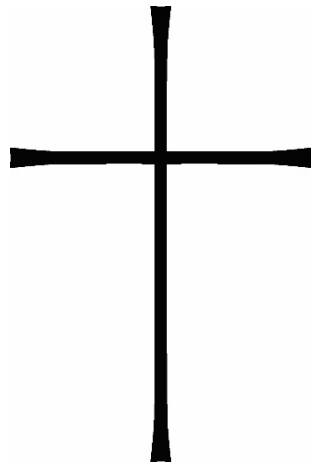


**A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of
Joan Trimble Bruns**

October 18, 1945 – June 1, 2026



**Thursday, June 25, 2026
2:00 p.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

Opening Anthems

Please stand, as able.

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

A period of silence is held to collect your prayers, then the Celebrant prays,

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sibling in Christ, Joan. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of Christ so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are gathered into the company of your saints in light; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remembrance Ted Bruns

Please sit.

A period of silence is held.

Hymn 516 Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

All hymns are sung standing, as you are able, and are found in the blue book.

The First Reading Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 *Please sit.*

After the reading, the lector says,

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-11

Read responsively by whole verse.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?**

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

**If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"**

Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

The Second Reading Revelation 21:2-7

After the reading, the lector says,

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 482 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy *Sung by all, standing.*

Slane

The Gospel John 11:21-27

Remain standing.

The Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily The Rev. John W.A. Jenkins

Please sit.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand.

Reader God, your will for us is abundant life; receive Joan now into the fullness of life in your presence.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith; shed the brightness of your light on Joan, who also sought understanding.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader You are greater than all our ideas and images of you; draw Joan into the mystery of your being.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader We know you as perfect Mercy and Love; welcome Joan in the grace of that love and mercy.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader We praise you as the giver of life; gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader The Church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, so we pray for those we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace, O Lord; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and gracious power, work in them the divine purpose of your perfect will.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence is held.

Reader May the Holy One, to whom all the desires of our hearts are known before we ask, hear our prayers for Joan, and for all who mourn, and grant us newness of life, and peace. **Amen.**

The Peace

Prayer Book, page 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.

Welcome

The Holy Communion

Music at the Offertory Prelude on *Slane*

Healey Willan

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer B Prayer Book, page 367

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 God 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:

The Sanctus

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.**

You may remain standing throughout the prayer or kneel, as is your practice and as able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country, where with Blessed Stephen, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughter; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

At the Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. When you are given the consecrated bread, you may consume it and then drink the wine from the first or larger chalice. If you wish, you may "intinct" or touch the tip of your bread to the wine. For this, a smaller cup will be available just beyond the chalice. You may also choose to receive Communion in only one kind. Either the bread or the wine alone is a full Communion. We also offer gluten-free wafers. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the minister.

Music during Communion

3 Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes: II. *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

After Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. *Stand or kneel, as able.*
All **God of abundance,**
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Commendation

Please stand.

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,
People **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.

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

Gracious God, nothing in death or life, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, nothing in all creation can separate us from your love. We commend Joan into your loving care. Enfold her in the arms of your mercy. Bless her in her dying and in her rising again in you. Bless those whose hearts are filled with sadness, that they too may know the healing and hope of resurrection; for the sake of our Savior, Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Paraphrase of Henri Frederic Amiel

Celebrant 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.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 287 v. 1-4 For all the saints

Sine Nomine

The family invites all to join them at the reception in the Large Fellowship Hall, located in the building to your left ,immediately following the service.

Postlude Fugue in C Major, BWV 547ii

J.S. Bach

**Readers**

Yvette Bruns, David Trimble

Greeters

Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Mary Vickers

Ushers

Mary Ball, Winston Garnett

Chalice Bearers

Scott, Finn Scott Green, Barbara Massey, Deborah Waters

Crucifer

Barbara Massey

Celebrant, Homilist

The Rev. John W. A. Jenkins

MusicianDiana Chou, *organ*



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