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Wake Service

March 3, 2023

Ancilla Domini Chapel

Greeting of the Body

Song

In Every Age

Verse 1

1. Long before the mountains came to be and the land and sea and stars of the night,
through the endless seasons of all time, you have always been, you will always be.

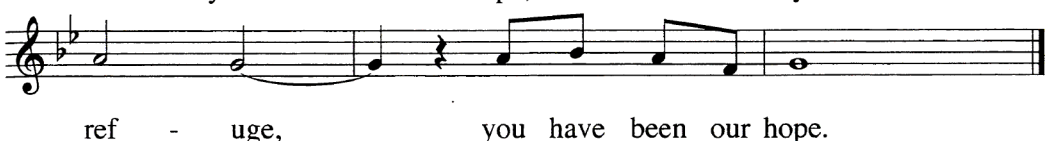
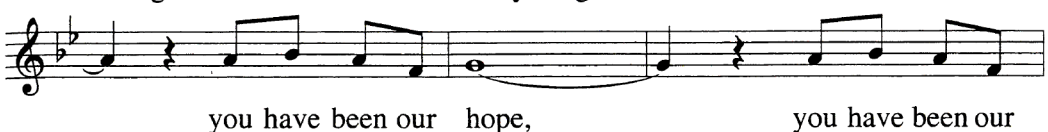
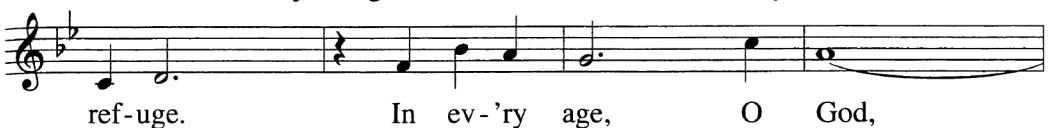
Refrain



Verses 2, 3

2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word we return to dust and scatter to the wind.
A thousand years are like a single moment gone,
as the light that fades at the end of day.
3. Teach us to make use of the time we have. Teach us to be patient even as we wait.
Teach us to embrace our ev'ry joy and pain,
to sleep peacefully, and to rise up strong.

♯ Coda



Text: Based on Psalm 90:1-4, 12, Janèt Sullivan Whitaker, b.1958
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Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: May our God who created us, who walks beside us on our earthly journey, and who is our eternal destination be hope and comfort to you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Leader: In the face of death, we confidently proclaim that God has created us for life. We believe that Jesus – through his death and resurrection – has conquered sin and death and opened for us the doorway into life eternal.

Sprinkling of the Body with Holy Water

Leader: The God of Light embraced our Sister Cathy at her baptism. Throughout her life she nurtured and tended God's love in her heart and soul. In ways both large and small, seen and unseen, God's love rippled through her and touched many individuals. We now bless Sister Cathy's body, appreciating the ways God used her to make Love present to us.

Wake Service for Sister Cathy

Opening Song

Hosea

Verses



1. Come back to me with all your heart.
 { Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
2. The wil - der - ness will lead you
 In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,
3. { You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



Don't let fear keep us a - part.
so must we to oth - ers' call.
to your heart where I will speak.
With ten - der - ness, { you shall know.
faith - ful - ness will be your joy. (To refrain)

Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

Text: Based on Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16,21; Joel 2:12; Gregory Norbet, b.1940
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Leader: Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,

All: **And let perpetual light shine upon her.**

Leader: May she rest in peace.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: **Amen.**



Psalm 16

Psalms for Praying
Nan C. Merrill

Remain ever before me, O Living Presence,
For in you I am safe.

You are my Beloved; in You and
through You I can do all things.

I look to those who are at one with You and
learn from them of your ways;
My delight increases each time I sense your Presence within me!
Songs of praise well up from my heart!

Love is my chosen food, my cup,
holding me in its power.
Where I have come from,
Where'er I shall go,
Love is my birthright, my true estate.

I bless the Counselor who guides my way;
in the night also does my heart instruct me.
I walk beside the Spirit of Truth;
I celebrate the Light.

I bask in the Oneness of All!
Thus my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
I shall not be afraid, nor fall into the pit of despair;
For in Love's presence I know fullness of joy.

You are my Beloved and, in You will I live forever.



Reading

Ruth 1:6-18

When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.”

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.”

No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD’s hand has turned against me!”

At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

“Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.”

