

CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE LIFE OF  
SANDRA LUCILE COOKE BLOOM



SATURDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 10 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

ST THOMAS'S PARISH  
NEWARK, DELAWARE

First Lesson:

Ryan McGehee - Grandson

Second Lesson:

Brittanie Holder - Granddaughter

Bearers of the ashes:

Lisa McGehee - Daughter

Scott Bloom - Son

Brent Bloom - Son

Tori Orendorf - Daughter

Presenters of Communion Elements:

Marley and Robert Origer

Persophone Holder

# God loves you. No exceptions.



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

Greetings! We're delighted you are here, and want for you to be comfortable so you can worship God and enjoy your visit today. We suspect you may have some questions. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've *all* had questions- probably some of the same you have today.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas's is alive and well. We are worshiping both in -person with appropriate precautions, and live streaming on YouTube. The full-text bulletins for our services can be found on our website, and by email request. We also continue to respond to the needs of the Newark Community through our collaboration with the Newark Empowerment Center and others. Those who would like to support our work may do so by going to our "Giving to St Thomas's" page.

Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times.

## Our weekly services:

**Sunday 8am- Rite I, spoken**

**Sunday 9:30am- Rite II, with music**

**Wednesday 12:00pm- Intercessory Prayer with Holy Eucharist**

**Thursday 7pm- evening Compline Prayer live via Zoom**

The Christian life is a source of endless fascination. Just when we think we have seen and heard everything it has to offer, something new turns up. Committing to a life of learning and growing in the faith is an excellent way to make sure there is always enough fuel in the spiritual tank.

There are many opportunities for Christian growth within our parish. During this time of social distancing, many of our meetings are happening online. Our groups include:

- Children's Ministries, age 18mo-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Youth CREW, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades
- Youth Confirmation, grades 7 and 8
- ECM, college age students
- The Parlor Class, adult ed
- NovelTheology, all ages
- Lectionary Bible Study, all ages

In addition to these groups, we also welcome the occasional guest speaker or activity during coffee hour, as well as special 6-week lecture series. For more information about any of our educational offerings, please visit our website: [StThomasNewarkDe.church](http://StThomasNewarkDe.church)

In the Episcopal Church, everybody doesn't always do things the same way. But, **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you need help, ask your question in the Live Chat, or contact Fr Howie directly. We are friendly, helpful people here at St Thomas. Please bear in mind, regardless of what anybody else is doing, do what makes you comfortable.

Thank you for joining us today, and we hope to see you again soon!

## Prelude

*All stand as the Celebrant meets the body at the door of the church.*

*Celebrant* With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our sister SANDY for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that he will raise her to perfection in the company of the saints.

Deliver your servant, Sandy, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set her free from every bond; that she may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on God, and know the consolation of his love.

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in your mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant reads the anthems as the procession moves to the altar.*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though she die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed herself 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 herself,  
and none becomes her own master when she 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 Collect

standing

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

**People** **And also with you**

*Celebrant* Let us pray

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

*All sit for the reading of the lessons.*

## First Lesson **cC** Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader* The word of the Lord

**People** **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 23 **cC** The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
 all the days of my life,  
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
 my whole life long.

**Second Lesson cC Revelation 21:2-7**

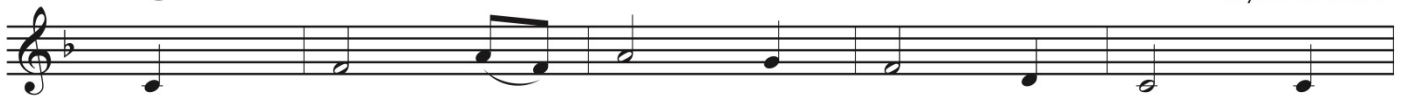
And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

**Reader** The word of the Lord  
**People** Thanks be to God

**Hymn**

Amazing Grace

Hymnal #671



1. A - maz - ing\_\_ grace! How sweet the sound, that  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught me 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



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



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

**The Gospel cC John 14:1-6**

**standing**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

"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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Homily**

**sitting**

**Reflections**

Poem, "To Sandra"

**The Apostles' Creed**

**standing**

**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 of the People

For our sister Sandy, 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 Sandy, 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.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying:*

Father of all, we pray to you for Sandy, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

## The Peace

**standing**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you

**People** **And also with you**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory



# Hymn

standing

## The Strife is O'er

Hymnal #208

*Antiphon (at the beginning and after final verse)*

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

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 4. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5. Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1. ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2. le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 4. heav'ns high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5. sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1. has be - gun. Al - le - lu - - - ia!  
 2. joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - - - ia!  
 4. tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - - - ia!  
 5. sing - - to thee. Al - le - lu - - - ia!

# The Canon

standing

- 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 him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues* It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## **Sanctus**

*All say together*

**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 people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues* 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory,**

*The Celebrant continues* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 the

Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

*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.

### **Distribution of Communion**

*Every baptized person is invited to receive the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood at this Altar. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion, please come forward when invited by the usher, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a short prayer.*

Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life

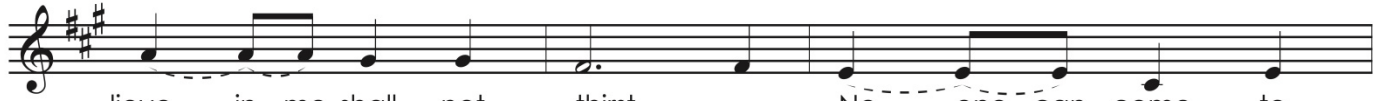
Hymnal 335



1. I am the bread of life; they who  
 2. Bread that I will give is my  
 3. less you eat of the  
 4. I am the re - sur - rec - tion,  
 5. Lord we be - lieve that



come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -  
 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who  
 Flesh of the Son of Man and  
 I am the life. They who be -  
 you are the Christ, the



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat of this bread, they shall live for  
 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
 lieve in me, e - ven if they  
 Son of God who has



me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.  
 ev - er, they shall live for ev - er.  
 in you, you shall not have life with - in you.  
 die, they shall live for ev - er.  
 come in to the world.



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will



raise them up on the last day.  
 2. The day.  
 3. Un  
 4. \_  
 5. Yes,

## The Post Communion Prayer

kneeling

*People and Celebrant say together*

**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

standing

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the urn.*

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 concludes:*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Sandy. 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

# Hymn

## Welcome, Happy Morning!

Hymnal 179

1. "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say:  
4. Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
5. Thou, — of life the au - thor, death didst un - der go,  
6. Loose — the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tain's chain;

1 Hell — to - day is van - quished, heav'n is won to - day!  
4 thou — from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,  
5 tread — the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;  
6 all — that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain;

1 Lo! the dead is livi - ing, God for ev - er - more!  
4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,  
5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,  
6 show thy face in bright - ness, bid the na - tions see;

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!  
4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.  
5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!  
6 bring a - gain our day light: Day re - turns with thee!

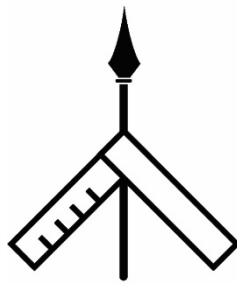
### Refrain

"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

## **To Sandy**

by Vera Mullen Kuntz

Dear little mischievous darling,  
With those baby blue eyes full of faith,  
Wondering why you can't have the moon,  
But taking it all in good cheer when you can't.  
Busy and happy the whole day through,  
Stumbling and falling and rising again,  
Turning that face wreathed in sunshine and smiles,  
To be asking a question, so sure of reply.  
Oh God let her keep that heart full of faith,  
To help her and guide her and keep her so safe.



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