

# A Celebration of Life



**Martha McMaster Quimby**  
**January 10, 1930 – October 21, 2021**

**Saturday, November 21, 2021**  
An Online Memorial Service streamed by  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Anchorage Alaska

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://godsview.zoom.us/j/86377422918>  
Meeting ID: 863 7742 2918

Family website for Marty: <https://qfam.info/MartyQuimby.htm>

**MUSICAL PRELUDES**

*Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans*      Written by Eddie DeLange and Louis Altar  
*Avalon*      Written by Al Jolson, Buddy DeSylva and Vincent Rose  
*Hymn to Freedom*      Written by Oscar Peterson

**OPENING ANTHEM**      (Spoken, from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP p. 491))

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 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 God  
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.

**BURIAL COLLECT (BCP p. 493)**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Marty's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING (BCP p. 494)**

Margaret Sharrow

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (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 God will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; for whom we have waited, so that God might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* *Thanks be to God*

**MUSIC**

*Down By The Riverside – Spiritual*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING (BCP p. 495)**

Margaret Sharrow  
(Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39)

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the church in Rome

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs,

heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

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? 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***

#### **MUSIC**

***Just a Closer Walk with Thee***

**GOSPEL READING** (John 5:24-27) (BCP p. 495)

The Rev. Michael Burke

*Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

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

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

“Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.”

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### **POEM**

**“Warning”**

**Written by Jenny Joseph, read by Helena Modell**

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple  
With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.  
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves  
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.  
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired  
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells  
And run my stick along the public railings  
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.  
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain

And pick flowers in other people's gardens  
And learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat  
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go  
Or only bread and pickle for a week  
And hoard pens and pencils and beer mats and things in boxes.

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry  
And pay our rent and not swear in the street  
And set a good example for the children.  
We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practise a little now?  
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised  
When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

**MUSIC**                      *What a Wonderful World*                      *George Douglas and George David Weiss*

#### **HOMILY**

*In the Episcopal Church tradition, the priest or minister does not do the "eulogy," recounting the person's life. Instead, brief words about our Scripture readings, God's presence with us, and this gathering are shared.*

#### **REMEMBRANCES**

*Time for individual remembrances will be available  
at the Quimby gathering on Zoom following today's service.*

*Link for Martha McMaster Quimby Memorial Reception:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84290565621?pwd=dmJYTUZUTXJhWXV5YTFqWFNVNTNIQT09>

*Zoom Meeting ID: 842 9056 5621      Passcode: MMQ*

#### **EULOGY SLIDE SHOW**

By Gretchen Neeley, Photo compilation and reading by Bart Quimby

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 502)**

*(The congregation joins in this prayer)*

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,*

*on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.*

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 497)**

For our sister Marty, 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 Marty,  
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.*

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*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Marty. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in God’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 COMMENDATION (BCP p. 499)**

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.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Marty. 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.*

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 500)**

*Minister* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

**MUSIC**

*When the Saints Go Marching In*

*Musicians:*

The St. Mary's Praise Singers

Karl Wilhelmi, Guitar

Alex Cruver, Piano

Wade Hampton Miller, vocals

Kade Bissel, Percussion

*Guest Musicians:*

Drew Loeffler

Ed Ullman

Don Cosgrove

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