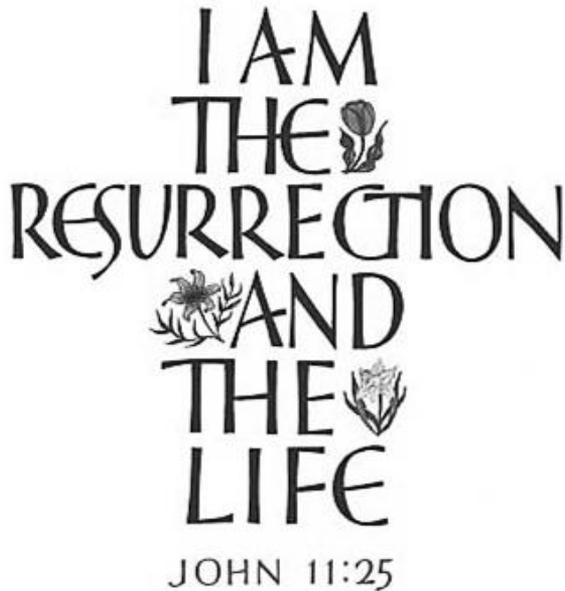


In Celebration of and  
Thanksgiving for the Life of  
NormaLea McKown



May 29, 2021 at 10:30 AM

St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
Cadillac, MI

We strive to live out the Great Commandment:  
To love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

## THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD, RITE II

*All stand as they are able to for the opening anthem.*

### **Anthem**

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.

### **The Collect**

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 NormaLea. 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.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with NormaLea's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Lesson**

### **Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33**

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            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

## Psalm 139:1-11

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.

- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number  
than the sand; \* to count them all,  
my life span would need to be like yours.
- 18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God! \*  
You that thirst for blood, depart from me.
- 19 They speak despitefully against you; \*  
your enemies take your Name in vain.
- 20 Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate you? \*  
and do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
- 21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; \*  
they have become my own enemies.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

## **The Second Lesson**

## **2 Corinthians 4:16-5-9**

Reader            A reading from the second letter of Paul to the  
                          Corinthians.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is  
wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by  
day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an  
eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look  
not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what  
can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm**

## **Psalm 27**

- 1     The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \* the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2     When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \* it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3     Though an army should encamp against me, \* yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4     And though war should rise up against me, \* yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5     One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; \* that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the LORD.

## **The Gospel**

**John 5:24-27**

**Celebrant**      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**People**          **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. "Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

**Celebrant**      The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Homily**

**The Rev. Radha Kaminski**

*All stand as they are able.*

## **The Apostles Creed**

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 of the People**

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

*Silence*

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for NormaLea, 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.

Celebrant        Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister NormaLea, 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. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

Celebrant        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People            And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord; in this season we suggest a bow, wave or other appropriate gesture.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Offertory

Celebrant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant 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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and

betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People**      **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant      Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People**      **By his blood, he reconciled us.**  
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant      And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.**

Celebrant      And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People**

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People**

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

### **The Invitation**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with  
thanksgiving.

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. There is no one who  
is too old or too young, no one who has too many doubts or too  
few beliefs. This is the altar prepared by a loving God for all  
creation by the power of Jesus Christ.*

*You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.*

***Please remain in your seat. Communion will be brought to  
you. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross  
your arms over your chest.***

## **Prayer after Communion**

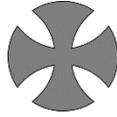
Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance 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**

Celebrant      The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

Celebrant      The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen**



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