

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
MARTHA WARREN SINGER
APRIL 24, 1934 – FEBRUARY 25, 2022



MARCH 4, 2022
11:00 A.M.
SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
680 CALDER
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Prelude

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J.S. Bach

Jordan Williams, Organist-Choirmaster

The Celebrant invites the congregation to stand.

Opening Hymn 376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Hymn to Joy

Timothy Foster, Cantor

The Celebrant says

I am the Resurrection and I am the 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.

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 Martha. 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.*

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations (3:22-26, 31-33)

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 (*Read responsively by full verse.*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; *

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and

your coming in, *

from this time forth for evermore.

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (*Read responsively by full verse.*)

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

Please stand.

The Gospel (*Remain standing.*)

A Deacon or Priest says

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.” *John 14:1-6*

The Word of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Reverend 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 *(Remain standing.)*

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

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Martha, 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 adds a concluding prayer.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory

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.

Celebrant

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,

**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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The people sit. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the instructions of the ushers.

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.

Communion

Hymn 178 "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord" *Alleluia No. 1*

Hymn 490 "I want to walk as a child of the light" *Houston*

Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand.)*

Celebrant and people

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.*

Please remain standing. The Celebrant and other ministers take their places.

The Commendation

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

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

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Celebrant says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Martha. 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.*

Hymn 473

“Lift high the cross”

Crucifer

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Voluntary on *Crucifer*”

Craig Phillips

A reception will follow in the Payne Hall.





Martha Warren Singer, 87, passed away on February 25, 2022, at home, in Beaumont, Texas. She was born April 24, 1934, in Kansas City, Missouri as the only child of Margaret R. and Henri L. Warren. She graduated from W.B. Ray High School and received her Associate degree from Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas. She received her bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from Lamar University, Beaumont at the age of 50.

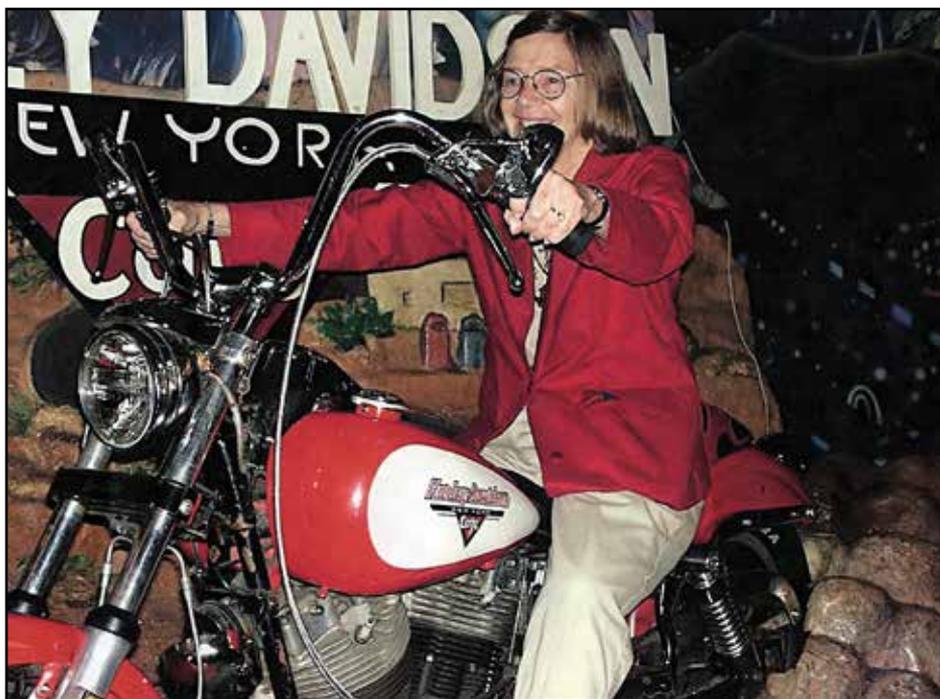
She married her love, Merritt Singer, in June 1953. She raised their four daughters and always put her family first. She was a Girl Scout volunteer, swimming instructor, and member of the League of Women Voters. She was a lifelong Episcopalian, served as Sunday School teacher, member of the Altar Guild, choir and the Order of the Daughters of the King, and was a graduate of the EFM (Education for Ministry) program. She was faithful in reading the Bible and devotionals every day. She worked at WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) where she loved teaching the “mamas” about nutrition. She was a two-time cancer survivor, shrewd bridge player, chocolate lover, skier, and world-wide traveler.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Merritt, and their four daughters: Judy Burnham (Paul), Beverly Singer, Linda Blumberg (Richard), and Ginny Mendoza (Eddie) and grandchildren: Robert Glenn II (Jessica), Stephanie Burnham (Jordan Bauer), Merritt Burnham, Analia Mendoza and Jonathan Peters.

The family wants to give special thanks to her long-term caregiver, Lucy Bensusurto Wilson, other loving caregivers, and Harbor Hospice. Martha is greatly missed by her loving husband, Merritt, family and pet dog, Bingo.

















Pallbearers

Robert Glenn II
Merritt Burnham
Paul Burnham
Eddie Mendoza
Stephanie Burnham
Richard Blumberg

*A family graveside service will be held at
Houston National Cemetery at a later date.*

Memorial Contributions

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