, and place your empty cup on the nearby table.

If you desire a blessing instead, please come to the high altar, cross your arms over your chest, and our priest will be honored to pronounce God's blessing upon you.

COMMUNION HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

WLP 812

All stand as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP 498

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **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.

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

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

All **where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Rosemary.
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.

All **Amen.**

The Celebrant blesses the people, and then dismisses them, saying

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Precious Lord, take my hand

LEVAS II 106

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

