



# Norma Jean Laufer

1933-2025

February 1, 2025 • 11 am  
+ Requiem Eucharist

## PRELUDE

- at the sound of the bells, all stand

## HYMN 603 *When Christ was lifted from the earth*

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his  
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and  
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -  
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,  
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us  
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels  
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.  
as his friends and loves us as we are.  
but a face, a per - son, and a name.  
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

Words: Copyright © 1980 by Hope Publishing Company. All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission.

CM

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

---

## COLLECT FOR BURIAL

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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

## COLLECT

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Norma's family 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.**

- *all be seated*

## FIRST READING      Isaiah 61: 1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to

comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**The people's responses throughout the liturgy are indicated in bold type.**

**PSALM 26 +**

Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.  
Test me, O LORD, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.  
For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.  
I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.  
I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.  
I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,  
Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
LORD, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.  
Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,  
Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.  
As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.  
My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the

manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN WLP 800**     *Precious Lord, take my hand*

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me  
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; \_\_\_\_\_  
 near, when my life is al - most gone; \_\_\_\_\_  
 near, and the day is past and gone; \_\_\_\_\_

— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
 — hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I  
 — at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. \_\_\_\_\_  
 fall, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. \_\_\_\_\_  
 hand, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. \_\_\_\_\_

Words: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

Music: Thomas A. Dorsey; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

© 1938 by Unichappell Music, Inc. Copyright renewed. International Copyright Secured.

All Rights Reserved. *You must contact Hal Leonard Corporation to reproduce this selection.*

**GOSPEL** John 14: 1-6

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to John.

**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 our Savior.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY** The Very Reverend Matthew Bradley

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism,  
let us proclaim our faith and say,

**APOSTLES' CREED** \* *said by all*

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** ✦ *led by the intercessor*

For our sister Norma, 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 Norma, 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.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**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 Norma, 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** • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

# LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

---

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Goin' Home*

Robert Lehman

Goin' home, goin' home,  
Lord I'm goin' home.  
No more tears, no more cares,  
No more grief to bear,  
Jesus, Jesus is waiting over there.  
All the saints in heav'n above,  
all the saints we knew,  
gone home to Jesus,  
I am goin' too.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

---

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A + Expansive Language

The musical notation consists of five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the celebrant, with the lyrics "God be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the celebrant, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts." The third staff is for the people, with the lyrics "We lift them to the Lord." The fourth staff is for the celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fifth staff is for the people, with the lyrics "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings such as accents and hairpins.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.



Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

### **THE GREAT AMEN**



A - men.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** • *contemporary version*

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

---

## FRACTION ANTHEM S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *for those attending virtually*

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

**HYMN 662** *Abide with me: fast falls the eventide*

1 A - bid with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid:  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bid with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bid with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bid with me.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

10 10. 10 10

• *all stand*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** • *said by all*

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to 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 your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

**THE COMMENDATION**

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 humankind; 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 Norma. 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**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in the sight of God; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

**Amen**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 671**    *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, John Rees (19th cent.)

Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921);  
 harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919)

CM

**POSTLUDE**

## NORMA JEAN LAUFER

A woman of many talents, Norma enjoyed entertaining friends, family, and special guests alike with her husband in their Old Louisville home, where they lived for 25 years. Her passions included gardening and cooking, which were adored by the many who passed through her doors either on the Old Louisville Garden Tour or for one of her illustrious parties. Her kind heart cared for many animals throughout her life and her smile was always a joyous sight at Christ Church Cathedral.

In passing, she is reunited with her beloved husband of 28 years, Robert B. Laufer Jr., her cherished daughter, Stacy Forster (John), and her grandson Stephen Walker. She's remembered fondly by her daughter, Brenda Runner; son, Steven Walker (Jennifer); stepchildren, Robert N. Laufer III (Tim Gribas) and Lisa B. Laufer; stepbrother, James Voyles; and her cat, Chester. Norma is also remembered by four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and her closest friends.

The family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Joan Walker, who compassionately cared for her these last several years, and the staff at the Episcopal Church Home.



The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, *officiant*

The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*

Dr. James Rightmyer, *music director & organist*

Brenda Runner, Jim Collings, *lectors*

Catharine Young, *intercessor*

Dorothy Converse, Mike DaRif, Judy Donahue, Marilyn Werst, *eucharistic ministers*

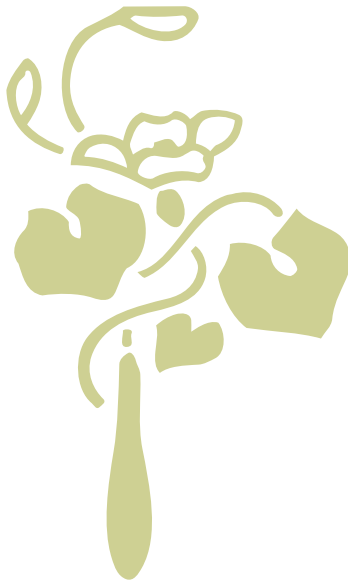
Steve Walker, Kyle Kruszewski, Rob Laufer, John Forster,  
Jerry Runner, Scott Magruder, *pall bearers*

Tom Thill, *acolyte*

Carol Brown, Sissy Lanier, Jim Monin, Carolyn VanZant, *greeters/ushers*

Louise Isaacs, *bell ringer*

Tim Tice, *live stream*



## Christ Church Cathedral Land Acknowledgement

Christ Church Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky gathers and stands on land which has been home, for over 11,000 years, to primarily Shawnee, Cherokee, Osage, Haudenosaunee Seneca, Hopewell and Adena peoples.

Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devastating legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people.

We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day.

We seek forgiveness.

We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky.

We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself.

We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.



### Christ Church Cathedral

⇒ a church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city ⇐

### Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky

The Rt. Rev. Terry Allen White, Bishop

The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, Dean

The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, Deacon

Dr. Jack Ashworth, Associate Organist

Dr. James Rightmyer, Music Director & Organist

Susan Shockey, Parish Coordinator

Thomas Thill, Sacristan

421 South Second Street, Louisville, KY 40202

502-587-1354

ccclou.org • [info@christchurchlouky.org](mailto:info@christchurchlouky.org)