

Memorial Service for
Phyllis B. Risner

May 24, 1933, Marshall, IL— July 16, 2021, Dayton, OH



September 2, 2021 | 11am

Christ Episcopal Church
20 West First Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402

BURIAL OF THE DEAD: RITE II

Prelude

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Melita

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Toplady

"I'll Fly Away"

Albert E. Brumley/arr. Henry Sexton

"Swing Low, Swing Chariot"

Spiritual

"God Will Take Care of You"

Cyvilla D. Martin & W. Stillman Martin

Opening Hymn 599 "Lift every voice and sing" (v. 1 & 3) *Lift Every Voice*

Anthem of the Resurrection

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though they die.

And everyone who has life,
and has committed themselves to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last They will stand upon the earth.

After my awaking, They will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold Them
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in themselves,
and none becomes their own master when they 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.

Collects

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Phyllis, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what 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 throw away stones, and a time to gather stones
together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, 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 for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

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.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love

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Hymn 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" (v. 1, 2*3)

Hymn to Joy

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6

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, could 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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Peter Homeyer

Hymn LEVaSII 122 "Close to Thee"

Fanny J. Crosby & Silas Vail

1. Thou my ev - er - last - ing por - tion, More than friend or
2. Not for ease or world - ly pleas - ure, Nor for fame my
3. Lead me through the vale of shad - ows, Bear me o'er life's

1. life to me; All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 2. prayer shall be; Glad - ly will I toil and suf - fer,
 3. fit - ful sea; Then the gate of life e - ter - nal

1. Sav - ior let me walk with thee. Close to thee, Close to
 2. On - ly let me walk with thee. Close to thee, Close to
 3. May I en - ter, Lord, with thee. Close to thee, Close to

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 2. Thee, Close to thee, Close to thee; Glad - ly will I
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The Apostles Creed

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant says

For our sister, Phyllis, 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 Phyllis, 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.

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

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.

Blessing

Hymn 680 "O God, our help in ages past" (v. 1-3, 6)

St. Anne

Dismissal

Service Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Homeyer

Organist: Yun Kim

Cantor: Janice Harrison

Soloist: Cindy Cooke

Lectors: Mike Clinch & Margaret Baird

Crucifer: Mike Clinch

Phyllis A. Risner, was born in Marshall, IL, on May 24, 1933, to the late Frances B. (Ferris) and Paul H. Baker. She received her Doctorate in Nursing Education from Miami University Oxford; and taught at the School of Nursing at both Miami and Wright State.

Phyllis was a longtime member of Christ Episcopal Church in Dayton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband Thomas Andrews. She is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Timothy L. Risner; her children, Thomas B. Andrews and Ann Elizabeth (Robert) Morris; her grandson, Bryan Thomas Andrews; 2 sisters, Sharon (Charles) Smith and Judith Rice; her brother, John P. (Susan) Baker; several nieces and nephews.



Postlude "Hallelujah Chorus" (From Messiah)

Handel

The family of Phyllis Risner invites you to join them for light refreshments and fellowship in the courtyard, outside



Memorial contributions may

(Left) Tom Andrews (far right) with Tim Swabb and Jan Keysor

(below) Phyllis Signing a petition



(Above) Ann and Tom Andrews



(Left) Fashion Show Models, 1974: Suzanne Patterson, Lisa Richter, and Phyllis

(right) Phyllis (Andrews) Risner with Graceanne Keysor, Donna Boensch, Clark Keysor



(Above) 1974 fashion show with Patti