

*A Service in Loving Memory of*  
***Sarah Jane Carman-Padgett***



*June 15, 1936 – December 13, 2024*

April 26, 2025  
11:00 a.m.



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## **A Note about Today's Service**

*(From the Book of Common Prayer, page 507)*

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy and a celebration of life. It finds its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

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## **Participants in Today's Service**

Celebrant	The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner
Organist	Newton Lewis
Crucifer	Ann Venton
Readers and Intercessor	Rick Carman Pat Storm Missy Carman Amy Metcalf
Homily	The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner)
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Krista Stammeyer
Ushers	Sampson Annan Joyce Graf Amy Metcalf

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*At all times during the service, it is our custom to stand, kneel, or remain seated as one is able.*

## Organ Prelude

### Procession *(The congregation stands and the Celebrant says)*

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.

## Welcome *(sit)*

**Opening Hymn** *(stand)*                      "A mighty fortress is our God"                      Hymn 688

## The Collect *(stand)*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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

**The First Lesson** *(sit)*

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

Read by Rick Carman

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be destruction, but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the Lord will reign over them forever.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** *(sit)*

Psalm 23

Led by Pat Storm

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His Names's sake.
- 4 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 they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**The Second Lesson** *(sit)*

1 John 3:1-2

Read by Missy Carman

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn** *(stand)*

"Amazing Grace"

Hymn 671

## Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6, 18-19

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Homily *(sit)*

The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner

## The Prayers *(stand)*

Led by Amy Metcalf

*Leader* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who has knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech you, to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace. **Amen.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love. **Amen.**

*Leader* Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Sarah to your never-failing love; receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor which you bear toward your people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with Sarah and all your saints, to receive the crown of life which you have promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Sarah, 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. Grant 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** (*stand, remaining at your pew*)

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

**Welcome and Announcements** (*sit*)

# The Holy Eucharist

## Offertory Sentence *(sit)*

*Ephesians 5:2*

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Offertory Hymn *(sit)*

“How great thou art” *Stewart Kline, Swedish folk melody*



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - or -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.  
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
a - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art.



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!

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP, pp. 361-363*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 bodies lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Christ Jesus our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

**Sanctus** (*Celebrant and People*)

*Richard Proulx*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven\_ and earth\_ are full\_ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes\_ in the name\_ of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel*

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:




Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



A - men, A - men, — A - - - men.

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

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.

### **Invitation to Holy Communion**

*Please follow the ushers' guidance to receive Holy Eucharist at the altar.*

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*All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, you may cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will bless you. If you prefer not to receive wine, you may touch the base of the chalice as the words are spoken, or request grape juice from the server.*

*If you prefer intinction as we share the common cup, you are invited to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharist Minister when they offer the wine, and they will dip it for you. Having only one person intinct keeps the cup more sanitary for all of us.*

*If you are uncomfortable partaking of wine or juice, you may abstain. To honor the Blood of Christ, you are welcome to touch the chalice as the wine is offered. Communion in one kind (bread only) is full communion.*

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### **Post Communion Prayer (stand)**

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

*All* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Commendation** *(stand)*

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant 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.

**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 Sarah. 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.**

## **The Blessing** *(stand)*

*Celebrant* May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of the Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** *(stand)* "Now thank we all our God" Hymn 397

## **Dismissal** *(stand)*

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Organ Postlude**

*A service of Committal will take place in the St. James' Memorial Garden,  
after which you are invited to a reception in the parish hall.*

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## The Committal

*St. James' Memorial Garden*

*Officiant* Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Sarah, and we commit her body to its resting place.

Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. **Amen.**

*The body will be laid to rest at this time.*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*All* **Lord of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will. Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Officiant* Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

*People* **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

# ***Sarah Jane Carman-Padgett***



*June 15, 1936 – December 13, 2024*

**Sarah Jane Carman-Padgett** passed away peacefully and surrounded by her family on December 13, 2024, in Germantown, Maryland, at the age of 88. Born on June 15, 1936, in the Bronx, New York, Sarah’s journey through life was marked by her unwavering faith, her boundless creativity, and her devotion to her family and friends.

Sarah’s early years in New York were shared with her loving family, including her late mother and stepfather, Loshia “Susie” Schwartz and Mike “Pop” Schwartz, siblings and their families Joseph M. Duncan, Irene Marr (née Duncan), Russell E. Duncan, Ray T. Duncan, Robert W. Duncan, Mark A. Duncan, and her surviving sister Shirley Patricia Storm (née Duncan). She is also survived by her husband Charles Padgett and her children Tom Carman, DVM (Stephanie), Rick Carman (Pamela), and Missy Carman; two granddaughters Alyssa and Lauren Carman, and multiple nieces and nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews, and many in-laws and friends who will all forever cherish memories of Sarah.

Sarah demonstrated her resilience and dedication by returning to the workforce after raising her children. Her career spanned various roles in the marketing, legal, and real estate industries where her professionalism and work ethic left a lasting impact on her colleagues and those she served.

Sarah's passion for music was evident to all who knew her. With a beautiful soprano voice, she was a cherished member of her church choirs throughout the years, where she sang with joy and devotion. Crafting was another of Sarah's talents that she shared generously. Her hands were rarely still, as she created beautiful flower arrangements for her church, and meticulously crafted holiday ornaments, wreaths, and gifts that became treasured keepsakes.

As we remember Sarah, we celebrate a life lived with purpose and grace. She was a pillar of her community, a loving mother, and a faithful servant. Her legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched with her kindness, her laughter, and her unwavering spirit.

We bid farewell to Sarah Carman-Padgett, a remarkable woman whose life was a true embodiment of love, courage, and faith. Her journey on earth has concluded, but the harmony of her spirit will echo eternally in the lives of all who were blessed to know her.

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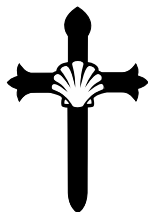
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