

St George's Paris

The Funeral Service within
a Celebration of Holy Communion

11h00 Thursday 19th January 2023

Angela Harrison

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Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord.

*A warm welcome to St George's. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. Today the choir sings the **Communion service in F** by Harold Darke (1888 – 1976) and the anthem during Communion will be **God be in my head** (NEH 328).*

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The Gathering

Please stand for the entry of the coffin as we sing (NEH 333) :

**All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone Calls my heart to be his own.
Human pride and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, Hour by hour, Is my temple and my tower.
God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light, and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore From his store New-born worlds rise and adore.
Daily doth th'Almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand At his hand; Joy doth wait on his command.
Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call One and all: Ye who follow shall not fall.**

+ Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith that Angela and all who have died in the love of Christ
will share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: I Corinthians 15.42-44, 53-end

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the

**Shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.**

Commendation and Farewell

Let us commend Angela to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great goodness.
As a father is tender towards his children,
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.
For he knows of what we are made; he remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field;
when the wind goes over it, it is gone and its place will know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever and ever
toward those that fear him and his righteousness upon their children's children.

+ Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord. And may light perpetual shine upon her.

As the the choir sings the Kontakion for the Dead (NEH 526) Angela's coffin will be surrounded with incense—a symbol of our prayers, and washed in Holy Water—symbol of our baptism.

Kontakion of the Dead

*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 man:
and we are mortal formed from the dust of the earth, and unto earth shall we return:
for so thou didst ordain, when thou created me saying:
Dust thou art und unto dust shalt thou return.
All we go down to the dust; and weeping o'er the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Dismissal

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

In peace now, let us take Angela to her final resting place.

Notices :

The Committal will follow at 3pm and is a private, family occasion. Ursula and Guy would like to invite you to the Parish Hall where refreshments will be served.

A collection plate is available on the Middle Landing—Angela asked for donations to go to support *Fondation de France* for their work on Leukaemia research.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion if you do so in your own church. If you would prefer, please come forward and bow your head for a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Sides-people. If you don't want to receive Holy Communion or are prevented from doing so by the discipline of your church you may like to use the following prayer:

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament,
I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you now sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my soul.
As though you were already there I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you;
permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.*

As we receive Holy Communion or a blessing the choir sings the Agnus Dei.

*O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace..*

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious 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 fullness of joy with all your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 372).

**He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.**
**Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound—
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight;
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.**
**Since, Lord, Thou dost defend
Us with Thy Spirit,
We know we at the end**

saying that is written will be fulfilled:
'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'
'Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 357):

**Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be;
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weakness,
In our wanderings be our guide;
Through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side**

Holy Gospel: John 11.17-27

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy + Gospel according to Saint John.
Praise to you, O Christ.

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 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.'

Hear the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Lord.

Please be seated for the sermon by the Rev'd Mark Osborne, Chaplain.

Sermon

Intercessions

We remain standing to pray together. At the end of each petition this response is used

God of mercy, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light: we give you thanks for Angela, for the grace and mercy she received from you, for all that was good in her life, for the memories we treasure today.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

You promised eternal life to those who believe. Remember for good this your servant Angela as we also remember her. Bring all who rest in Christ into the fullness of your kingdom where sins have been forgiven and death is no more.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death. Look in mercy on Angela's family and friends, especially Ursula and Guy, and on all who mourn. Give them patient faith in times of darkness. Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

You are tender towards your children and your mercy is over all your works. Heal the memories of hurt and failure. Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright the time that is left to us here on earth, to turn to Christ and follow in his steps in the way that leads to everlasting life.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.

We exchange a sign of Peace before the hymn at the Preparation of the Table is sung (NEH 354):

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.
O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,**

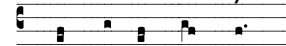
Peace

**And bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

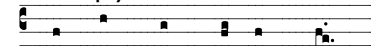
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



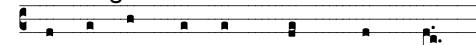
and al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

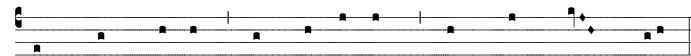


It is right to give thanks and praise.

The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and the choirs sing the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus**.

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.

The prayer continues until the Proclamation of Faith



Christ has died. Christ is ri-sen. Christ will come again.

At the end of the prayer we all respond **Amen**. We remain standing to pray together

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.