



*In Memory of  
of Elinor Vogel*



## Opening

**P:** *In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We gather to commend Elinor to her rest in Christ. This is the last act of caring that we can give to her for we trust in the hope of the promise Jesus made to abide with her until the day of resurrection. Therefore, even in the midst of our grief we can still echo the words God's people have always declared; "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous."*

**C:** **For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

**P:** *Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver them from death.*

**C:** **Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.**

**P:** *Let your steadfast love, O Lord, abide with us as we hope in your word.*

**C:** **Amen.**

*The white pall is placed on the casket as a sign and reminder of Elinor's baptism and the promises she received through that water and Word: that the God who claimed her in life now abides with her in death until the coming Day of Resurrection when Christ returns to bring the final victory over death and welcomes her into The Kingdom.*

## Entrance Hymn

## Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re-ply, ech-o-ing their joy-ous strains.  
 What the glad-some tid-ings be which in-spire your heav'n-ly song?  
 come, a-dore on bend-ed knee Christ the Lord, the new-born king.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a

in ex-cel-sis De - o; glo -

- ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

## *Greeting*

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

## *Prayer of the Day*

*P: Let us pray.*

**C: Gracious God come, be with us now as we gather around the hope of our faith. Enliven our minds with the memories we share. Console our hearts with the confidence of Your favor for Elinor. Bring us peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## *Lesson*

## **Proverbs 31:25-29**

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed . . . Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.

*P: The word of the Lord!*    **C: Thanks be to God!**

## *Psalm*

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*P: The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.*

**C: He makes me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leads me beside the still waters.**

*He restores my soul:  
he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*  
**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff they comfort me.**

*You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies:*  
**you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.**

*Surely goodness and mercy will follow me  
all the days of my life:*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Do not be like others who seem to have no sense and no grounding! No! Instead, you are to always be level-headed - calm and collected - sticking with being faithful even in the most challenging moments - speaking the truth of the Gospel until your final breath. You must take up this work, now, because I, Timothy, am wearing out and will soon be leaving this life. But I do so knowing that I have fought the good fight, and I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. What I now look forward to is receiving that crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on day of resurrection - and not only to me but to everyone who has taken Christ's ministry to heart.

*P: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*

## Hymn

## How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou  
 art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to  
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

*Gospel Acclamation*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

*John*

Jesus once said to his disciple as he neared his last days, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God and believe also in me! In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. But if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I may be sent and may prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, you are also. And where I am going, you know the way."

But his disciple, Thomas, said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How are we empowered to know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father if not through me. If you know me, you will know my Father, and from now on you know him and see him."

*P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!*

Remembrances & Family

Hymn.

A Mighty Fortress

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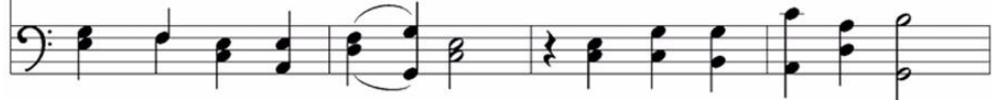
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,





he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## Prayers

- L:** Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks and praise to you, for by your cross and empty tomb you have turned the silent darkness of death into the way of light, hope and everlasting joy in your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us when we fail to put our trust in you. Write your promise anew on our hearts and enlighten our minds to glory in the mystery of your wisdom. Make us certain that because Jesus lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love. Lord in your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Lord Jesus Christ, draw near to all who mourn. Make the comfort of your loving presence known to them that they may turn to you and find the strength and their hope renewed and that their joy may be restored. Make each of us bearers of your love, that we will always support one another. Lord in your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit upon those who are awaiting death this day. Give them the peace that only you can give, the hope that only you can offer, and the all-encompassing love that will never abandon us. Lord in your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** O Lord support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen, and evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C:** **Amen.**

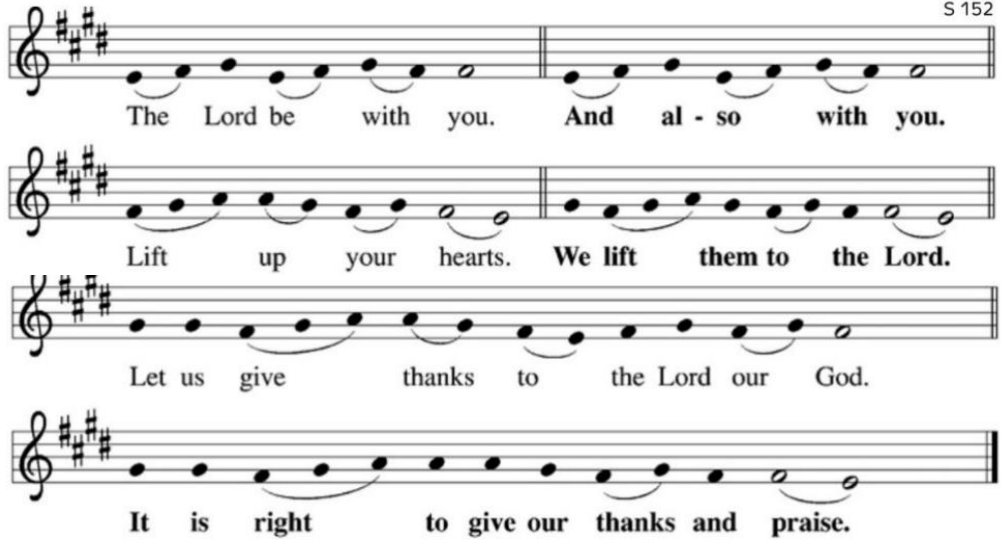
## Passing of the Peace

*P:* The peace of our Lord be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## Holy Communion

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The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*P:* It is indeed . . .

