

A Celebration of the Life of

Wendy Elaine Ford

October 16, 1963 – December 8, 2024



December 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

from the *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*



OPENING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation

Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm

All stand as able, and sing

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Hymnal 692
THE THIRD TUNE

WELCOME

OPENING COLLECTS

BCP 493

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

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

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People sit.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-3

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord,
to display his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation: *
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life: *
Of whom shall I be afraid?

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:11-14

Lector A reading from Second Timothy.

Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him. If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us. If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

OBITUARY

read by Vermell Tindle

SOLO

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert
Katrina Van Maanen, *soprano*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Ave, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus
Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.*

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
Hail, the Lord is with you.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death.

All stand as able.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying,

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.”

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

Leader For Wendy, 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 Father of all, we pray to you for Wendy, 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.

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.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

Offerings of bread and wine are brought forward, and the altar is set.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual

arr. William L. Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Don't ever feel discouraged for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack of knowledge, he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

All stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

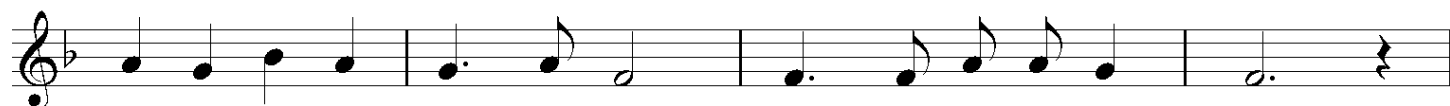
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

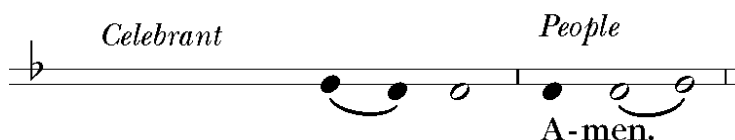
Christ will come again.

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!**

Celebrant 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, if desired. 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 (light-colored) or juice (dark purple) and place your empty cup on the nearby table.

Communion is full in one kind alone; that is, wine or juice are optional.

If you desire not communion but 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 ANTHEM

Ubi caritas

Ola Gjeilo

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

All stand as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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.

COMMENDATION

BCP 499

The Ministers gather in front of the altar, and the Celebrant chants

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

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 sing

Antiphon (b)

Give rest, O Christ, to your ser-vant(s) with your saints, where sor-row and
pain are no more, nei-ther sigh - ing, but life ev-er - last - ing.

Then the Celebrant says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Wendy.
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 Celebrant blesses the people and then says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Amazing grace!

LEVAS II 181

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation

All are invited to a repast in Ledyard Hall.

The family requests that charitable contributions in memory of Wendy be made to the Outreach Fund of Christ Church Detroit, which supports our neighbors through ministries dear to Wendy's heart, such as the annual Shelter Week, the weekly Bag Lunch Program, and more.

If you wish to make a gift, you may place cash or a check into the offering box at the entrance, or give online at christcd.org/online-giving, or by pointing your phone's camera at this QR code. Click "Give Now" and then under "Fund" select "Outreach".



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, <i>Rector</i>
<i>Musicians</i>	Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, <i>Director of Music</i> The Christ Church Detroit Choir
<i>Lector</i>	Burel Ford, Jr.
<i>Reader</i>	Vermell Tindle
<i>Intercessor</i>	Sally LePla
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Anthony Mitchell, Sandy Zull
<i>Sacristan</i>	Liza Parkinson
<i>Floral Iconographer</i>	Richard Thomas
<i>Livestream Leader</i>	Desmond Jones
<i>Usher Coordinator</i>	Sonia Charron-Jones

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