



A LITURGY IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

DEBORAH McCLURE JOHNSTONE KNOTT

AUGUST 6, 1969 – NOVEMBER 24, 2022

**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Episcopal/Anglican**

**ZABRISKIE CHAPEL
3606 Seminary Road
Alexandria, Virginia**



Saturday, April 29, 2023

1:00 p.m.

DEBORAH McCLURE JOHNSTONE KNOTT

1969 - 2022

Debbie McClure Johnstone Knott, 53, died unexpectedly from a heart attack, complicated by diabetes, on November 26, 2022 at INOVA Alexandria Hospital. Born in Washington, DC, she was raised in Alexandria, VA and resided in Arlington. Debbie is survived by her husband of fifteen years, Robert Knott; her mother Ginny Johnstone; and her brother Chris Johnstone of San Pedro, CA. In addition, she is survived by her Staples Family cousins (Mark, David and Matthew), and their families.

Debbie was predeceased by her father, Jim McClure Johnstone.

Debbie is greatly missed by her cats Sadie and Shady, whom she and Rob adopted four years ago.

Rest in peace, Debbie!

“Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen”

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations may be made in Debbie’s memory to the following:



Animal Welfare League of Arlington
2650 South Arlington Mill Drive
Arlington, Virginia 22206
703-931-9241

<https://www.awla.org/donate/donate-online/>



Neighborhood Health : The Casey Health Center
1200 N. Howard Street
Alexandria, VA 22304
(703) 535-5568

<https://neighborhoodhealthva.networkforgood.com/projects/177824-2023-giving-campaign>

*Make check payable to Neighborhood Health
with “Casey Clinic” on the memo line.*



St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital

<https://www.stjude.org/donate/>

To donate by mail, click on this link “[DONATION FORM](#)” to download a donation form, then mail to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD, RITE II

Prelude: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Bach Invention in F”

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 one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

All please stand while the following anthems are said. (Book of Common Prayer, page 491)

Opening Sentences:

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 following hymn, traditionally sung at all Willison Family funerals, is found in the 1916 Episcopal hymnal. For generations it was sung to the tune now known as *Tidings*.

Opening Hymn: "Hark! Hark! My soul! Angelic songs are swelling"

Tidings

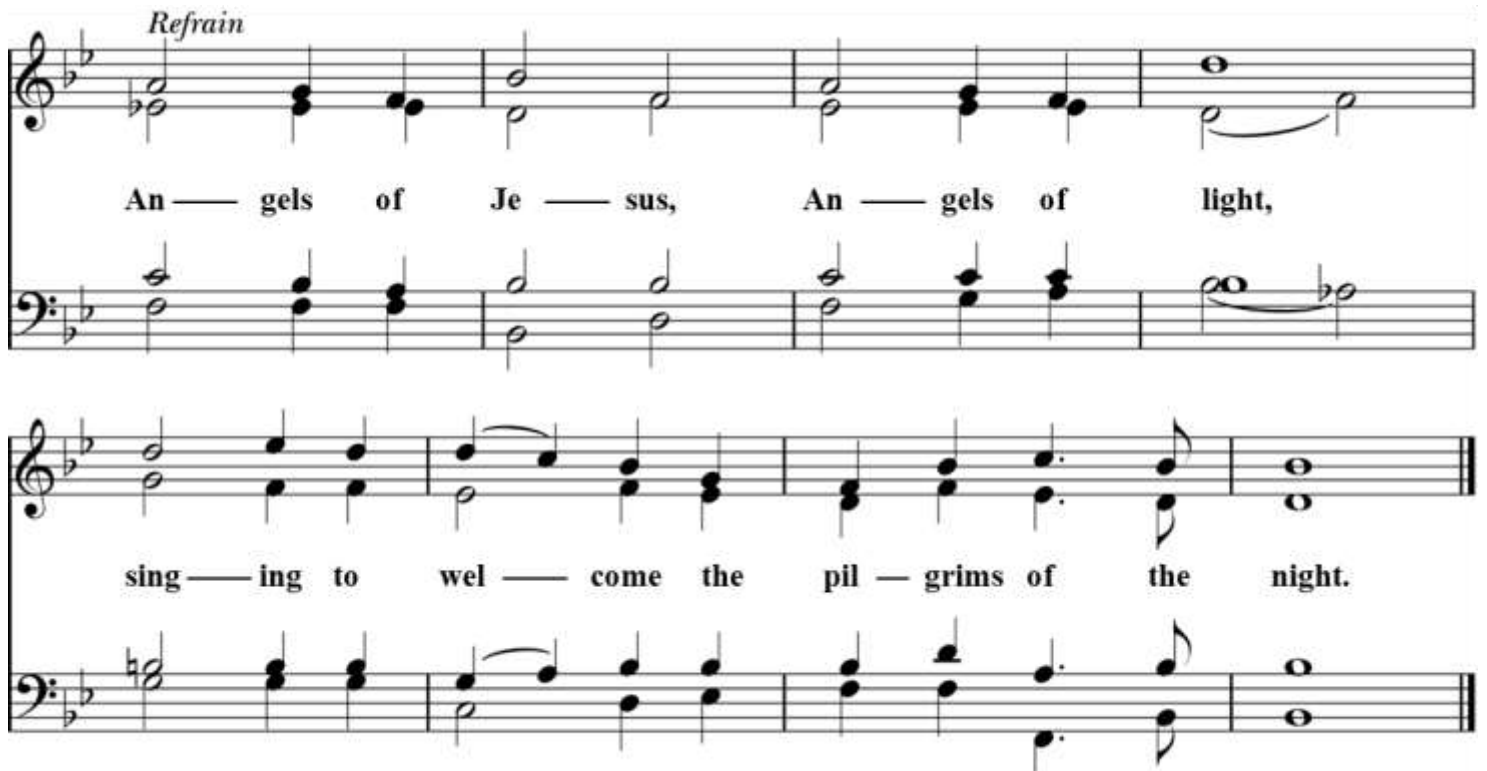
Hark! Hark! My — soul! An — gel — ic songs are swel — ling,
 On — ward we go, for still we hear them sing — ing,
 Far, far a — way, like bells at eve — ning peal — ing,
 Rest comes at length, though life be long and drear — y,
 An — gels, sing on! Your faith — ful watch — es keep — ing;

