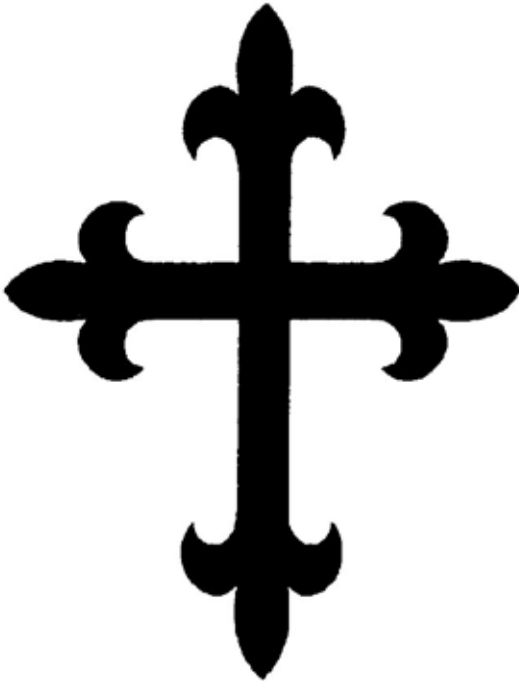


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JANUARY 24, 2018
2:00 P.M.
SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
680 CALDER
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

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Instrumental Prelude

“Meditation”
Ellen Rienstra, Violinist

J.S. Bach; Gounod

Solemn Anthems

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 awaking, 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.

Hymn 208 (stanzas 1-3)

“The Strife is o’er”

Victory

The Celebrant says the following Collect, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Susan. 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.*

A Reading from the Book of Job (19:21-27)

Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? “O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our refuge
 from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
 from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say,
 “Go back, O child of earth.”
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
 when it is past
 and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream;
 we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
 in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we consume away in your displeasure;
 we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
Our iniquities you have set before you,
 and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
When you are angry, all our days are gone;
 we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
The span of our life is seventy years,

perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
Who regards the power of your wrath?
who rightly fears your indignation?
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

A Reading from Romans (8: 14-19, 34-35, 37-39)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 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.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.
Surely your 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 (*All stand*)

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

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.

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

The Homily

The Rev. A Dean Calcote

The Apostles' Creed (*please stand*)

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 (*please stand*)

For our sister Susan, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

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

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

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.
Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.
Hear us, Lord.

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

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

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

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

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

Instrumental Solo

“Larghetto”
Ellen Rienstra, Violinist

Antonio Vivaldi

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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:

Celebrant and People say together

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.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer, you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue.

Anyone may come forward for a prayer for God's blessing in lieu of receiving Communion. Please indicate your desire for a prayer for God's blessing by crossing your arms on your chest. Ladies are encouraged to blot lipstick before receiving Communion. Ushers will direct the congregation to receive communion.

Music during Communion

Vocal Solo

“Laudate Dominum”
Natalie Cardona, Soprano

W.A. Mozart

Translation: Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peoples. For his loving-kindness toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer *(Celebrant and people, please stand)*

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 Blessing

Hymn 688 (stanzas 1,2)

“A mighty fortress”

Ein feste Burg

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Susan Dunagan Gordy, 75, of Beaumont died January 20, 2018 in Beaumont. She was born on July 19, 1942 to Grace Willis Dunagan and James A. Dunagan, Jr., in Beaumont. Susan had a loving and caring heart and shared her time and talents abundantly with her family, friends, and community. As a woman of strong faith, she was deeply involved in her religious community as a deaconess, chair of

committees, Sunday School teacher and selfless volunteer.

She took on many leadership roles in a variety of organizations and always did so with a cheerful and humble spirit. She was actively involved in her beloved Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. Susan served on a variety of committees for the Neches River Festival and proudly served as Social Chairman. The Junior League of Beaumont held a special place in her heart and she loyally supported the organization. As an active, she served as President and co-chaired many committees including the Spindletop Charity Horse Show,



the Texas Tennis Tournament of the Stars, Kaleidoscope and Lagniappe. Susan served on a number of boards in the community including the Tower Club and Baptist Hospital. She was the school secretary at Monsignor Kelly High School. Her greatest joy came from her summers spent at Camp Waldemar where she worked for twenty-five years. She served as Assistant Director and Board Member.

Susan is survived by her husband of fifty-six years, Marvin Keith Gordy daughters Johanna Gordy Brown and her husband Matthew of Austin, Jennifer Gordy of Beaumont, and Sara Gordy of Houston; grandchildren, Catherine Swantner, Reid Swantner, Harrison Brown, Margeaux Brown, Frances Brown, Blake Ferguson, and Baxter Ferguson; sister Kathleen Dunagan and brother James A. Dunagan, III., and his wife Rebecca.

She is preceded in death by her parents Grace Willis Dunagan and James A. Dunagan, Jr.; sister Sandra Dunagan, and brother Baxter W. Dunagan.



Memorial Service

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 2:00 p.m.

St. Marks Episcopal Church

Beaumont, Texas



Please sign Mrs. Gordy's guest book and share your memories at
www.broussards1889.com