The service of Death and Resurrection is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

This service, 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 the one, we love has entered into a nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.
The Order of Service

congregation standing as able

~ We Gather Together as God's People ~

THE PRELUDE ................................................................. Jason Evans, Organist

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 649: “Amazing Grace” ......................... AMazing Grace

THE WORDS OF GRACE & GREETING (Spoken in Unison)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb. Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restored our life. Christ will come again in glory. As in baptism Mickey put on Christ, so in Christ may Mickey be clothed with glory. Here and now, dear friends, we are God's children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see Christ as he is. Those who have this hope purify themselves as Christ is pure. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and I am the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died and behold I am alive forevermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also.”

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

THE INVOCATION

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant, Mickey, 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 forever. Amen.

THE HYMN NO. 839: "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” .......................... ASSURANCE

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PSALM (Spoken in Unison) .................................................................. Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “You Raise Me Up” .................................................. Rolf Loveland

Angelo Sonesso, soloist
THE EPISTLE LESSON ................................................................. II Corinthians 4: 16-5:1

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

THE READING OF A SPECIAL POEM


The Sanctuary Choir


When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY ................................................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Things Worthwhile” ...................... C.S. “Mickey” Meekins

Elaine Reed, soloist

When I was just a little child my grandma said to me, “Life’s a long hard way to go, these are things worthwhile to know. It’s not what you get but what you give, not what you say but how you live. Giving the world the love it needs, living a life of noble deeds. Not whence you came, but whither bound. Not what you have but what you’ve found. Strong for the right, the good, the true; these are the things worthwhile to you. Now I’m the grandma telling you as Grandma said to me, life’s a long hard way to go, these are things worthwhile to know.” * (Words & Music written by Mickey in 1952)

♦THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Spoken in Unison) .......... A Declaration of Faith, Ch. 10.3

In the death of Jesus Christ, God’s way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God’s victory over death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed, and yet the same person. In His resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
We Respond to the Word

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Spoken Responsively)

ONE: For Mickey, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am the resurrection and I am the Life.” Lord, you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Mickey and dry the tears of those who weep.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit, give her fellowship with all your saints.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

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

THE SILENT PRAYERS

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

~We Commend Our Sister to God~

†THE COMMENDATION (Spoken Responsively)

ONE: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, Mickey, with your saints

ALL: Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing but life everlasting.

ONE: 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 us, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us to dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Clara “Mickey” Meekins. 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.
~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

†THE BENEDICTION

†THE HYMN OF SENDING NO: 840: “When Peace Like a River” .......................... VILLE DU HAVRE

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE ...................................................................................................................... Jason Evans

All are invited to greet the family at a reception in Mickey’s memory in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

“All have a nice day worth crowing about!”
- Mickey

~ Service Participants ~

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore
Pastor

Mr. Jason K. Evans
Music Director/Organist

Mrs. Nonie Booth
Choir Leader/Reception Coordinator

The Sanctuary Choir
Miss Me, But Let Me Go

Edgar Albert Guest
(1881-1959)

When I come to the end of the road
   And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
   Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little - but not for long
   And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
   Miss me, but let me go.

For this journey that we all must take
   And each must go alone;
It's all a part of the Master's plan
   A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart
   Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
   Miss me, but let me go.
Clara “Mickey” Stringer Meekins, 91, of Nags Head, NC died Monday, January 28, 2019, at Peak Resources – Outer Banks. The daughter of Florence Speck Reed and Sidney Osgood Reed, she grew up in the Utica/Oriskany area of upstate New York.

In 1948, Clara graduated from nursing school at the Children’s Hospital in Buffalo, NY. She married Walter E. Turk and settled in North Bay, NY near his family farm. Always busy, working part-time and raising six children (Nancy Bourgeois, Walter William Turk (deceased), Catherine Pfendler, Valerie Metott, Michael Turk, and Susan Conner), she still made time for others. Clara was active in Girl Scouts, 4-H, school PTO, Methodist church functions and often volunteered with Red Cross blood drives and vaccination clinics.

After Walter’s death, she married William Stringer of Cooperstown and together they retired to the Outer Banks in Manteo, NC to enjoy warmer weather and fishing. They also attended Stumpy Point United Methodist Church. Following the untimely death of William, she later married William Meekins of Stumpy Point, NC.

Clara shared her talents in arts and crafts, baking and music with her communities. She was a member of the Outer Banks Baum Center, church chorus, Outer Banks chorus, and “Sweet Caroline’s” a lady’s barbershop group. She was a volunteer driver for Dare County taking people to out of town medical appointments and filling the wait time crocheting and letter writing.

Her extended family includes twenty-seven grandchildren, forty-three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She had many wonderful friends and had a full and meaningful life.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm on Friday, February 1, 2019, at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. A celebration of life with New York extended family and friends and interment is being planned for later this year.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Outer Banks Chorus, PO Box 3657, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948 or Outer Banks Presbyterian Church Choir, PO Box 2199, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948.

Twiford Funeral Home, Manteo is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed at www.TwifordFH.com.
Peace
I leave with you.

My peace
I give unto you.

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