

**SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
AND THANKSGIVING**
for the life of
BEVERLEY JOAN AUSTIN LAXTON COLES

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28 March 2026 • 11:00 a.m.
The Cathedral Church of Saint George

The people stand as able as the clergy and family enter.

Opening Sentences from Holy Scripture

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 is committed to me in faith, shall not die for ever. *John 11.25–26*

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. *John 14.1–3*

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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. *Romans 8.38-39*

Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able.



For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

4 For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

5 For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

The Collect for Those Who Mourn

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of all consolation,
in your unending love and mercy
you turn the darkness of death
into the dawn of new life.

Show compassion to your people in their sorrow.
Be our refuge and our strength
to lift us from the darkness of grief
to the peace and light of your presence.

Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
by dying for us, conquered death
and by rising again, restored life.

May we then go forward eagerly to meet him,
and after our life on earth
be reunited with our brothers and sisters
where every tear will be wiped away.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord.

People **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

Remembrance

Janice Coles

***Pie Jesu* from 'Requiem'** (Gabriel Fauré)

Martin Coles ✠

Jill Vitols

Sung in Latin. Merciful Lord Jesus, grant to them rest everlasting.

The First Reading: Revelation 21:1-4

read by David Coles

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.’

Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able.



O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom you were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.

2 O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him on the earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who has brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who has taught you
To sing of his love.

3 O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he has done.

4 O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be out-poured
All ages along;
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

Laudate Dominum
C. Hubert H. Parry 1848-1918

Henry Williams Baker 1821-77

The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-3

read by Randall Coles

Gospeller The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people may stand, sit or kneel for the Prayers as they wish.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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.**

***Pastorale* from 'Concerto Grosso in G Minor' op. 6, no. 8** (Arcangelo Corelli)

Kingston Community ("TGIF" Strings & Friends)

The people stand as able.

The Commendation

Celebrant

People

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; 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 servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The celebrant, facing the Ashes, then says,

Celebrant

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant, Beverley. Acknowledge, we pray, 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.

People

Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant then blesses the people, and the people respond **Amen.**

Hymn



I feel the winds of God today;
Today my sail I lift,
Though heavy, oft with drenching spray,
And torn with many a rift;
If hope but light the water's crest,
And Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at His behest,
And brave another cruise.

3 If ever I forget Thy love
And how that love was shown,
Lift high the blood red flag above;
It bears Thy name alone.
Great Pilot of my onward way,
Thou wilt not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today,
Today my sail I lift.

2 It is the wind of God that dries
My vain, regretful tears,
Until with braver thoughts shall rise
The purer, brighter years;
If cast on shores of selfish ease
Or pleasure I should be,
Lord, let me feel Thy freshening breeze,
And I'll put back to sea.

Kingsfold
English Traditional Melody

Jessie Adams 1863-1954

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Following the service the Coles Children and their families invite you to join them for a reception at the rear of the Cathedral.

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