

**A Celebration of Resurrection and Life
Burial of the Dead**

Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2 PM



Carroll Jean Simpson Isenberg
May 5, 1929 – February 26, 2021

Officiants

The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Adam Charville, Carroll's grandson

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Music

Tom Flynn, Sarah Goodwin

The Liturgy of the Word

Preludes

All stand as the ministers enter the church and the opening anthem is said.

Words of Welcome

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Carroll. 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. **Amen.**

All are seated for the readings.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Reader — Mr. Brian Charville, grandson

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *The Psalm is 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.**

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 John 3:1-2

Reader — Dr. William Isenberg, eldest son

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

On Eagles Wings

by Michael Joncas

All stand as able for

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

John 6:37-40

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

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated for

The Homily

Remembrances of Carroll

The Rev. Sarah H. Phelps, Rector
The Rev. Adam Charville, grandson

The Next Time We Meet

by Gloria and William Gaither

Please stand as able for

The Prayers of the People

Officiant Dear Friends: It was our Lord Jesus himself who said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Let us pray, then, for our sister Carroll, that she may rest from her labors, and enter into the light of God's eternal sabbath rest.

Leader Receive, O Lord, your servant, for she returns to you.

People **Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Carroll.**

Wash her in the holy font of everlasting life, and clothe her in his heavenly wedding garment.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Carroll.

May she hear your words of invitation, "Come, you blessed of my Father."

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Carroll.

May she gaze upon you, Lord, face to face, and taste the blessedness of perfect rest.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Carroll.

May angels surround her, and saints welcome her in peace.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Carroll.

Officiant

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Carroll's family and friends 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Please be seated for

The Offertory

The ministers prepare the offering of bread and wine. Both will be consecrated, but due to pandemic protocols, only the bread will be consumed during the Communion.

Please stand for

The Great Thanksgiving

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



Officiant It is right, and a good and joyful thing....

....who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All 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.

The Officiant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself....

....Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Officiant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father....

....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.**

Officiant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 have trespassed 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

Officiant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

Due to pandemic health protocols, only the Communion host (bread) will be administered.



Please remain seated for

The Postcommunion Prayer

Officiant 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.

All stand as the Officiants move to the urn containing Carroll's ashes.

The Commendation

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

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

Officiant 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.

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

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

The Blessing

Officiant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Carroll. 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 Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn for the Procession to the Columbarium

Because He lives

by Gloria & William Gaither

The Committal

Officiant

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;

I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead

will also give new life to our mortal bodies

through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy,

and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Final words from loved ones

As Carroll's ashes are placed in the niche, the Officiant says

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Carroll, and we commit her body to its resting place; 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.**

Officiant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

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 have trespassed 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.

Officiant

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Officiant Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

People **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

Officiant May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



