



Mary Helen Caskey "Granna"
October 29, 1929 - December 23, 2022

The Burial of the Dead and Holy Eucharist: Rite One
for Mary Helen Caskey
Saturday, February 11, 2023 11:00 a.m.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Beaumont, Texas

Please stand, sit or kneel as able.

Prelude

All stand while one or more of the following anthems are sung or said

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.

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (*Refrain*)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. (*Refrain*)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art. (*Refrain*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

The people sit.

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23 KJV

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.

New Testament Reading

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. 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.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 121

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
2. My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
3. He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
5. The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6. So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Gradual Hymn

God of Grace

Hymnal 594

God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy po
 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his wa
 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - tr
 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - ple

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious fle
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and pr
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in so
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - m

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of th
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of the
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

All standing

The Gospel

Luke 23:32-43

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

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One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Eulogy

Gordon Caskey
Paula O'Neal

Homily

The Reverend Jim Liberatore

The Apostles' Creed (*all standing*)

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: 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.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Mary 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 Mary and Stephen 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 Eucharist

Offertory On Eagle's Wings

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: **The Lord be with you.**

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: **Lift up your hearts.**

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: **Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.**

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

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,

The Sanctus (said)

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 people kneel or stand.

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, he brake 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

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.

The Fraction

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer (kneeling)

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

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

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

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.*

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Mary. 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.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Leader: Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal 473

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Serving our Lord today:

Clergy

The Reverend Jim Liberatore

Eucharistic Ministers

Jim Johnson

Doug Staton

Organist

Jerome Wells

Harpist

Rachel Clark

Soloist

Angela Pickering

Altar Guild

Pam Senior

Connie Thompson

Jim Thompson

Readers

Michelle Haney

Emilie Piercy

Hunter Caskey

Beverly Westbrook

Angela Hafernack

Brian Hafernack

Usher

Bruce Murphree



Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, **Mary Helen Caskey**, passed away peacefully on December 23, 2022. Mary Helen Caskey was born October 29, 1929, in Galveston, Texas to parents Elizabeth Petrasek Kivch and Jack J. Kivch, Sr. She moved to Beaumont, Texas in 1958 where she lived for 60 years.

Mary was born at the start of the day the Great Depression started and was raised in Galveston. Upon graduating from Ball High School, she moved to Austin, Texas to attend The University of Texas where she earned a Degree in Education. It was there that she met her husband of 60 years, Charles “Chuck” Caskey, later Chuckbaby. She taught math at Ball High while her husband was in medical school, and they had their first son-Jim. Chuck served in the Army which led them to a variety of places: Georgia, California, and Hawaii where Gordon was born. In 1958, after the Army, they settled in Beaumont where they celebrated having a daughter Christie. They lived in Beaumont for 60 years.

Mary and Chuck were blessed with three children, 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Mary was dedicated to being the best mother, grandmother, and great grandmother she could be. A close family friend once said when she died, she wanted to come back as Mary Caskey’s grandchild. She truly made each grandchild feel like they were the favorite.

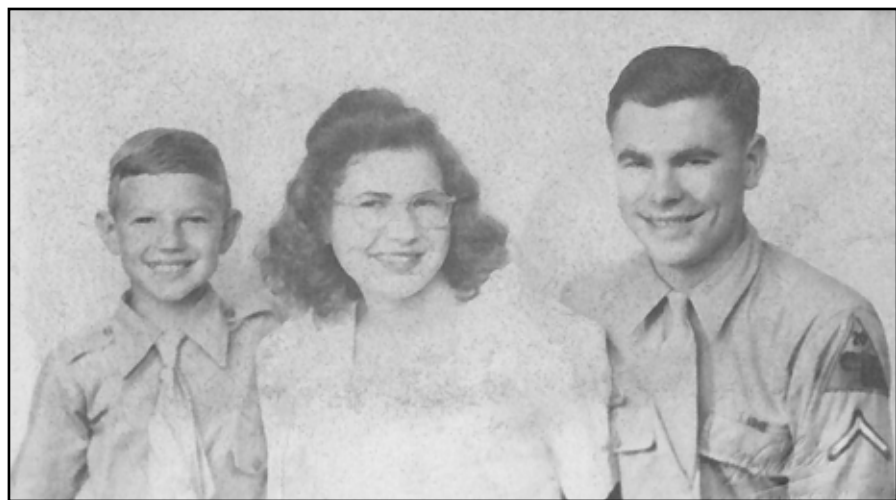
Mary had a passion for community involvement. Mary loved working with her church and volunteering with various local clubs and charities. Mary especially had a passion in “Some Other Place” in Beaumont and was one of the founders of “The Tasting”.

