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Nancy Pollard Persell

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10:00 AM

THE MISSION OF TRINITY CATHEDRAL IS TO PROCLAIM IN WORD
AND ACTION GOD'S JUSTICE, LOVE AND MERCY FOR ALL CREATION.

CHORAL INTROIT

O How Amiable

Text: Psalms 84 & 90, Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

Music: R. Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:

They will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handywork, O prosper thou our handywork.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

THE ANTHEM *Please stand*

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.

HYMN 287

For All The Saints



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:___
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,___
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!___



thee___ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;___
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O___ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
win, with___ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are___ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
*6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are___ brave a - gain, and arms are
war - riors com - eth rest;___ sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



strong.
blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

THE COLLECT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Isaiah 61:1-3

Alex Gazis

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121 (*congregation reads bolded type*)

Rachel and Brianna Holmes

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

**2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

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

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

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

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

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

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

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

Holly Helsing

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 376

Joyful, Joyful

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL *John 11:21-27*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, '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. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

REMEMBRANCE

Jeff Helsing

HOMILY

The Rev. James L. Risk, III

THE APOSTLES' CREED *all standing*

Presider 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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

For our sister Nancy, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Nancy, and dry the tears of those who weep. **Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. **Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life. **Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven. **Hear us, Lord.**

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints. **Hear us, Lord.**

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom. **Hear us, Lord.**

Presider Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Nancy, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in God's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The congregation shares with one another a sign of peace and then sits.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY 657

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table in this Cathedral.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

BCP Prayer B, Expansive Language

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now as our Savior Christ has 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider 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.

As the priest places the host in your hand, they say:

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

All are invited to come forward for Communion or a blessing. Bread and wine are both offered, though drinking from the common cup is not required. If you choose to receive wine, please refrain from intinction (dipping bread in the wine) at this time. Gluten-free bread is available for those who need it. After communion the congregation sits.

ANTHEMS AT COMMUNION

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand, lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

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Softly And Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain: Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

[Refrain]

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

[Refrain]

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE COMMENDATION

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

Presider You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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.

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

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

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Presider 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. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Deacon Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 347

Go Forth For God



1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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POSTLUDE

Nancy Pollard Persell

January 26, 1930 - September 05, 2025

Nancy Pollard Persell, 95, of Bratenahl, passed away at home on September 5, 2025. Nancy (nee Nancy Ellen Pollard) was married to the Right Reverend William D. Persell for 52 years.

Nancy was the Mother of Jeffrey Helsing, Mark Helsing, Karen (Stavros) Gazis, Kathleen (George) Holmes, Lisa (Charles) Lenhoff, Kristen Helsing and Irene (Lourdes) Dabare a member of the family for over 50 years; Grandmother of Holly Helsing, Heather (Brock) Homer, Alex (Rebecca) Gazis, Alia Helsing, Stefanos (Meghan) Gazis, Spencer Helsing, Nathaniel Helsing, Brianna Holmes and Rachel Holmes; and Great Grandmother of Niko Gazis, Blake Homer, Natalie Gazis, Haley Homer, and Penelope Gazis.

Nancy was born to Glenn Eugene Pollard and Barbara Bledsoe Pollard in Los Angeles, California, on January 26, 1930. She grew up in Northern California where she graduated from San Mateo High School in 1948. Early in her childhood, her parents encouraged her to find a church to attend and she went to the nearest one, an Episcopal Church. Going to church by herself, she went to Sunday School and ultimately joined the choir. Thus began her lifelong devotion to the Episcopal Church.

She was also an avid sports fan. In high school, she covered high school sports for the local newspaper but because it was not considered appropriate for a female to do so in those days, her by-line was Cy Pollard.

She earned her Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of Oregon. She studied art and design as a graduate student at Stanford University. She settled in Orange County in Southern California to raise her six children and in 1969 met the Reverend William Persell when he was called to serve as the Assistant Rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Tustin where Nancy and her children were members. Nancy and Bill were married on May 5, 1973, the day before Bill was called to become the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Los Angeles. Bill and Nancy later moved across country where he became the new Rector at St. Ann and the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn Heights, New York. From there they went to Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland when Bill was called to be the Dean of the Cathedral. In 1998, William D. Persell was elected Episcopal Bishop of Chicago. After retiring in 2008, Bill and Nancy moved to Bratenahl where Bill served as an Assisting Bishop to the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio.

Nancy was a constant presence in all his ministries and won hearts and made friends everywhere she went. Nancy had a passion for art and was an active painter for many years. She was also dedicated to promoting art and the understanding of art as a creative force in human history. Nancy worked as a docent at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, The Chicago Art Institute and the Cleveland Museum of Art.

While living in Brooklyn she earned a Master's Degree in Museum Studies and Visual Arts Administration at New York University and designed and implemented a museum social studies enrichment program for 27 New York City high schools. Nancy created a curriculum which she first presented to high school classes and then personally led the students on field trips to art museums, historical sites, and gardens in each of the five New York City boroughs.

Nancy also did a lot of work in art object conservation, including the restoration and cleaning of the Statue of Freedom that sits on top of the US Capitol Dome. That project required scaffolding of the statue and the removal of Freedom by helicopter to the grounds of the Capitol. Nancy used a high-powered water hose and a blowtorch to ensure the new materials adhered to the statue. She also cleaned and repatinated the Henry Moore sculptures when they were on display throughout New York City. Nancy worked to restore several statues in state capitals around the country and she was deeply involved in the 1991 restoration and re-dedication of the Fountain of Eternal Life/War Memorial Fountain in Veterans' Memorial Plaza in downtown Cleveland.

She was a co-author of the monograph, Stained Glass Windows of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio, Produced by Wilbur H. Burnham Studios (1999). She renewed her interest in the history and preservation of the stained glass windows upon her return to Cleveland in 2008.

As a clergy spouse she was very active in many programs to support those in need and to promote social justice. Her efforts took her to countries such as Honduras and Panama as well as the Navajo reservation in Arizona. This reflected her love of travel and meeting new people. She and Bill traveled throughout much of the world. They made several visits to Africa, including an Anglican conference on AIDS in South Africa. Her last overseas trip, at age 88 was with her husband to Armenia to visit many ancient churches. Her good health continued to allow her to travel and earlier this year she and Bill journeyed to both Southern and Northern California to see old friends and family for her 95th birthday.

And, despite all her travels, she always loved to return each summer to the family camp in Westport, New York, on Lake Champlain. She loved to welcome her family from near and far back to Lake Champlain for baptisms, weddings, birthdays, and anniversary celebrations. More than anything, Nancy enriched the lives of those she met, those she touched, and those she connected with. She was a wonderful listener, and a person who was always empathetic, non-judgmental, open and loving.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made in Nancy's name to Trinity Cathedral for its Stained Glass Restoration by giving on line at trinitycleveland.org/give, or mail a check to:

Trinity Cathedral
2230 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44115

Remember to add "In Memory of Nancy Persell" in the memo line.

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Alex Gazis, grandson

Jeff Helsing, son

Holly Helsing, granddaughter

Rachel Holmes, granddaughter

Brianna Holmes, granddaughter

Presenters of Bread and Wine

Lisa Lenhoff, daughter

Kristen Helsing, daughter

Reception

You are cordially invited to join Nancy's family for a reception in Cathedral Hall immediately following the service.

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*The Liturgy of the Dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds 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.*