



PICTURE
(OPTIONAL)

A Celebration of the Life of
Jane Doe
Date of Birth – Date of Death
Service Date & Time

Prelude

Opening Anthem Book of Common Prayer, Page 491
Celebrant: 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.

Welcome

Hymn "Alleluia! The Strife is O'er" **H 208**

Collect

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 Jane. 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes [3:1-14]

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

(read in unison)

**1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**

**2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me
beside the still waters.**

**3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.**

**4 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.**

**5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.**

**6 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.**

Sequence Hymn “I Want to Walk as a Child...” **H 490**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [14:1-6]

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.**

(Please stand or kneel as you are able.)

The Prayers of the People

Leader: For our sister Jane, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

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

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

People: Hear us, Lord.

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

People: Hear us, Lord.

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

People: Hear us, Lord.

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

People: Hear us, Lord.

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

People: Hear us, Lord.

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

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Jane, 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 your Father’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 *(Please stand, as you are able.)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Anthem “Not a Sparrow Falleth” Franz Abt

The Commendation

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

**People: where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth we shall 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.

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

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Jane. 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.**

Blessing **BCP 339**

Celebrant: 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn “Abide With Me” **Blue Hymnal 662**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

*Please make any donations in memory of Jane
to St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church.*