# A Requiem Eucharist in Thanksgiving to God for the Life of

# Eleanor Parke





"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

## ELEANOR "ANDY" PARKE OBITUARY

Eleanor "Andy" Bowdoin (Anderson) Parke, beloved teacher and mother, died on June 5, 2025 at age 96. Born in Springfield, she was the daughter of the late Herbert and Lina (Greenwood) Anderson. She was a resident of Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing.

Eleanor received her BA and MA from American International College and completed her graduate studies at Springfield College. For 25 years, she taught 5th grade at three local schools, and for many years served as a member and president of the Springfield Women's Club. Eleanor became a strong supporter of the National Cathedral in Washington, DC and was selected as Woman of the Year for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts in 1970. She was a lifelong member of Christ Church Cathedral, served there in many capacities, and in 2018 was made an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her beloved husband, The Rev. John Holbrook Parke. She is survived by her children, Richard Cole Parke of Mechanicsburg, PA, David Cole Parke of Leicester, MA, Robert Cushman Parke of Barnstable Village, MA, and Emily Parke Chase of Mechanicsburg, PA. In addition, she is remembered fondly by her eight grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. An only child and single much of her life, she always said, "Family was the best gift I was ever given by my husband."

She is remembered for her sense of humor, a listening ear, service to others, daily prayers for her family, and she looked forward to eternal life with Christ in Heaven.



## THE OPENING VOLUNTARY - "Adagio in A Minor" - J.S. Bach

At the invitation of the Celebrant, all stand as able as the following anthem is said.

## THE PROCESSION ANTHEM

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.

At the invitation of the Celebrant, the following hymn is sung;

## THE OPENING HYMN: The Hymnal 1982 - #494 Crown him with many crowns





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Celebrant
The Lord be with you.
All

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

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

The people sit.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING - Ecclesiastes 3:1–14

The Reverend Richard Parke

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which 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 get, 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 of war, and a time of peace.

What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?

I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.

I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 1. God is our hope and strength, \* a very present help in trouble.
- 2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,; \* and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
- 3. Though the waters thereof rage and swell, \* and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
- 4. There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, \* the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.
- 5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; \* God shall help her, and that right early.
- 6. Be still then, and know that I am God; \* I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.
- 7. The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our refuge.

## THE SECOND READING – Revelations 21:2-7

David Parke

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

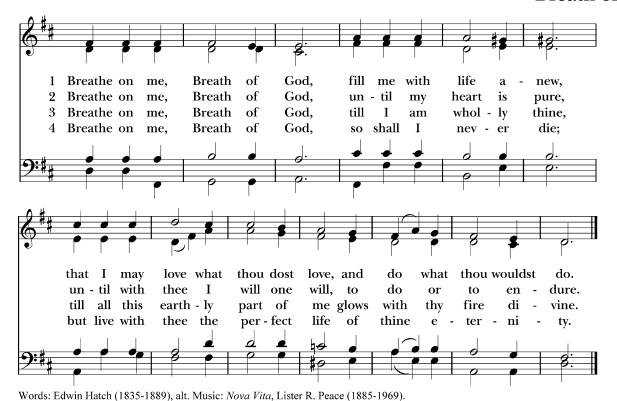
And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand as able

## THE SEQENCE HYMN The Hymnal 1982 - #508 Breathe on Me, Breath of God



## THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 6:37-40

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said: '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. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Christ** 

All sit.

## THE HOMILY

All stand as able

## THE APOSTLES CREED

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.

All remain standing or kneel

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Robert Parke

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 Eleanor 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 Eleanor 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.** 

## THE LITANY FOR A DEPARTED DAUGHTER

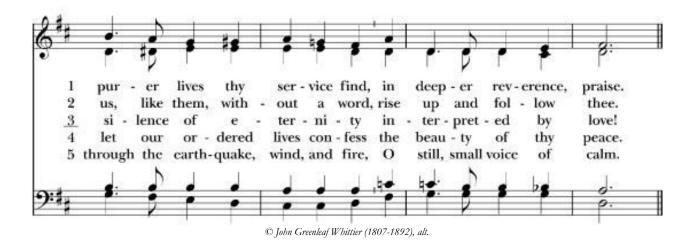
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## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN: The Hymnal 1982 #652

#### Dear Lord and Father of Mankind give and Fa - ther man-kind, for our fool - ish trust like side In sim - ple theirs who heard, be the Syr - ian Sab - bath rest Gal - i - lee! 0 calm by Drop thy still dews qui - et - ness, till all of our striv-ings 5 Breathe through the de - sire thy cool - ness and thy heats our clothe right ful mind, Re in the gra cious call ing of Lord, let sea, where knelt share with thee the Je sus to bove, take souls the 4 cease; from our strain and stress, and 5 balm; let dumb. let flesh sense be re - tire; speak



