

**A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of
Carolyn Kalk Snow
April 11, 1940 – June 5, 2024**



**Friday, June 14, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Richmond, Virginia**

The Burial of the Dead

*In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer,
please observe silence upon entering the nave.*

Prelude

“I’ll Fly Away” by Albert E. Brumley

Opening Anthems

Please stand as you are able.

The Book of Common Prayer, page 469

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 671 *Amazing grace!*

Sung by all.

New Britain

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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

Remembrances

Please sit.

Lenore Zedosky, Adrienne Burruss

The First Reading Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Following each reading, the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 *King James Version*

Read in unison, seated.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; *
from whence cometh my help?
My help cometh even from the Lord, *
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, *
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper; *
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, *
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; *
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading John 10:11-16

Hymn O Lord my God!

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1. O Lord my God! when I in awe - some won - der
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,
3. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,____
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;____
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.____

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy pow'r through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.____
and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;____
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!____

Refrain
Then sings my soul, my sav - ior God to thee;____ how great thou
art,____ how great thou art!____ Then sings my soul, my sav - ior God to
thee;____ how great thou art,____ how great thou art!____

The Homily

The Rev. William L. Sachs

The Prayers

Please stand.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

We thank you, O God, for all the goodness and courage which have passed from the life of this your servant, Carolyn, into the lives of others, and have left the world richer for her presence—for a life's task faithfully and honorably discharged; for good humor, gracious affection, and kindly generosity; for sadness met without surrender, and weakness endured without defeat; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Teach us, loving God, not to hold on to life too tightly. Teach us to hold it lightly, not carelessly, but lightly, easily. Teach us to take it as a gift, to enjoy and cherish while we have it, and to let it go gracefully and thankfully when the time comes. The gift is great, but the giver is greater still. You, O God, are the giver, and in you is the life that never dies. **Amen.**

The Commendation

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
**where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

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.

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

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

Blessing

Paraphrase of Henri Frederic Amiel

Officiant Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Hymn 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Sung by all.

Hymn to Joy

*The family invites you to a reception at the Country Club of Virginia (Westhampton) immediately after the service.
The family will meet you there.*

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“...If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch...”
From “If” by Rudyard Kipling

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Participants: *Clergy:* The Rev. John D. Rohrs, the Rev. William S. Stanley; the Rev. William L. Sachs; *Organist:* Brent te Velde; *Soloist:* Kelsey Snyder; *Crucifer:* Barbara Massey; *Remembrances:* Lenore Zedosky, Adrienne Burrus;
Readers: Nathan Snow, Sara-Ellen Snow