

A SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

**Anne “Nancy” Newhard Martin**

October 2, 1944 – April 30, 2025



Friday, August 8, 2025, at 11 a.m.

**SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH**

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and viewpoints grounded in love. Whoever you are, we welcome you.*



*Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square.*  
*All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.*

## **VOLUNTARY**

Sheep may safely graze	J.S. Bach (1685–1750)
Jesu, joy of man's desiring	J.S. Bach
"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us	J.S. Bach
Largo from <i>Xerxes</i>	G.F. Handel (1685–1759)
Evening Prayer from <i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	Engelbert Humperdink (1854–1921)

## **INTROIT**

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts      Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

*Sung by the choir.*

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

—*Funeral Sentence from the Book of Common Prayer*

*Please stand as you are able as the procession enters.*

*Priest* 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.

## **COLLECT**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Nancy, 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.**

## WELCOME

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

*Please be seated.*

## REMEMBRANCES

David Dunn

Margot Martin Angstrom and Virginia Martin Reece

## HYMN 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

## THE FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 4:16–5:9

*Read by Anne Martin Simonds.*

*Please be seated.*

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling—if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 23

*Read by Middleton Ansley Martin, Jr.*

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 HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "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."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Stuart Kenworthy

## HYMN 680

O God, our help in ages past

*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Said by all, standing as you are able.*

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 PRAYERS

*Led by Tiffany Roy.*

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Intercessor* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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 Nancy 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 blessed John and 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 PEACE

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**HYMN 688** *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

A mighty fortress is our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,  
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed  
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe  
 the man of God's own choos - ing; dost ask who that may be?  
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,  
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46. Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

*The priest continues*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS

*Said by all.*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand or kneel as you are able. The priest continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Priest* And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

## THE FRACTION

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Priest* 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 persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Wait for an usher to call your pew to come forward. You will first be handed a wafer by a priest (gluten-free wafers are available by request) and then offered wine by a lay server. You may either sip the wine or dip your wafer into the wine. Receiving the bread alone is a valid way to share in the Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. All may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* **Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE COMMENDATION

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

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

*Priest* 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.

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

*Priest* Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Nancy. 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 BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Priest* Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**HYMN 608** *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

Eternal Father, strong to save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging  
 3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Words: William Whiting (1825-1878), alt. Music: *Melita*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

## VOLUNTARY

*The Martin family requests the pleasure of your company  
 at a reception honoring Nancy and her resplendent life, to be held  
 at the Metropolitan Club (1700 H Street, NW) following the service.*

Only when we see death and life as they were, equal components of faith, can we risk that leap into the unknown and find that the leap is one of safety, into the arms, as it were, of a faithful and loving Friend. . . . We are right to fear death as we are right sometimes to fear life, for fear is a natural part of human existence. The unknown ghosts are there in the darkness and in the light keeping us off balance. But we can learn also to grow out of ourselves so that in Charles Morgan's lovely phrase "in death the walls go down, the light blows out; that is all, for death is not a change of state but a change of lodging."

—*Excerpt from a sermon preached by the Rev. John C. Harper,  
St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, October 30, 1977*

## ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

### CLERGY

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*  
*St. John's Church, Lafayette Square*

The Rev. Stuart Kenworthy, *Assisting Priest*  
*Church of the Ascension and Saint Agnes*

### CRUCIFER

Jack Reiffer

### MUSICIANS

Thomas P. Smith, *Organist*  
The St. John's Choir and Brass Ensemble

### REMEMBRANCES

David Dunn, *Family Friend*  
Margot Martin Angstrom and Virginia Martin Reece, *Daughters*

### READERS

Anne Martin Simonds, *Daughter*  
Middleton Ansley Martin, Jr., *Son*

### INTERCESSOR

Tiffany Roy, *Goddaughter*

### CHALICE BEARERS

Debby Hailey and Hilary West

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Angus Slater Angstrom, James Dolan, Middleton Ansley Martin, Jr.,  
Chapin Middleton Carpenter Reece, Harrison Holt Simonds, and William Haskell Simonds, III

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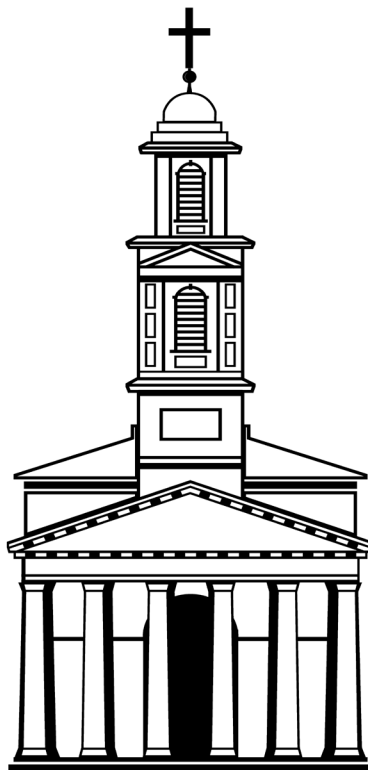
Susan Cardwell

### LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN

Jeremy Skogg

### FLOWER GUILD

Katherine Kyle and Pat Dalby



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