Mary loved all types of activities with her friends and family: Playing bridge with her friends, playing tennis with the girls, skiing and fishing at the lake, painting nature, gardening and smocking for the many grandchildren and great grandchildren-you could always count on Mary.

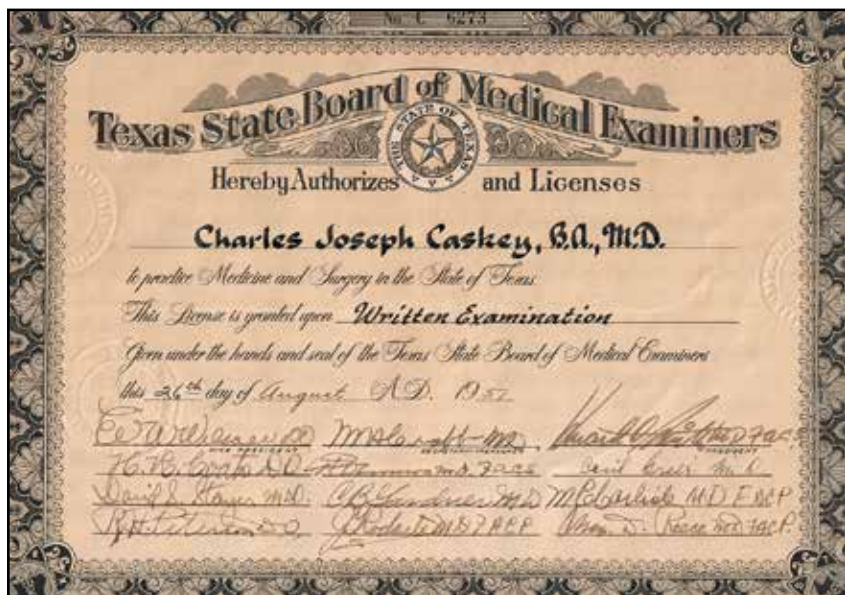
She will be deeply missed by her family and friends who all carry a little piece of her wherever they go and know she is now rejoicing in Heaven with her husband, friends, and family that have preceded her in death.

She is survived by her brother, Adolph Kivch and wife Mary Frances; three children, Jim Caskey and wife Ann; Gordon Caskey and wife Lisa; and daughter, Christie Piercy and husband Lawrence; 10 grandchildren, Michelle and Ron Haney, Camille and David Burgoyne, Charles and Crystal Caskey, Blake Caskey, Angela and Brian Hafernicks, Hunter and Rose Caskey, Emilie and Michael Eskridge, Beverly and Steven Westbrook, Stewart and Shawn Piercy; and 15 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Elizabeth and Jack Kivch Sr.; brother Jack Jr. Kivch; husband, Charles “Chuck” Caskey; child, Cathey Ann Caskey; and granddaughter, Sophie Stanley.



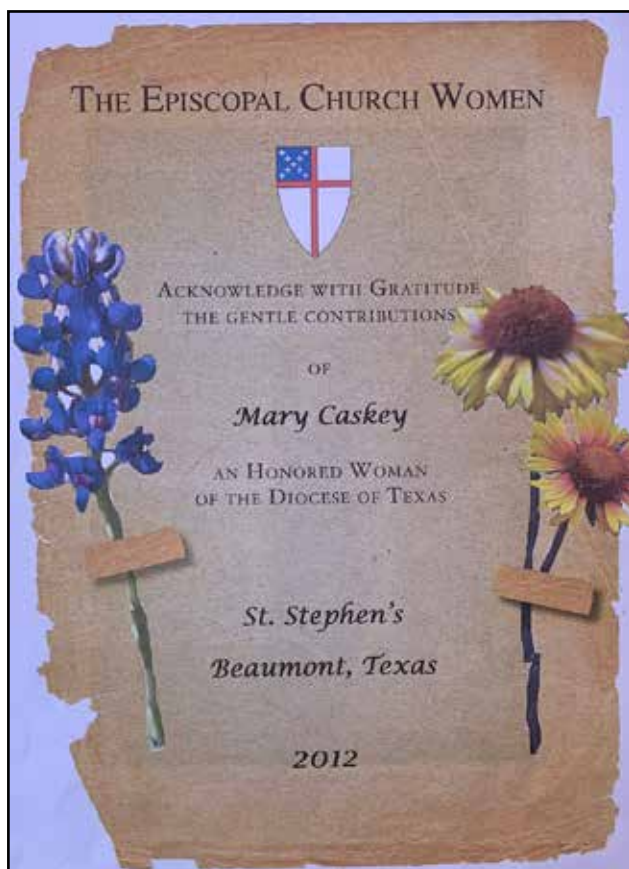



















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