

The Rev. Dr. Benita Valerie Jarrett



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**Holy Cross Anglican Cathedral
3836 Oak Grove Road
Loganville, GA 30052**

**October 16, 2020
1:00pm**

Pre-service Music

Mr. Stephen Wilber

(Please stand)

Solemn Procession

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
shall never die.

John 11:25-26

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Job 19:25-27

For none of us lives to himself,
and no one of us dies to himself.
For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:7-9

For we brought nothing into the world,
and it is certain we carry nothing out.
The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away;
blessed be the name of the LORD. *1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21*

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
Even so, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors. *Revelation 14:13*

Opening Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light; Grant that your servant Benita, being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament

Isaiah 53:1-5

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 23

Read by Kristina Stallings, Granddaughter

New Testament

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

The Gospel

John 14:1-6

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sharings

The Homily

The Very Rev. Michael Guernsey

The Apostles' Creed

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Let us confess the Faith in the words of the
Apostles' Creed:

**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 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.

The Prayers of the People

(Please be seated)

Reader: Let us pray, saying, "Hear our prayer."
For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-
being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your
mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For Foley our Archbishop, and Frank, our Assisting
Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our
Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.
Lord, in your mercy:
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service. Lord, in your mercy:
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy:
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, especially Benita, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
People: **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**

At this time, we remind each other of the peace we have with God because of what Jesus has done for us.

Musical Offering

Alleluia
Mrs. Susan Griswold

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

(ACNA Renewed Ancient Rite)

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name as we say together:

The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Prayer of Consecration

(Please remain standing)

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high Priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Ministration of Communion

Celebrant: 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.

(Please be seated)

Administration of Communion

Please remain at your seat. The clergy will bring communion to you. If you are a baptized and believing Christian and wish to receive communion, please extend your hands when the clergy arrives at your seat. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Music

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

The Post Communion Prayer

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Let us pray:

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.

People: **Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION

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

Celebrant: You only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth we shall we return. For so you did ordain when you did create me, saying, “Dust you are, and to dust you shall return.” All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Benita. 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: 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 everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

No more dying there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dying there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dying there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

You are cordially invited to attend the graveside service immediately following this service at Eternal Hills Memory Garden, 3594 Stone Mtn. Hwy., Snellville. Please see one of the funeral directors for instructions on how to join the procession to the cemetery.

In Benita's own words:

I was born on January 16th, 1950 to Curtis and Ella Lewis. During the Easter time of 1957, I professed a faith in Yeshua and was baptized at Ebenezer Baptist Church. I attended Forestville Elementary School and graduated from Harlan High School in June 1967. I loved my high school days, even though I was initially very shy I started to blossom. I decided to become a professional nurse, and with the encouragement of my mother I became one of the first African American registered nurses with a B.S. from De Paul University.

On Sept. 12, 1971, I married John Patrick Glynn Jr. and we had three children. Kathleen Therese, John Patrick III, and Kimberly Michele. I thank God for my grandchildren: Mario Frankie Head Jr., Kristina Larrieux Stallings and Christopher Anthony Usher. Later on in September 21, 1990, I married James Jarrett Jr. We enjoyed life together for more than 20 years.

I enjoyed a long professional nursing career, working several hospitals on the north side of Chicago in various administrative capacities. We later moved to the Southside of Chicago, there I worked at LaRabida Jackson Park and St. Luke - Presbyterian as a case manager for home health. During those years, I noticed that I had been blessed with a healing touch, so I continued in this ministry for more than 30 years. I later decided to work for the Board of Education, so I transitioned into the field of education at Mercer University.

During 1980, I sensed a formal call to the ministry and answered it by attending McCormick Theological Seminary. I received my Master of Divinity, and later my Doctorate of Ministry from McCormick. During that time, I served as assistant pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Church and youth pastor at several United Methodist Churches. In 1986, I founded Agape Koinonia Ministries which was a religious organization that advocated for the rights of persons with aids and their families. I continued my healing ministry and work as an evangelist until February 2010. I became the organizer, and senior pastor of Agape Fellowship Church in Loganville, Georgia. We continue the ministry of spreading the Good News of Salvation comfort the lonely, support those who are needy and imprisoned. I taught at Dekalb County Schools and then transferred to Walton County Schools. There, I enjoyed working with low achieving students, and encouraging them to become all the Lord wants them to become. The legacy of ministry continues with my family. I leave a host of relatives, cousins besides my children and grandchildren to work until Yeshua comes back.

To God be the honor and glory, all praises go to Him and Him alone.

Hallelujah!