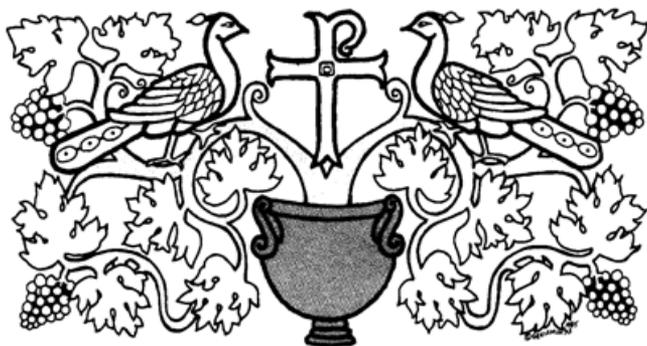


In Celebration  
of the life of  
Joan Marie Fontaine  
1941—2021

YET EVEN AT THE GRAVE  
WE MAKE OUR SONG:



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St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church  
December 11, 2021

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**Musical Prelude**

*Patty Springfield*

*All stand as the following anthem is said*

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.

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Joan. 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.***

## “Amazing Grace”

*Patty Springfield*

## From the Hebrew Scriptures

*Barbara O'Donnell*

*(Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33)*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,  
‘therefore I will hope in him.’  
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.  
For the Lord will not reject for ever.  
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
People: **Amen. Amen.**

## Musical Interlude

*Patty Springfield*

## Psalm 33:1-5

*Meg Matos*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous ones;  
Praise is becoming to the upright.  
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;  
Sing praises to him with the harp of ten strings.  
Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully with a shout of joy  
For the word of the Lord is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.  
He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord.

**From the Gospel of John**  
*(John 14:1-3)*

*Ed Fontaine*

‘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; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
People: **Amen. Amen.**

**Psalm 23**

*Mahalia Dinglasan*

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.

**From the Gospel of Matthew**  
*(Matthew 5:1-12a)*

*Fr. Ted Voorhees*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,

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

People: Amen. Amen.

## Family Reflections

### Homily

*Fr. Ted Voorhees*

### The Apostles' Creed

*The Celebrant says:* 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 Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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 of the People

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who has knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your 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 your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Amen.*

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. *Amen.*

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of your 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.***

Grant us grace to entrust Joan to your never-failing love; receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor which you bear unto your people. ***Amen.***

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, Joan may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. ***Amen.***

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life which you promise to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **The Commendation**

*The Celebrant takes his place near the Paschal Candle. The Celebrant then says*

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant 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 then says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Joan. 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 Celebrant then bless the people saying*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**“My Old Friend”**

*Patty Springfield*



## **Joan Marie Fontaine**

Joan Marie Fontaine passed away peacefully on Saturday November 20, 2021.

Born on December 23, 1941, in Brighton, MA, she raised her family in Georgetown, MA. She touched many people during her 40+ years as a nurse.

She leaves behind her wife and partner of 30 years, Sue Ann Weber, her children: Stephen Dowdie (Kate), Cathleen Dowdie, and Michelle Dinglasan and her grandchildren: Matthew Dowdie, Meg Matos (Alejandro), Mahalia Dinglasan (Travis Charitan), Jaron Dinglasan, and Brennan Dinglasan.

To remember Joan we would welcome donations to the Alzheimer Association.

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