



SAINT PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

Josephine Edwards Thweatt

July 14, 1941 - June 1, 2022

Saturday, August 6, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Requiem Eucharist Rite I

*[Please stand as you are able]*

## Opening Sentences

BCP 469

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord;  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead,  
yet shall he live;  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me  
shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the  
earth;  
and though this body be destroyed,  
yet shall I see God;  
whom I shall see for myself  
and mine eyes shall behold,  
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,  
and no man dieth to himself.  
For if we live, we live unto the Lord;  
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.  
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
even so saith the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept  
our prayers on behalf of thy servant Josephine, and  
grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in  
the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy  
Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*[Please be seated]*

## Lesson

*Wisdom of Solomon 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 depar-  
ture 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 121 *(said in unison)*

**I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?**

**My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

**He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

**The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,**

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.**

**The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.**

**The LORD shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.**

## Lesson

*II Peter 1:13-21*

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*[Please stand as you are able]*

## Gospel Hymn

*Hymnal 558*

*Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.*

- 1. Faith of our fathers! living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:  
O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
whene’er we hear that glorious word:**
- 2. Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer  
shall win all nations unto thee;  
and through the truth that comes from God,  
mankind shall then indeed be free.**
- 3. Faith of our fathers! we will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife:  
and preach thee, too, as love knows how,  
by kindly deeds and virtuous life.**

## Gospel

*Luke 9:28-36*

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*[Please be seated]*

## Homily

*[Please stand as you are able]*

## The Apostles’ Creed

*BCP 496*

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.**

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*[Please kneel as you are able]*

## Prayers of the People

*BCP 480*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy 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 thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

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

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

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 Josephine to thy never-failing love; receive her into the arms of thy mercy, and remember her according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

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

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*[Please stand as you are able]*

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

*[You may share a greeting of peace with those near you. If you prefer to share the peace without physical contact with others, please hold your hands together in a prayer position or cross your arms over your chest.]*

## Offertory Sentence

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

*[Please be seated]*

## Offertory

*Hymnal 93*

*Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

**1. Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye, who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

**2. Shepherds in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with you is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant Light:**

**3. Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar:  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:**

**4. Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*BCP 333*

*[Please stand as you are able]*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy Spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus

*Hymnal S114*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the Highest. Hosanna in the Highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the Highest. Hosanna in the Highest.**

*[Please kneel as you are able]*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

## **Fraction**

*Hymnal S154*

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

## **Invitation to Communion**

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.

*[Please be seated]*

## **Communion of the People**

*During this season of coronavirus, each communicant should decide their preferred form of communion. You may receive bread only, bread and wine, or a contact-free blessing. For bread only, cross your arms over your chest after receiving the bread. If you choose to receive wine, you may consume the bread and then sip from the chalice, or extend your hands with the bread given to you to the chalice-bearer who will intinct, or dip, the bread into the wine and place it in your mouth. You may not intinct the bread yourself. Our tradition tells us that to receive communion in one kind (bread or wine) is to receive communion fully.*

*You may receive communion at the altar rail, either kneeling or standing. Please reserve the accessibility station by the baptismal font for those who cannot access the altar rail.*

*Please sanitize your hands before and after receiving.*

*If you wish to refrain from communion, you may come forward to receive a contact free blessing. Cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.*

*If you require a gluten-free wafer please tell the priest when you come forward.*

## Communion Hymn

*Hymnal 490*

*In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

**1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.**

**God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.**

**2. I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.**

**Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.**

**3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.**

**When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

*[Please stand as you are able]*

**Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Commendation

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant Josephine with thy saints,

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

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Josephine. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

*[During the closing hymn, the clergy process to the Bell Tower with the ashes for the committal until later interment]*



## Closing Hymn

*Hymnal 344*

**1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace:  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.**

**2. Thanks we give and adoration  
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:  
may the fruits of thy salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound:  
ever faithful, ever faithful  
to thy truth may we be found;**

**3. so that when thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
fear of death shall not appall us,  
glad thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with thee in endless day.**

Please join the Thweatt Family for light refreshments  
in the reception area following the service.

## Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead  
our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the  
sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant:  
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight;  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and  
ever. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

Water Music  
*George Frideric Handel*

**Celebrant and Homilist**  
The Very Rev. Katie Churchwell

**Deacons**  
The Rev. Marilyn Robertson  
The Rev. Gerald Butcher

**Assisting Clergy**  
The Rev. Sarah Smith

**Canon Musician Designate**  
Joseph Ripka

**Crucifer**  
John Koons

**Vergers**  
Jeff Erwin

**Lay Reader/Lay Eucharistic Minister**  
David Sapper

**Ushers**  
Madeline Benham, Blue Clark, Rick Hill, Sam Blackstock

Josephine Estey Edwards Thweatt, age 80, of Oklahoma City, OK, died early in June 2022, in the Integris Hospice House of Oklahoma City. She was born in 1941, in Oklahoma City, older daughter of John H. and Virginia Edwards.

She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Richmond F. Thweatt III, of Oklahoma City; a son, Jason F. Thweatt, of Blue Springs, MO; a daughter, Jennifer Harris and three grandsons of Oklahoma City; a sister, Dr. Helen D. E. Lutsch, of Hedemora, Sweden; and a brother, Ellis D. Edwards, of Oklahoma City; two nephews, Eric Edwards of Loveland, CO and John H. Edwards III, of Oklahoma City. She is predeceased by her parents and an older brother.

A life-long member of the Episcopal Church, she served many years as a lay reader, lector, communion visitor, Sunday school teacher, youth camp counselor. She was a 1959 alumnae of Harding High School, attended Randolph-Macon Women's College, Oklahoma City University and the University of Oklahoma. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Society of Colonial Dames, the Daughters of the King, and the Civil Air Patrol.

She worked as a secretary in the oil industry and as an office manager in community water distribution. She was involved in the communities in which she lived serving on recreation and library boards, several womens' organizations and assisting in hurricane shelter operations. She was active as a Red Cross blood donor, WSI, CPR and first aid and canoeing instructor in Oklahoma, Michigan, Missouri and Louisiana.

She enjoyed sewing, tatting, embroidery, needle pointing, and reading. For recreation and vacations she enjoyed portage-canoe camping in the Quetico Provincial Park of Canada, visiting U.S. national



parks, horseback riding and cross-country skiing. She traveled extensively in the U.S., Europe and the Far East.

Her service of the Burial of the Dead and Holy Eucharist will be in St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Oklahoma City, at 2:00 pm Saturday, August 6. Her ashes will be scattered in the cathedral's garden at a future date.

Memorial gifts suggested to St. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City or to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.

