

MEMORIAL MASS FOR JANE HELMERS

September 9, 2023

P - Presider

A - Assistant

L - Lector

C - Congregation

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Elegy"

G. Thalben-Ball

Please stand as you are able.

*GATHERING HYMN

"For All the Saints"

Hymn #422

*INVOCATION

We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*PENITENTIAL RITE

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

We make the sign of the cross as God forgives us this day.

C: Amen.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

C: Lord, have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

R: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. O God and Father of grace and glory, we remember before you today Jane. We thank you for giving her to us 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 our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope, until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Job 19:23-27

L: A reading from Job.

“O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126 *(sung responsively)*

When the Lord restores the captives | to Zion,*
it is like a | dream come true.

Then our mouths will be filled with laughter, and our tongues with | joyous songs:*
Then they will say among the nations, the Lord has done great | things for
them.

The Lord has done great | things for us*
and we | will rejoice.

Restore us O Lord, | from captivity*
as You restore the | Negev streams.

The ones sow - | ing in tears*
will reap with | jubilation.

He that goes forth and weeps bearing seed | for sowing*
will come back with jubilation bringing | the harvest.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

L: A reading from Revelation.

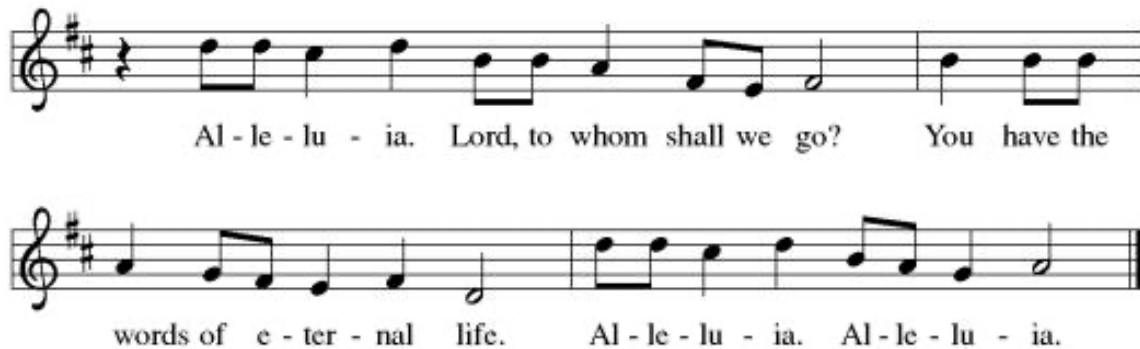
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

We make the sign of the cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart to symbolize the gospel being present in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:2-10

And he began to speak and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Please stand for the Hymn of the Day.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*”

Hymn #441

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: God the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

A brief silence.

A: For Jane, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For our sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that she may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For the family and friends of our sister Jane, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

A: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God’s kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters, especially for Jane. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated while the bread and wine are brought forward for consecration.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