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

Reflection

Sister Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC

Sharing of Stories

Magnificat

My Soul Gives Glory



1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God Who reach - es
2. God's mer - cy com - forts all who fear, Em - brac - ing
3. God's jus - tice sends the rich a - way, But feeds the



down with lov - ing grace To lift me from my
with a stead - fast arm That casts the might - y
poor with lav - ish things. Each hun - gry soul now



low es - tate And set me in the high - est place.
from their thrones, But keeps the hum - ble safe from harm.
fills with joy And joins the song that Mar - y sings:



Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat! With all my heart, I
Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat! The weak find strength; the
Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat! To God, Cre - a - tor,



an - swer Yes When God an - noun - ces won - drous
wear - y, rest. God's prom - ise sounds from age to
Christ, the Son; And Ho - ly Spir - it— tri - une



news. And ev - 'ry age shall call me blest.
age: The need - y of the world are blest.
God: All prais - es to the Three - in - One.

Closing Song

Covenant Hymn



1. Wher - ev - er you go, I will fol - low, Wher -
2. What - ev - er you dream, I am with you, When
3. And though you should fall, you will find me, When
4. Wher - ev - er you die, I will be there To
5. Wher - ev - er you go, I will fol - low, Be -



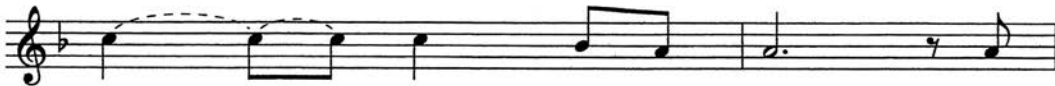
ev - er you live is my home. Though
stars call your name in the night. Though
no oth - er friend can you claim, When
sing you to sleep with a psalm, To
hold! The ho - ri - zon shines clear. The



days be of bless - ing or sor - row, Though
shad - ows and mist cloud the fu - ture, To -
foes beat you down or be - tray you And
soothe you with tales of our jour - ney, Your
pos - si - ble gleams like a cit - y: To -



house be of can - vas or stone, Though
geth - er we bear there a light. Like
oth - ers de - sert you in shame. When
fears and your doubts I will calm. We'll
geth - er we've noth - ing to fear. So



E - den be lost to the past, Though
A - bram and Sar - ah we stand, With
home and dreams aren't e - nough, And
live when jour - neys are done For -
speak with words bold and true The

moun - tains be - fore us be vast, Wher -
 on - ly a prom - ise in hand. But
 you run a - way from my love, I'll
 ev - er in mem - 'ry as one. And
 mes - sage my heart speaks to you. You

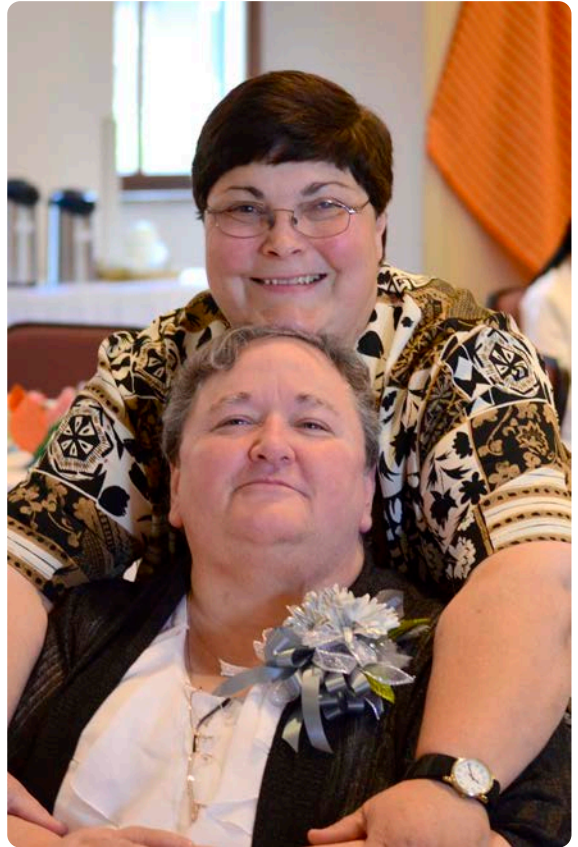
ev - er you go, I am with you, I
 lead where you dream: I will fol - low. To
 raise you from where you have fall - en. 7
 we will be bur - ied to - geth - er, And
 won't be a - lone, I have prom - ised. Wher -

nev - er will leave you a - lone.
 dream with you is my de - light.
 Faith - ful to you is my name.
 wak - en to greet a new dawn.
 ev - er you go, I am here.

Text: Ruth 1:16; Rory Cooney, b.1952
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Visitation



Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ



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