

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

DR. EDNA LOUISE SAFFY

MARCH 8, 1935 - JUNE 20, 2010

COMMENDED UNTO GOD: JUNE 28, 2010

I · AM · THE

*I know that my*

RESURRECTION

*Redeemer liveth,*

AND THE LIFE

*and that he shall*

SAITH · THE LORD · HE · THAT

*stand at the latter day upon the earth;*

BELIEVETH · IN · ME · THOUGH

*and though this body be destroyed, yet shall*

HE · WERE · DEAD · YET · SHALL · HE

*I see God, whom*

LIVE · AND

*I shall see for myself,*

WHOSOEVER

*and mine eyes*

LIVETH · AND

*shall behold, and*

BELIEVETH

*not as a stranger.*

IN · ME · SHALL

*John 11:25-26; Job 19:25-27\**

NEVER · DIE.

St. John's Cathedral

1:00 p.m.

# The Order for The Burial of the Dead

*Dr. Edna Louise Saffy*

Officiant - The Reverend Kenneth L. Fields

Assisting Clergy - The Reverend Dr. Robert D. Askren

Canon for Music - Timothy Tuller

## Music before the Service

Beverly Chapman, Violin

## The Resurrection Anthem

*All stand while the following anthem is said by the Officiant.*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

*The people sing*

**Hymn 69, Lift Every Voice & Sing II**

In the Garden

## A Collect for Burial

*Officiant*           The Lord be with you.

*People*               And also with you.

*Officiant*           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 Edna, being raised with him, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people are seated.*

## The First Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-3

*Lector*           A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

*Lector*           The word of the Lord.

*People*           Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; \*  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; \*  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; \*  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## The Second Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Revelation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Musical Offering

On Eagle's Wings  
*Lindsey Tuller, Soprano*

Michael Joncas

## Reflections

Sharon R. Laird, Michael W. Fisher

## Homily

The Reverend Kenneth L. Fields

*The people stand*

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant* In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

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 power of 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 Lord's Prayer**

*People and Officiant*

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, now and forever. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People**

For our sister Edna, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who  
mourn for Edna, and dry the tears of those who weep.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of  
heaven.

*Hear us, Lord.*

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her  
fellowship with all your saints.

*Hear us, Lord.*

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in  
your heavenly kingdom.

*Hear us, Lord.*

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation,  
and eternal life our hope.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Officiant concludes*

Father of all, we pray to you for Edna, and for all those whom we love but see  
no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May  
her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in  
peace.

## The Peace

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*The Clergy and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Robert D. Askren  
Canon, St. John's Cathedral

## The Commendation

*The Officiant and other ministers take their places at the body.*

*Officiant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

*People* where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Officiant* You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; 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.

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

*The Officiant says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Edna. 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. Amen.

## The Blessing

*The Officiant blesses the People saying*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 680, The Hymnal 1982 "O God, our help in ages past" *St. Anne*

## The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in peace.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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*Interment will take place immediately following the service  
at Oak Lawn Cemetery, 4801 San Jose Boulevard.*

Participants in the Service

Officiant: The Reverend Kenneth L. Fields

Assisting Clergy: The Reverend Dr. Robert D. Askren

Organist: Timothy Tuller

Soloist: Lindsey Tuller

Violinist: Beverly Chapman

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Pallbearers

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