



IN CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING OF THE LIFE OF

## Mary Ann Ryan

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**Burial of the Dead, Rite I**

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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.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

*Ave Maria*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

*The people stand.*

THE OPENING ANTHEM

*Officiant*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;  
He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;  
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.  
I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
And that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;  
And though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God:  
Whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,  
And not as a stranger.  
For none of us liveth to himself,  
And no man dieth to himself.  
For if we live, we live unto the Lord;  
And if we die, we die unto the Lord.  
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
Even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

THE OPENING HYMN • 8

*Morning has broken*

*Farjeon*

THE COLLECT

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Mary Ann, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a

sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 23

*Read in unison*

- 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.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*Lector* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of men 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 I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but

when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN • 356      *May choirs of angels lead you to Paradise*      *Christus, der ist mein Leben*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

*The people are seated.*

THE HOMILY

Mother Anne Michele Turner

*The people stand.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*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.**

THE PRAYERS

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. **Amen.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Mary Ann to thy never-failing love; receive her into the arms of thy mercy, and remember her according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### THE COMMENDATION

*Officiant*

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

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make

our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

*Officiant*

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant, Mary Ann. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

CLOSING HYMN • 621

*Light's abode, celestial Salem*

*Rhuddlan*

VOLUNTARY *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 654 (Adorn yourself, O dear soul) - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*Following the service, please join us for an interment of ashes service at Fairfax City Cemetery (10567 Main St. Fairfax, Virginia 22030).*



## THOSE SERVING TODAY

*Officiant*

Father Santiago Rodriguez

*Assisting & Preacher*

Mother Anne Turner

*Organist*

Alain Truche

*Acolytes & Lectors*

Stephanie Reed

*Ushers*

John Boris, Mary Hix



## Mary Ann Ryan

Mary Ann Ryan passed away peacefully on January 19, 2025. She grew up and spent most of her life in Northern Virginia. She was a retired educator, who was named Principal of the Year in Fairfax County in the late 1990s - while being a principal of Annandale Terrace Elementary School. In the early 2000s, she served as the Director of Elementary Education for Fairfax County. She was a loving friend and an eloquent speaker. She had the Irish gift of gab. She loved to travel, learn, and spend time with friends and family. She leaves behind: son Michael, daughter-in-law Silvia, grandchildren Theodore, Timothy,



and Patrick, brother Joseph “Chip”, sister-in-law Sallie, niece and nephew Elizabeth and Joe, and countless other friends and family who loved and will miss her.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making an online gift in memory of Mary Ann Ryan, to the Dementia Society of America.

