

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

May 17, 2024 11:00 am



A Celebration of the Life
of

Mary Knox Tatnall

August 5, 1937 - May 6, 2024

Those who are able may stand.

The Celebrant begins

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 Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Mary, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Remain standing for singing of the hymns, which are found in the Blue Hymnal.

Opening Hymn 8 Morning has broken

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Congregation may be seated.

First Reading

Wisdom 3:1-5,9

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

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 their 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 faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

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

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

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's 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, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies; *

thou anointest 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 for ever.

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for singing of the hymn, found in the Blue Hymnal.

Gradual Hymn 645 The King of Love my Shepherd is

St. Columba

Please remain standing.

The Gospel

John 5:24-27

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

“Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Remembering Mary

Homily

The Reverend Lucy Ann Dure

All stand.

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

For our sister Mary, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Mary, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept.

Father of all, we pray to you for Mary and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to her eternal rest. 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.**

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The Holy Communion

The people may be seated.

Offertory Anthem

Laudate Dominum

W. Amadeus Mozart
Kara Elizabeth Goodrich

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer B

The people stand.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

**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.

The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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,

People and Celebrant

**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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Communion Motet

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. Sebastian Bach

Communion Hymn 178 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia No. 1

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The ministers take their places at the coffin.

The Commendation

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

People **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant 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 servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

The Celebrant says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Mary. 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 Priest blesses the people.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Closing Hymn 671 Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound

New Britain

The Congregation may join the procession out of the church and all are invited to the reception in the Parish Hall.

The Committal

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 Mary, and we commit her body to her 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.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Nunc dimittis (*Said together*)

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

The Celebrant continues

Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the Resurrection and the Life: Raise us, we humbly pray,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that when we depart this life we may rest in him, and at the
resurrection receive that blessing which your well-beloved Son shall then pronounce: "Come, you blessed of my
Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world." Grant this, O merciful Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. **Amen.**

Priest Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

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

The Priest continues

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort;
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.**

The Priest then says the following

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

The Priest dismisses the people with these words

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all 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 those we love have entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Mary Knox Tatnall of Wayne, PA died peacefully at home at the age of age 86, on May 6, 2024. She was born in Philadelphia to Edythe and John Knox, raised in Haverford, and spent most of her adult life on the Main Line.

Mary was a graduate of Agnes Irwin School, Colby Sawyer College, and West Chester University. She was active in sports including field hockey, basketball and lacrosse during her school years and tennis and croquet as an adult. She especially enjoyed tennis at Merion Cricket Club and Sea Pines Country Club, Hilton Head Island, SC. She was inducted into the Agnes Irwin School Sports Hall of Fame in 2016. In her free time, Mary enjoyed taking classes at Main Line School Night, nature photography and time with friends and family.

Mary served on the Boards of Directors for Associated Services for the Blind, CONTACT Care Line, Francisville Home for Smaller Animals, Agnes Irwin School, Women's Board of Bryn Mawr Hospital, and Surrey Services for Seniors. Mary was a member of the vestry at Christ Church Ithan in Villanova and St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Wayne. She assisted on the Altar Guild at Christ Church Ithan.

Mary is survived by her husband, Frank Tatnall, and two daughters, Edythe Polley and Pegge Nelson. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, Surrey Services for Seniors or Francisville Home for Smaller Animals/Providence Animal Center.

Reception to follow this service.

Participants in this Service

Kara Elizabeth Goodrich, *Soprano*

Greg Kelleher, *Crucifer*

Susan Werner, *First Reader*

Frank Tatnall, *Second Reader*

Wendy Cook, Scott Fisher, Tim Fisher, Chip Hansen, Andrew Werner, Chris Werner, *Pallbearers*

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