



A Celebration of the Life of

MARJORIE E. MARCIANO-VERE

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THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD:

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
MARJORIE MARCIANO-VERE

REFLECTIONS

Stephen Goldmann, Candace Carr, Judi Robinson

Please stand as the Ministers enter

Presider

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 awakening, 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.

Presider

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray. O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Marge, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

HYMN 372 *The Hymnal 1982*

LEONI

Please be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

read by David Marciano

Reader

A reading from the Book of Lamentations. 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
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121 *Laetatus sum*

Antonín Dvořák

*I will lift mine eyes up to the mountains,
Whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from God
Who hath made the earth and the heavens.
He will not suffer thy feet to be moved
Nor thy steps to stumble.
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, the keeper of Israel
Is He that slumbers not nor sleeps.*

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:35, 37-39
read by Laura Benedict

Reader

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing

HYMN 657 *The Hymnal 1982*

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GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:21-27

Presider
People
Presider

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

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “ I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

Presider
People

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

SERMON

The Rector

Please stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Presider

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

ALL

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

led by Dana Leach

Leader

For our sister Marge, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Leader

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Marge, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Leader

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

People

Hear us, Lord.

Leader

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

People

Hear us, Lord.

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

Presider Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Marge, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way, and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.

People **Amen.**

Presider THE PEACE

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Ave verum corpus,
Natum de Maria Virgine:
Vere passum,
Immolatum in cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum,
Unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis prægustatum
In mortis examine.
[Hail true Body,
Born of Mary the Virgin:*

*Who has truly suffered,
Torn on the cross for all:
Whose side was pierced,
From which blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste of the eternal
Now and in the hour of our death.]*
—Innocent III

Please stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

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:

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.

Presider

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."

Deacon

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider

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.

People

AMEN.

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

People

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

INVITATION

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intinct (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing.

The Bread is given with these words

Minister

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Recipient

Amen.

The Cup is given with these words

Minister

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Recipient

Amen.

ANTHEM

Mark A. Miller

*In the midst of pain, I choose love
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.*

*In the midst of war, I choose peace
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.*

*When my world falls down, I will rise
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.*

—Lindy Thompson

Please stand

HYMN 410 *The Hymnal 1982*

LAUDA ANIMA

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider

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.

THE COMMENDATION

Presider

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

People

Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Presider

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.

People

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

Presider

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Marge. 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.

People

Amen.

ANTHEM

Peter Christian Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you.

*The Lord lift his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

—Numbers 6:24-26

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

People

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Elegy

C. Hubert H. Parry

The interment follows in the Garth

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MARJORIE MARCIANO-VERE

Marjorie Marciano-Vere died on March 21, 2025 at the age of 85 after a valiant 35-year battle with breast cancer. A native of Short Hills, NJ, Marge was a first-generation American, the daughter of Fritz and Gerda Goldmann. She is survived by her husband, James Vere, her son, Dave Marciano, his wife Diane and their sons David and Landon, and her brother, Stephen F. Goldmann, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, and her former husband, Dr. Neil Marciano.

A graduate of the Millburn school system, Marge received a BA in Journalism from Syracuse University and a Masters in Counseling from Montclair State University. She had a varied career, starting with McGraw-Hill prior to her first marriage. She then committed herself to her family and pursuing her passion for late 19th and 20th century French art. After that marriage ended, she returned to the business world working for Smith Barney, Bankers Trust, and Roche.

Marge was extremely intelligent and eloquent and was loyal and loving to her friends and family. She retained ties to her friends from Millburn High School over more than 60 years. A devoted Episcopalian, she served her parish, St. Peter's in Essex Fells, in many roles including the choir and vestry. And she was a dedicated supporter of the Newark Museum, serving as a volunteer speaker and in their gift shop.

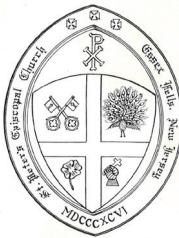
In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to St. Peter's in Essex Fells or the Newark Museum.

From the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all 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 one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.



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