O'er earth's green fields and o — cean's wave — beat shore;
 "Come wear — y souls, for Je — sus bids you come";
 The voice of Je — sus sounds o'er land and sea,
 The day must dawn, and dark — some night be past.
 Sing us sweet frag — ments of the songs a — bove;

How sweet the truth those bless — ed strains are tell — ing,
 And through the dark, its ech — oes sweet — ly ring — ing,
 And la — den souls by thou — sands meek — ly steal — ing,
 Faith's jour — neys end in wel — come to the wear — y,
 Till mourn — ing's joy shall end the night of weep — ing,

Of that new life when sin shall be no more!
 The mu — sic of the Gos — pel leads us home.
 King Shep — herd, turn their wear — y steps to thee.
 And heave — n, the heart's true home, will come at last.
 And life's long sha — dows break in cloud — less love.

Refrain



An — gels of Je — sus, An — gels of light,
sing — ing to wel — come the pil — grims of the night.

Clergy: The Lord be with you.
 People: *And also with you.*
 Clergy: Let us pray.

Collect: O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Deborah. 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:9-11

read by Mr. Mark Staples

O Zion, that bringeth good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain. O Jerusalem, that bringeth good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God. Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

The Word of the Lord
 Response: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

read by Mr. David Staples

- 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 name'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 for ever.

Sequence Hymn 400: "All creatures of our God and King"

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found in The Hymnal 1982

The Holy Gospel : John 14:1-6

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John
Response: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ***

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord
Response: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Tribute from the Family: Mr. Robert Knott

Debbie's Favorite Prayer: *For Those We Love*

found in The Book of Common Prayer

p. 831

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Homily: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

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

***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

led by The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

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 Debbie 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, Rebecca, Martha, Daniel, James, Francis, 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.*

“A Prayer for Animals” written by Albert Schweitzer

led by Ms. Ginny Johnstone

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals; especially Sadie and Shady, and for any who are suffering, hunted, lost, deserted, frightened or hungry; for all that may be put to death. We entreat for them all thy mercy and pity, and for those who work with them, we ask a heart of compassion, gentle hands, and kindly words. Make us to be true friends to animals and so to share the blessings of the merciful. *Amen.*

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo Hymn 671: "Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound" found in The Hymnal 1982 New Britain

SUDIE MCGAHUEY, alto

Presentation Hymn 380: Doxology (verse 3)

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

p. 367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, continues:

Celebrant: 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 God thanks and praise.*

Sanctus S130

from the front of The Hymnal 1982

Franz Peter Schubert

*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 Lord's Prayer

p. 364

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei S164 (from the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Franz Peter Schubert

*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.*

If you would only like to receive the consecrated Bread please extend one hand. Crossed hands indicate you would like to receive consecrated Wine as well, either intincted (dipped) by you or by drinking from the chalice. The glass chalice is for intinction and the silver one is for drinking. If you are physically unable to come to the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Hymn 382: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

found in The Hymnal 1982

St. Elizabeth

THE COMMENDATION

The Clergy take their places at the urn.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, Debbie, with your saints,
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.

The Celebrant, facing the urn, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Debbie. 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.***

Closing Prayer

attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Please stay seated for the Postlude, then join the Family for a reception in the Parish Hall.



SERVING TODAY:

Officiant:

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.
Rector, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Readers:

Mr. Mark Staples, cousin
Mr. David Staples, cousin

Intercessors:

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.
Ms. Ginny Johnstone, mother

Tribute from Family:

Mr. Robert Knott, husband

Musicians:

Dr. Jane Tavernier, organ
Director of Music at Immanuel
Mrs. Sudie McGahuey, soloist

Ushers:

Mr. Mark Staples, cousin
Mr. David Staples, cousin

Flower Arrangements:

Ms. Linda Serabian
Immanuel Flower Guild







In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

We do Certify:
That, according to the ordinance of Christ Himself, we did administer to

DEBORAH McClURE JOHNSTONE

**THE SACRAMENT OF
Holy Baptism**

thereby making _____ her _____ a member of Christ, the Child of God, and an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven, on the twenty-first day of December, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Nine, in Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Church, Alexandria, Virginia, in the Diocese of Virginia

(Signed) Wm James Heath

Parents { James McClure Johnstone
Virginia Miller Johnstone

Sponsors or Witnesses { John D. Wing
Mrs. Richard J. Abrams
Mrs. George M. Worden

Date of Birth August 6, 1969

Place of Birth Washington, D. C.

MISSION STATEMENT: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God's plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.



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