

The Celebration of the Life of Diane Wapples Nichols



October 24, 2020 1:00pm The Burial Office, Rite II
Fr. Richard Signore, Celebrant and Preacher
Dr. Jean Frost, Lay Reader
Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist

Organ Prelude

Flute Offering: Rachel Estes (Diane's daughter)

Hymn: *I Come With Joy* (Cantor: Lynn Garland)

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

Opening Sentences – Celebrant

Collect – Celebrant

The Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well aged wines strained clear. And the Lord will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; He will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him so that He might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited, let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (Said by all)

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 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 comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;* thou annointest 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 forever.

Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision* (Vocal Soloist: Lynn Garland)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art thou my best thought, by day or by night, walking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in my dwelling, and I one with thee. High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Holy Gospel: St. John 11:17-27

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console with them concerning 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 at the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and I am 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 Christ, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

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

Reflections from Family and Friends

The Promise of Resurrection Life – Rev. Richard Signore

Poetry from the writings of Mary Oliver

The Prayers of the People (**Response in bold**)

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

Collect – Celebrant

The Exchange of the Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Congregation: AND ALSO WITH YOU

Music: *Love Devine All Loves Excelling* (Joe DiSalvatore - Clarinet)

The Commendation – Celebrant

Blessing – Celebrant

Hymn: Jerusalem (Cantor: Lynn Garland)

*O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.*

*May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.*

*Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.*

*Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.*

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Our beloved: Diane Nichols

Born: July 6, 1958

Deceased: October 16, 2020