*“Jesus, Never Leave Me”
Please stand as you are able.*

P. Marpurg

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Hymn #188

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

C: May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

P: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

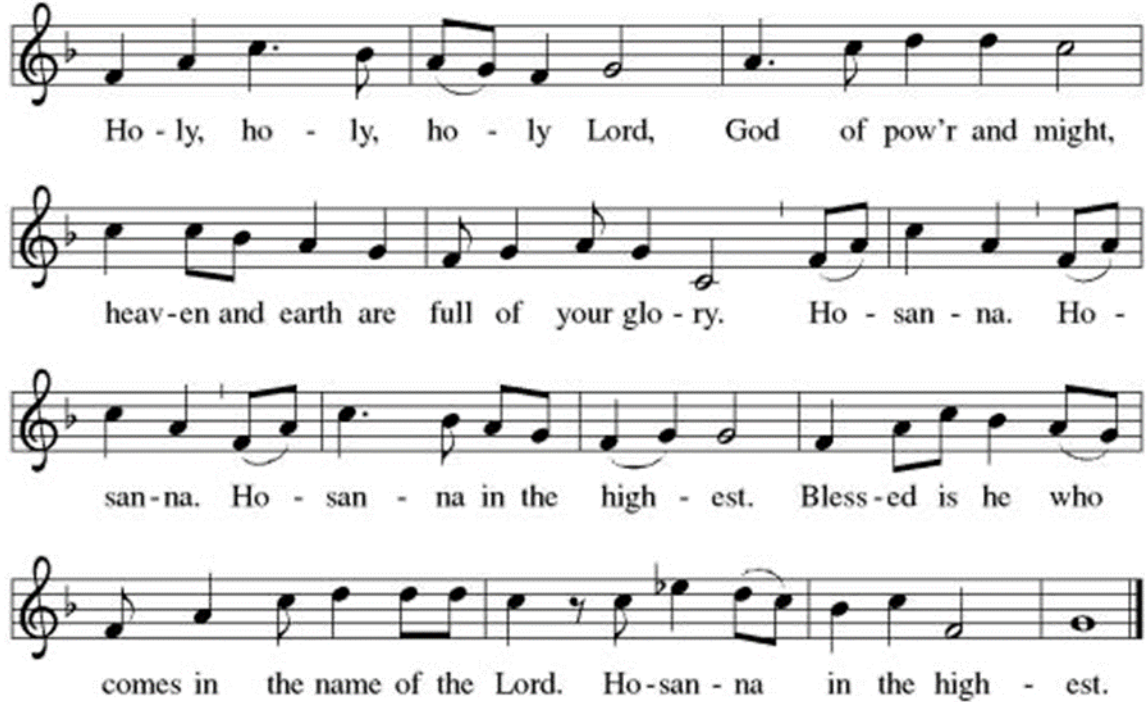
The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**



It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all plac - es
of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ
our Lord; who brought to light the liv - ing hope of a bless - ed
re - sur - rec - tion, that, in our grief, we may re - joice in full assurance of our
change in - to the like - ness of his glory. And so, with the Church
on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we
praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Father, you are holy indeed,
and all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
by the working of the Holy Spirit.
From age to age you gather a people to yourself,
so that from east to west
a perfect offering may be made
to the glory of your name.
And so, Father, we bring you these gifts.
We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit.
that they may become the body and blood
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

On the night he was betrayed,
he took bread and gave you thanks and praise.
He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



P: Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation,
his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven,
and ready to greet him when he comes again,
we offer you in thanksgiving our sacrifice of praise.

Look with favor on your Church,
and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself.
Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood,
may be filled with his Holy Spirit,
and become one body, one spirit in Christ.
May he make us an everlasting gift to you
and enable us to share in the inheritance of your saints,
with Mary the virgin Mother of God;
with the apostles, the martyrs, and all your saints.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth;
your servant Elizabeth our Presiding Bishop,
James our Bishop, and all the bishops,
with the clergy and the entire people
your Son has gained for you.

Father, hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you.
In mercy and love unite all your children wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters,
especially *Jane*, and all who have left this world in your friendship.
We hope to enjoy forever the vision of your glory,
through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

***LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

***INVITATION**

P: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who acknowledge the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Bread and Wine are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would prefer a blessing come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Beginning with the front pews, form one line and make your way down the center aisle. Please pick up a communion glass from the tray. Receive our Lord Jesus' Body from the Pastor and, according to where you are seated, receive his Precious Blood from the chalice and consume both elements. Upon receiving our Lord's Body and Blood, respond **Amen**. Please place your used communion glass in the basket on the far side of the front pews and return to your seat by the side aisle. Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

COMMUNION HYMN

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Hymn #485

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord

C: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

We make the sign of the cross as God blesses us this day.

C: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Behold the Host Arrayed in White”

Hymn #425

***DISMISSAL**

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

“Sine Nomine”

Janet Linker

Please join the Helmers Family in the Social Hall for a time of food and fellowship.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Celebrant

Homilist

Assistant

Communion Assistant

Greeters/Ushers

Organist

The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, *STS*

The Rev. Peter Helmers

Karlene Jaggan

Louise Murphy

Rich and Nadine Espenshade

The Rev. Dr. David Williams

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"We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed."

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