

# In Loving Celebration of the Life of



## Jean Elizabeth Callison

April 4, 1954 – March 18, 2026

Christ Episcopal Church, Sparta, North Carolina

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin  
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev Karla Woggon  
Presider

# The Burial of the Dead: Rite I

Prelude

Jonathan Halsey

Processional Hymn: Hymn #671

*Amazing grace*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
\*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## Opening Words:

Presider I am 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 died, we died unto the Lord.  
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.  
Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord;  
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

## Opening Collects

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 Jean, 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.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Jean's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Lesson

#### Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,  
and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,  
though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,  
the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be moved:  
God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved:  
he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
what desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;  
he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;  
he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God:  
I will be exalted among the heathen,  
I will be exalted in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Reader: Thus saith the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 121**

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the LORD,  
which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy keeper:  
the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil:  
he shall preserve thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve  
thy going out and thy coming in  
from this time forth, and even for evermore.

## **Second Lesson**

### **Philippians 4:1-9**

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Reader: Thus saith the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Music** (sung by all)

*Morning has broken*

**Morning has broken like the first morning.**

*Cat Stevens / Eleanor Farjeon*

**Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.**

**Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
praise for them springing fresh from the world.**

**Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.**

**Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning;  
born of the one light, Eden saw play.**

**Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day.**

**Morning has broken like the first morning.**

**Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.**

**Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
praise for them springing fresh from the world.**

**The Gospel**

**John 14:1-6**

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

‘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.’

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*A period of silence follows the homily.*

*Stand or kneel, as able.*

**Prayers of the People** (*People respond with "Amen."*)

Leader: 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 Jean 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 blessed Jean 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 be seated.*

## Offertory Music

*Wayfaring Stranger*

JosEllen Turrentine

*Please stand, as able.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People** **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 on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

**Sanctus: S129** (*sung by all*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.\_\_\_\_\_

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 all, 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.**

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.**

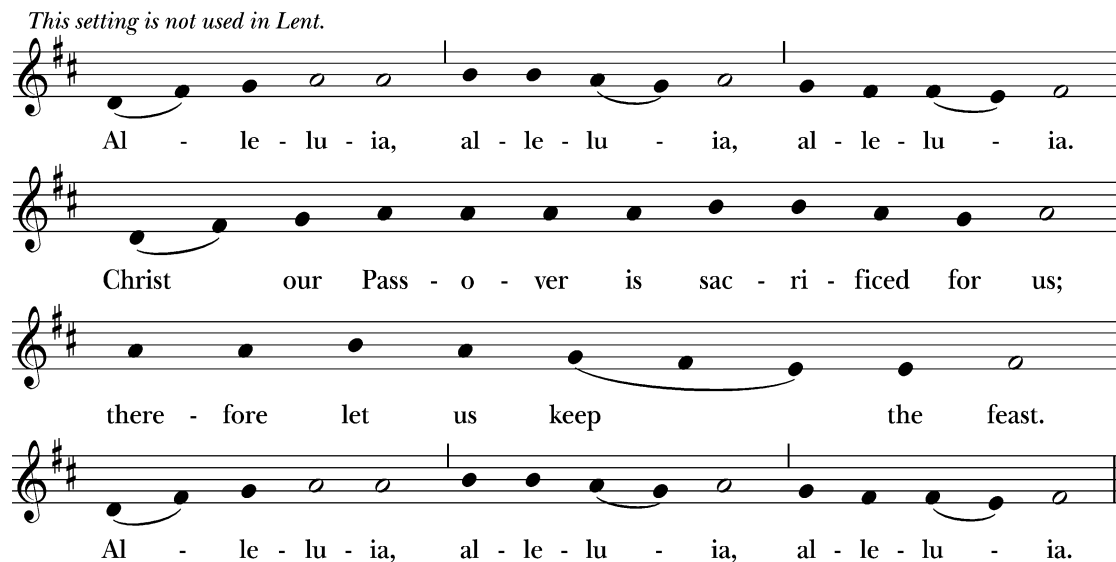
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction: S154** (*sung by all*)

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## The Invitation to Holy Communion

*Please be seated.*

### Communion Music

*When I Go Down to the River to Pray*

John Callison

*Surely the Presence*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace,  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*Please stand or kneel, as able.*

### Post Communion Prayer

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.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## The Commendation

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant, Jean, 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, Jean, 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, Jean. 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.**

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

**Recessional Hymn #376**

*Joyful, Joyful*

**Postlude**

Jonathan Halsey

*The family invites you to join them at Crouse Park for a reception following the service.*

## Those helping with today's service

Role	Server
Priest	The Rev Karla Woggon
Musician	Jonathan Halsey
Chalice Bearer/Altar helper	Bruce Smith
Greeters/Ushers	Patti Phelps & Mary Lee Joines
Lector, Psalms readings	Cleve Callison, brother
Lector, New Testament reading	Margaret Pridgen, sister
Soloist, <i>Wayfaring Stranger</i>	JosEllen Turrentine, dear friend
Soloist, <i>When I go down to the river to pray</i>	John Callison, nephew

The family welcomes contributions in Jean's name to her beloved Alleghany JAM to benefit local, aspiring traditional musicians ([alleghanyjam.com/donate/](http://alleghanyjam.com/donate/)).

Jean Elizabeth Callison passed away on March 18, 2026, at her home in the Cox's Chapel Community, Mouth of Wilson, VA. A native of Gaffney, SC, she was the daughter of T.C. Callison Jr. and Helen Vassy Callison. Jean was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, teacher, writer/diarist and musician. Teaching was her calling, music her talent and her passion. She played a half-dozen stringed instruments and had a lovely, moving singing voice that she shared with family and friends alike over many musical sessions in the Grayson County and Washington D.C. area. For years, she was a faithful member of the Independence Courthouse Jam in Independence, VA.

Jean was a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and a former faculty member at Glade Valley School (Sparta, NC) and Dean of Students for Chatham Hall (Chatham, Va). She retired from Oak Hill Academy, Mouth of Wilson, VA, in 2017. She also served for a time as Director of the Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) program in Alleghany County, NC, and was a board member of the annual Wayne Henderson Festival in Grayson County, VA. Jean was a life-long Episcopalian and a congregant of Christ Church Episcopal in Sparta, NC.

Jean is survived by her two sons, Cmdr. Jeremy David (JD) Braun, USN, of Belle Chasse, LA (Aileen); and Devin Callison Braun (Rebecca) of Washington, DC; grandson Nico Braun; brother Cleve Callison (Jenny) of Greenwich, CT; sister Margaret Callison Pridgen (Sonny) of Greenville, SC, and 4 nephews and nieces.