

*A Service of Celebration & Thanksgiving
for the Life of*

Patricia Bryant Bowers

May 7, 1951 - February 26, 2026



March 14, 2026 - 9:30am

*Church of the Redeemer
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania*

*If this is your first time at The Redeemer, we extend a warm welcome.
If you are looking for a spiritual home, we hope you will return for Sunday worship
or any of our special events.*

*Page Numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer
The smaller book in the pews
Hymn numbers are from The Hymnal 1982.
The larger book in the pews*

*Following the service, please join the family for a reception
in Burns Hall in the Redeemer Parish House.*

*Restrooms are located through the wooden door halfway down the left side aisle.
A baby changing table is also available there.*

In the Episcopal Church, the Burial Service is conducted by the clergy *and* the congregation. To attend is to participate. Your presence is made clearer and stronger by your taking part in the service, both in word and in song.

This is a personal gift that you can give at the last.

If you have never, or have rarely been to an Episcopal service, we have tried to set out the liturgy in such a way as to invite your engagement in it.

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

All stand as the bells peal.

OPENING HYMN 620

Jerusalem, my happy home

Land of Rest

sung by all, standing

OPENING ANTHEMS

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A series of Scriptural statements, said by the priest, that declare the promise of God to us.

COLLECT

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Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Presider

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Patricia, 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.**

Following the Collect, the congregation is seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

READING from *Ecclesiastes*

Read by Amy Rubinger Rode

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 121

Read by Christina Diana Bryant

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills;
from whence cometh my help?
My help cometh even from the Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved,
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper;
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day,
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil;
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

READING from *the book of Revelation*

Read by Andrew Fahey Bryant

A I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son.

Following the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 - *King James version*

Read by Mary Joyce Hardy

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.

GOSPEL HYMN 335

I am the bread of life

I am the Bread of Life

Verses sung by soloist, refrain sung by all, standing

The congregation remains standing.

GOSPEL *from The Gospel According to John*

Before the reading of the Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, 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 but by me."

Following the reading of the Gospel

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Following the Gospel reading, the congregation is seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Peter T. Vanderveen

THE APOSTLES CREED

said by all, standing

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 LORD'S PRAYER

said by all, standing

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 PRAYERS

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Priest 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.

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.

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.

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.

Grant us grace to entrust Patricia 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.

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 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.**

ANTHEM

Precious Lord

arr. Michael Stairs

sung by the choir

The Commendation

The congregation stands.

Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints.

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

Officiant 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.

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

Officiant Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Patricia. 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.

CLOSING HYMN 400 (vs. 1,4-7)
sung by all, standing

All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Following the reception, close family and friends are invited to Patricia's interment at 1:30pm at Philadelphia Memorial Park, 124 Phoenixville Pike, Frazer, PA 19355

Church of the Redeemer

Rector

The Rev. Peter T. Vanderveen

Director of Music & Organist

Andrew Senn

Floral arrangements provided by the Redeemer Flower Guild

