St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

August 24, 2024 11:00 am



A Celebration of the Life

of

Mary Powell Lewis

January 26, 1926 - July 15, 2024

Those who are able may stand.

The Celebrant begins

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.

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Mary, 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn



Congregation may be seated.

First Reading Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33

A Reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah.

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 forever. 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.

Psalm 121 Levavi oculos

- 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.

Second Reading Revelations 21:2-7

A reading from the Revelation to St. John.

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 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 King James Version

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

- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; * he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul; *
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
 Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil; *
 for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; * thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Please stand for singing of the hymn, found in the Blue Hymnal.

Gradual Hymn 405

All things bright and beautiful

The Gospel John 10:11-16

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Reverend Lucy Ann Dure

All stand.

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

Celebrant and People

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.

The Prayers

For our sister Mary, 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 for Mary, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints. *People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

Silence may be kept.

Father of all, we pray to you for Mary and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to her eternal rest. 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.**

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The people may be seated.

Offertory Anthem

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

African-American Spiritual Soloist: Kerry Ann Erickson-Felps

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people stand.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also 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 proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

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 kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 and Celebrant

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

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

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Commendation

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

People 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.

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

The Celebrant says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Mary. 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 Priest blesses the people.

Closing Hymn 680 O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PostludeOh When the Saints Go Marching In
Improvisation
African-American Spiritual

ary Powell, MD, also known as Mary P. Lewis, of Newtown Square, PA, age 98, passed away July 15, 2024. She was born January 26, 1926 in Fredericksburg, VA to Samuel Peter and Dorothy McCormick Powell, both attorneys. She attended local schools, graduating from Mary Washington College (now the University of Mary Washington), and then from the University of Tennessee Medical School in 1949. She had an internship in Baltimore and residencies in the Medical College of VA, Johns Hopkins Hospital, and Hahnemann Hospital (now Drexel University College of Medicine). She was board certified in Orthopedic Surgery in 1963, being the 13th woman in the U.S. to do so.

She married the late Dr. Stuart Hayes Lewis, also an Orthopedic Surgeon, in 1954; he predeceased her in 2007. Their honeymoon consisted of a 9-month long, low-budget trip through Mexico, Central and South America, ending in London for 2 years where each pursued further medical studies. Returning to the U.S., Dr. Powell started practicing Orthopedics in Abington and Bryn Mawr, and worked mostly in the Main Line area and at Bryn Mawr Hospital. She was a caring and dedicated physician whose expertise and compassion had a lasting impact on those she treated.

She was a member of The American Medical Association, the PA Orthopaedic Society, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and the Philadelphia Club of Medical Women. She enjoyed nature, and was the physician on several trail rides in the American West. After retirement, she continued her occupation as a tree farmer in VA. She had been part of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Wayne, PA since 1959.

She is survived by 4 daughters: Dorothy (Dee) Lewis (Clem Cottingham) of Lawrenceville, NJ; Caroline Bradley (Ricky Laney) of Spotsylvania. VA; Margaret (Megan) Lewis and Judith Lewis, both of Philadelphia, PA. Also, by 4 grandchildren: Tiffany Blue of Nampa, ID; Caitlin Bradley and Fionnuala Bradley (Will Guthrie) of Richmond, VA, and by Samuel Cook of Philadelphia, PA, as well as by 8 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. She appreciated her caregivers and friends, including Sharon Suber, Wendy Morgan, Georgia Robinson, and Doug Potenza.

Contributions may be sent to the Huntington's Disease Society of America 505 Eighth Ave Suite 1402 New York, NY 10018 https://hdsa.org/,

to the National Alliance on Mental Illness 4301 Wilson Blvd Suite 300 Arlington, VA 22203 https://www.nami.org/,

or to the Stuart H. Lewis Memorial Fund at St. Mary's. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 104 Louella Ave, Wayne, PA 19087, memo line: "Stuart H. Lewis Memorial Fund" www.stmaryswaynepa.org/stewardship 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 those we love have entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Participants in this Service

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