

# Anita Kenyon Waligurski

A Celebration of Life  
with Holy Communion

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St. John's Episcopal Church

Essex, Connecticut

# The Burial of the Dead: Rite One

## Prelude

*All rise at the sound of the church bell.*

## Anthems from Scripture, *standing as able*

*Presider* I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord; and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

## The Collect

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Anita, and grant her entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## Eulogies

Bruce Kenyon

Mike Kenyon

Tim Kenyon

## Hymn

Here I am Lord

Worship and Rejoice (WR) 559

## The Word of God

### Reading

**Revelation 21:1-6**

Read by Tim Kenyon

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Response** **Psalm 23 • Dominus regit me (King James version)**

Led by Erin Kenyon

*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; \*  
and 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.**

**Reading** **Romans 8:31-39**

Read by The Rev. Suzy Kenyon

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand for the hymn.*

**Hymn** Lift High the Cross

Blue Hymnal 473

**Holy Gospel**

**John 14:1-6**

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

'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.'

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Homily, seated**

The Reverend Kate E. Wesch

*Silence and stillness are kept after the homily.*

**Apostles' Creed, standing**

*Presider* In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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**

*Intercessor* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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

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

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

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Anita to thy never-failing love; receive her into the arms of thy mercy, and remember her according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

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

**The Peace, standing**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Welcome and Announcements, seated**

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Sentence**

*Presider* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*The Table is prepared for Holy Communion.*

*Please stand for the offertory hymn.*

**Offertory Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me**

Worship and Rejoice (WR) 350

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Book of Common Prayer: Eucharistic Prayer II*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Presider* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Presider* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

*Presider* And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

**The Lord's Prayer**, *said by all*

**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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem**

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## The Invitation to Communion

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.  
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by placing one hand across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together Blue Hymnal 325  
Take My Life and Let it Be Blue Hymnal 707

## Postcommunion Prayer, *standing*

*Presider* Let us pray.  
**Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

*Presider* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Hymn** Go Now in Peace Worship and Rejoice (WR) 717

## Processional

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*All are invited to a reception in the Undercroft*

## Serving Today

<i>Presider</i>	The Rev. Kate E. Wesch
<i>Organist</i>	Manuel Piazza
<i>Eulogists</i>	Bruce Kenyon Mike Kenyon Tim Kenyon
<i>Reader</i>	Tim Kenyon
<i>Reader</i>	Suzy Kenyon
<i>Ushers</i>	Sean Kenyon Dan Kenyon



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