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

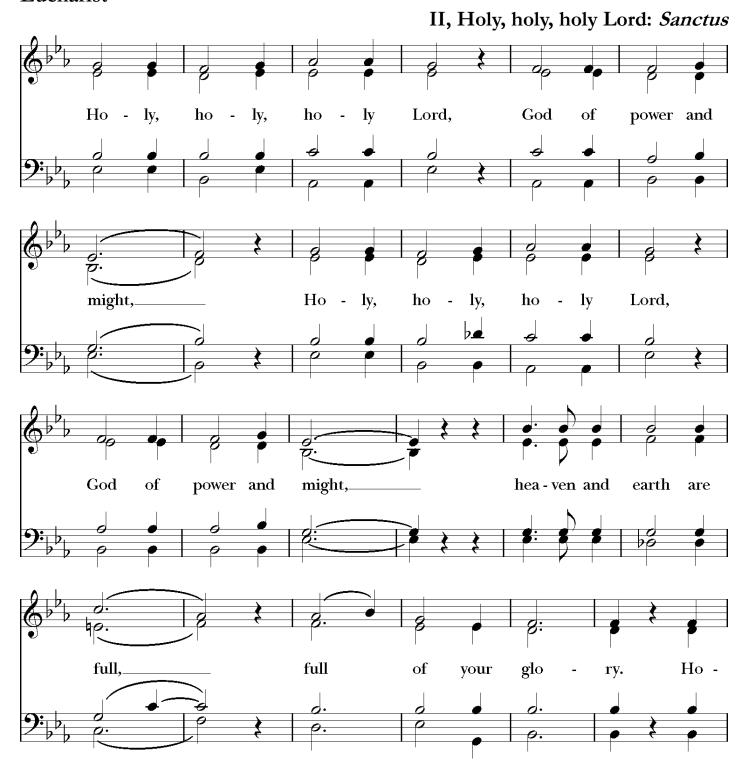
We lift them to the Lord.

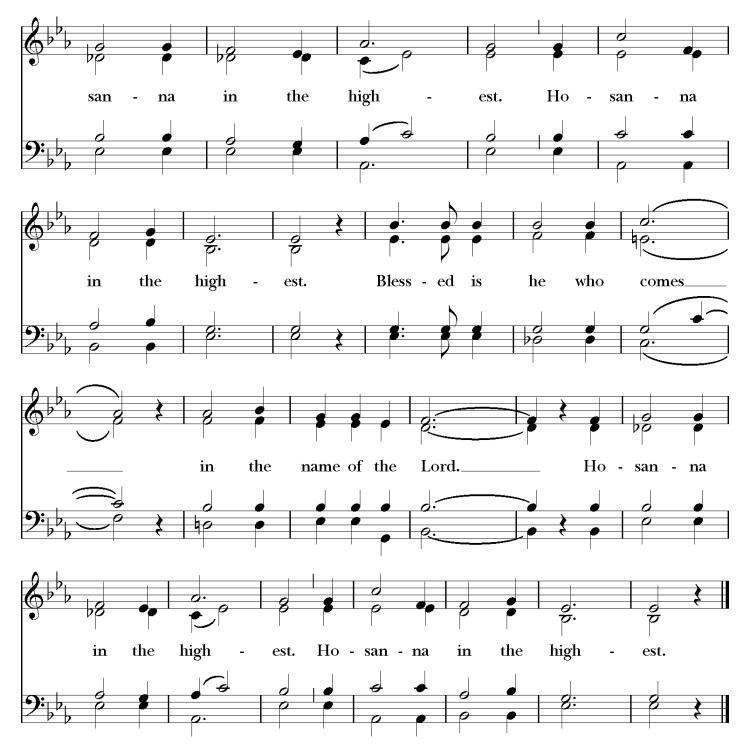
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

## THE SANCTUS: The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #S130 The Holy Eucharist





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.** 

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.

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #S164 The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei* 

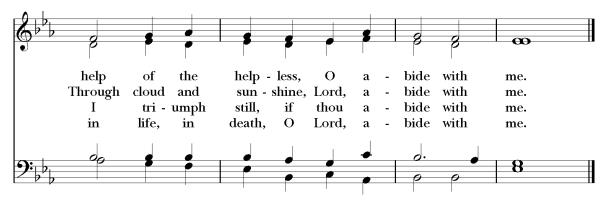


The Gifts of God for you, the People of God.

Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion. Our practice is to stand or kneel at the altar rail in front, where the clergy will give you the host and then will give you the chalice. If you desire only a blessing and not the Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. If you prefer Gluten-Free wafers or non-alcoholic grape juice, please tell the eucharistic ministers.

THE COMMUNION HYMN - The Hymnal 1982 - #662 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide





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At the invitation of the Celebrant, please stand as able

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places.

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

## THE RECESSIONAL HYMN - The Hymnal 1982 - #473 Led on their way by this triumphant sign



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## THE COMMITTAL

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior, thou most worthy Judge eternal. Suffer us not, at our last hour, through any pains of death, to fall from thee.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Eleanor; and we commit her to this resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make her face to shine upon her and be gracious unto her, the Lord lift up her countenance upon her and give her peace. **Amen.** 

O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be made perfect unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, grant that we, who now serve thee on earth, may at last, together with them, be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord:

## And 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.** 

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.** 

## THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY – "Prelude" - C. Franck

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