



Requiem Eucharist and Inurnment - *Rite II*

Saturday, October 4, 2025 - 12:00 pm

Nanna Margaret Hillsman

June 29, 1934 - July 10, 2025

Grace Episcopal Church

3601 Russell Road - Alexandria, VA 22305

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From the *Book of Common Prayer*

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 Lazarus. 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.

PRELUDE

Prière

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

The people stand.

THE OPENING ANTHEM

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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 COLLECT

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 Margaret, being raised with Christ, 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.**

The people are seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-13

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Read in unison***The LORD is my shepherd; *****I shall not want.****He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *****he leadeth me beside the still waters.****He restoreth my soul; *****he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.****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.****Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *****thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.****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.***The people stand.*

HYMN 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 10-11-16**Priest* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"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."

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

THE EULOGY

Donna Jacobson

THE HOMILY

Mother Anne Turner

APOSTLES CREED

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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

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

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.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer.

Father of all, we pray to you for Margaret, 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

BCP, p. 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

HYMN 658

As longs the deer for cooling streams

Martyrdom

Celebrant 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 continues.

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, 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. Then 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 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 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. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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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 baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist.

Please come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers.

A full communion is made with the bread alone, but if you choose to receive the wine, you may either drink from the cup, or you may offer your wafer to the person holding the chalice, who will dip the bread in the wine for you.

If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.

If you do not wish to receive communion at the altar, please let an usher know,

and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

HYMN 620

Jerusalem, my happy home

Land of Rest

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

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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.

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Margaret. 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 BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

HYMN 516

Come down, O love divine

Down Ampney

THE PROCESSION TO THE COLUMBARIUM FOR INURNMENT OF ASHES

THE COMMITTAL

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Margaret, and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

And 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.**

*Please join us for a light reception following the
service in the Amphitheater outside.*

Nanna Margaret Hillsman (Norrington)

June 29, 1934 - July 10, 2025

Nanna Margaret Hillsman passed away peacefully on July 10, 2025, at age 91 at her final residence at Goodwin House in Alexandria, Virginia. She was born on June 29, 1934, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, daughter of Dr. John Albert Hillsman and Margaret Brandon.

Margaret graduated from Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts (now part of Harvard University), where she began a life defined by intelligence, grace, and service. After becoming an American citizen, she embarked on a distinguished career in Federal Government Contracting, serving both at home and abroad.



Her work took her across Europe and eventually to Orlando, Florida, where she served as a Contracting Officer at the Naval Training and Equipment Center. It was there she met and married Giles Norrington. The couple later settled in Alexandria, Virginia, where Margaret continued her government career as a Contracting Officer at Headquarters, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), and later, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). She played a key role as a Procuring Contracting Officer on major aircraft and shipbuilding programs, known for her integrity, professionalism, and deep knowledge of federal acquisition regulations.

Recognized for her exceptional expertise, Margaret was recruited to serve in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, where she became the lead analyst on ratifications and Public Law 85-804 Extraordinary Contractual Actions. In this high-responsibility role, she ensured compliance and sound pricing for major Department of the Navy acquisitions.

Margaret had a deep love for the history and vibrant life of Old Town Alexandria. She was a faithful member of Grace Episcopal Church in the Del Ray neighborhood, and after retirement, she served as a volunteer guide at the historic Carlyle House. After retiring from the Navy, her passion for cooking and entertaining led her to positions at Williams-Sonoma and Sur La Table in Arlington and McLean, Virginia. Margaret was a true animal lover and doted on her much loved cats she called companions throughout her life.

Margaret is predeceased by her brother, Dr. Deane Hillsman, and is survived by her niece, Donna Marie Hillsman-Jacobson, and was the beloved aunt to both her and her late nephew, David Thomas Hillsman.

Margaret will be remembered for her intellect, warmth, sense of humor and unwavering commitment to public service and community.



THOSE SERVING TODAY

Celebrant

Assistant & Preacher

Crucifier / Server

Music Director

Father Santiago Rodriguez

Mother Anne Turner

Stephanie Reed

Dr. Alain Truche