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## The Eucharistic Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**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, forever and ever. Amen**

### Distribution Hymns



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

### Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*

watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

1. On a hill far a - way stood an  
 2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross, so de -  
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with  
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will

2  
 old rug - ged cross, The em - blem of suf - fring and  
 spised by the world, Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for  
 blood so di - vine, Such a won - der - ful beau - ty I  
 ev - er be true; Its shame and re - proach glad - ly

4  
 shame; And I love that old cross where the  
 me; For the dear Lamb of God left His  
 see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus  
 bear. Then He'll call me some day to my

6  
 dear - est and best For a world of lost sin - ners was  
 glo - ry a - bove To bear it to dark Cal - va -  
 suf - fered and died To par - don and sanc - ti - fy  
 home far a - way, Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll

*Refrain*

slain.  
ry. me. share.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my  
cross, the old rugged cross,

trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged  
cross, the

cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.  
old rugged cross,

*Leader or All*

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,

say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*  
*All*

And he will raise you up on ea-gle'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 fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; thou- sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*

All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle'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.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

### *Post Communion Prayer & Commendation*

*P: Let us pray:*

*Almighty God, at this moment we are keenly aware that this physical world is destined to pass away. Gift us with Your Spirit that we will also know the hope of your promise that you will renew and restore this creation in a new creation of glory on the day of resurrection. Fill us with the faith we need to trust this Word, that we will live in this world in a way that reflects our destiny in the next. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Now, Elinor, we commend you to your quiet rest,  
Eyes closed to the light and the dark,  
Ears deaf to the sound and the silence,  
Heart stilled to the stirring of love or anger.  
Body quieted to the energizing of pleasure or pain,  
Mind free of all thoughts, memories or dreams,  
With our eyes open now to the empty place you leave,  
With our ears longing for the sound of your voice, your laugh, your breath,  
With our bodies yearning to embrace yours just once more,  
With our minds full of memories and mourning,  
We commend you into the perfect peace you so well deserve and now have received.*

### *Recessional*

### *For All the Saints*

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1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are is the brave a - gain and arms are strong.  
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

❖ Elinor will now be carried to Queens for her committal ❖

*Commendation Lesson*

**1 Corinthians 15**

St. Paul writes: Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" . . . thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Reader: *The word of the Lord.* **C: Thanks be to God!**

*P: Let us pray: Gracious and creative Lord, out of love you drew us from the earth, gave us life and claimed us as your people. Out of our love for Elinor, we pray for you to bless this grave with your abiding presence. Make it a holy place of rest for her. Guard and protect her until the time when you open this and all the tombs of your faithful to raise us from the dust again. May your spirit of comfort and hope fill the hearts of all who come here to visit and mourn, to reflect and remember.*

*Long ago, St. Peter wrote these words of faith and encouragement the Christians who were grieving the loss of one they loved. Peter reminded them: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

In God's great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who are being protected by the power of God through faith into a salvation prepared for revelation in the final critical moment. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen the Lord, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the fulfillment of your faith, the salvation of your soul.

For this reason, you all must get your minds ready; be attentive and aware; set all your hope on the grace being brought to you in the revelation of Jesus Christ. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you were formerly following in ignorance. Instead, as Christ who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

### *Commendation*

*P: Go forth from this world Elinor;*

**C: In the love of God the Father who created you,  
in the mercy of Jesus Christ who redeemed you,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.**

*P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Elinor, your servant.  
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you,*

**C: a sheep of your own fold,  
a lamb of your own flock,  
a sinner of your own redeeming.**

*P: Receive her into the arms of your mercy,*

**C: into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of all your saints.**

*P: The Lord bless her and keep her.*

*The Lord make his face shine on her and be gracious to her.*

*The Lord look upon her with favor and give her peace.*

*P: Rest eternal grant her O Lord*

**C: and let Light Perpetual shine upon her. Amen. Amen. And  
Amen.**



**Elinor Vogel** of Yorktown Heights NY passed away on March 16, 2024, at Hudson Valley Hospital in Peekskill. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on July 18, 1934, to William and Ella (Jacob) Kessler. Growing up in Maspeth, Queens she married Joseph Vogel on May 1, 1954. They raised four children, Jane, Kathy, Suanne and Joe. For more than 30 years Elinor worked at Martin Luther High School in Maspeth, for the Dean of Students. Moving to Yorktown in 1996 with her daughter Kathy, she became an active member of Grace Lutheran Church, Relay for Life while remaining a member of the Maspeth American Legion. Elinor was a diehard Mets fan, watching nearly every game, cheering for David Wright

as her favorite player. She enjoyed watching Matlock, any Hallmark Christmas movie, doing crossword puzzles, fishing in the Great South Bay, summers at the beach with a drink in her hand and spending every minute she could with her family – especially her eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving children: Jane (husband Stephen), Kathy, Suanne (husband Mike) and Joe (wife Linda); her grandchildren Matthew (wife Kellie), Joslyn, Sara (husband Paul), Cory, Justin (wife Archana), Rebecca (husband Kevin), Samantha and Zachary; and her great-grandchildren Charlie, Sophie, Elizabeth Elinor, Sammy and Stephen.

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