

The Commendation

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

Celebrant: "You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;
**All: and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
 and to earth shall we return.**

Celebrant: For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
 You are dust, and to dust you shall return."
**All: All of us go down to the dust;
 yet even at the grave we make our song:**

Celebrant: All shall be well ~ alleluia.
 Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
**All: where sorrow and pain are no more,
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant: For all shall be well **All: All shall be well**

The celebrant says,



Into your hands, loving God,
 we commend your servant Edith ~
 earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
 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.
 Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord,
 and let light perpetual shine upon her.
 May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,
 through Your mercy, rest in peace. Amen. **Amen.**

A Responsive Blessing

We stand to say a blessing to one another:

One: On our hearts and our houses **All: The blessing of God**
 One: In our coming and going **All: The peace of God**
 One: In our life and believing **All: The love of God**
 One: At our end and new beginning
All: The arms of God to welcome us, and bring us home. Amen.

Common Praise 486: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



A Service in Celebration of the Life of Edith Chamberlayne (May 17, 1926 – Nov 26, 2022)



1.00 pm ~ Sunday, May 21, 2023

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



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*the service takes place at St. Edmund's church,
 followed by the committal onsite in St. Anne's churchyard;
 all are welcome to the reception in the hall*

Welcome

The Rev. Andrew Twiddy

Common Praise 656: She Comes Sailing on the Wind

Words of Faith and Hope

(from Psalm 139)

Leader: God of Love, you have searched us and known us.
You know when we sit down, and when we rise up;

All: You discern our thoughts from afar.

Leader: You trace our journeys and our resting places,
and are acquainted with all our ways.

**All: Even before a word is on our tongue, O God,
you know it completely.**

Leader: For it was you who formed our inmost being.

All: You knit us together in our mother's womb.

Leader: Where can we go from your Spirit?
Or where can we run from your presence?

**All: If we ascend to the skies, you are there;
if we make our bed in the grave, you are there.**

Leader: If we take the wings of the morning,
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**All: Even there your hand will lead us,
and your right hand hold us fast.**

Leader: If we say, "Surely the darkness will cover us,
and the light around us become night,"

All: Even the darkness is not dark to you;

Leader: The night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

A Prayer of Comfort and Compassion ~ The Rev. Andrew Twiddy

A First Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34 ~ knowing is a matter of the heart

Common Praise 531: On Eagle's Wings (based on Psalm 91)

A Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13 ~ the greatest thing in life!

Words to Remember Edith ~ tributes from family & friends

A Gospel Reading: John 14.15-21 ~ the answer is on the inside

Words for Living ~ The Rev. Andrew Twiddy

Song: **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace** *(A Prayer in the spirit of St. Francis)*

A Sharing of Gratitude:

We stand to express gratitude for the life of Edith and for her gifts to us

Source of love and compassion, **All: We offer our thanks**

We offer our thanks today for the life of Edith. We offer thanks for her loving care and affection for her family and friends. For her devotion as a wife and as a mother, as a grandmother and great-grandmother, and as a friend to many.

Source of love and compassion, **All: We offer our thanks**

For her joyful and positive attitude, for the resilience and courage she displayed through life's challenges and changes, and for the genuine and respectful consideration by which she encouraged others

Source of love and compassion, **All: We offer our thanks**

For her hard-working dedication in the workplace, for her loyalty to her friends and to her community, and for the energetic and compassionate thoughtfulness she offered in service of others.

Source of love and compassion, **All: We offer our thanks**

For her kindly temperament, for her broad and joyous smile, her many stories, and her sense of humour, and for all that enabled her to touch the hearts of others, and to celebrate life in all its fullness

Source of love and compassion, **All: We offer our thanks**

For each moment of appreciation and inspiration that brought hope and meaning to her spirit, for her deep abiding Christian faith and generous spirituality, and for all that helped her to face life and death with peace and equanimity.

Source of love and compassion, **All: We offer our thanks**

The Prayer Jesus Gave Us ~ The Lord's Prayer *(traditional form)*

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Sharing in Communion *(see inserted sheet; choral music: Spirit of Gentleness)*

Presider: Let us give thanks to our Creator God
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Presider: We give thanks to you, the God of all creation,
 with our hearts lifted high.
 With the whole realm of nature,
 with the angels of light who envelop us,
 and with people from the north, the south,
 the east, and the west, we celebrate your presence.
 We honour you, joining together with all the saints,
 with all who have gone before,
 and with our loved ones and all our relations,
 who in the mystery of this communion
 know no separation from us.
 And so we pray to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
 and ask you to breathe your Spirit upon us
 in sharing and offering this bread and wine.

**All: May this bread and wine be for us your body,
 heaven's food and drink,
 vibrant with your abundant life,
 renewing, sustaining, and making us whole.
 As bread and wine are changed into us,
 so may we be changed again into you,
 and thus be your body on earth –
 loving and caring in the world. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread & The Communion of the People

The presider breaks the bread for sharing:



Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ,
**All: We, being many, are one body,
 For we all share in the one bread.**
 Presider: The goodness of God, for us, the Beloved of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

She Flies On

Refrain:

*She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun; on a journey
 just begun, she flies on. / And in the passage of her flight, her song rings
 out through the night, full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.*

1. Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
 like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
 And from the heart of God the Spirit moved up on the earth,
 like a mother breathing life into her child.

2. Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
 when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
 Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
 and then down the ages still she flew on. *(Refrain)*

3. To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
 a whisper softly calling in the dark,
 the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
 Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

4. Flying to the river, she waited circling high
 above the child now grown so full of grace.
 As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
 and she carried him away in her embrace. *(Refrain)*

5. Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
 after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
 the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
 bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. *(Refrain)*

You Who Dwell In the Shelter of the Lord (On Eagles' Wings)

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
 Who abide in His shadow for life
 Say to the Lord, "My refuge, My rock, in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn
 Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand*

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear.
Under His wings, your refuge, His faithfulness, your shield

Refrain:

3. You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. *Refrain:*

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

1 Make me a channel of your peace: / Where there is hatred,
let me bring your love; / where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2 Make me a channel of your peace: / where there's despair in life
let me bring hope; / Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3 O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek / so much to be consoled
as to console, / to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4 Make me a channel of your peace: / it is in pardoning that
we are pardoned, / in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *(Common Praise 486)*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

At The Table ~ The Great Thanksgiving

The Words of the Last Supper

Presider:

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of the world's suffering,
and who is made known to us in the breaking of bread.
We remember together how, on the night of his arrest,
Jesus gathered his friends around the table,
took the bread, and, having blessed it,
broke the bread and gave it to the disciples, saying,
"This is my body, which is given for you"

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In the same way Jesus took the wine,
and having given thanks for it,
poured it out and gave the cup to the disciples, saying,
"This cup is the new relationship with God,
sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next
in the coming Realm of God."

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So come to this table, you who have deep trust,
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been often,
and you who have not been here for a long time;
you who have tried to follow,
and you who are drawn to a new beginning.
We are all guests of a generous host.



Thanksgiving & Consecration

Please stand, as you are able, or according to your custom or your comfort, during the communion prayer

Presider: Know that God is with you

All: And also with you

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.