

**"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."**

John 14:3, NRSV

**The Funeral Service of Victory
for
SYLVIA PATRICIA ROYAL**

July 21, 1941 ✕ ✕ ✕ September 15, 2021

October 14, 2021

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✕ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✕

The Viewing and Visitation
Music for Meditation

9:00 AM

The Service

10:00 AM

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 801

“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!

The Invocation and Words of Comfort:

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Remembrance of Baptism:

- P** In Holy Baptism, Sylvia was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- C** **We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**



The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Sylvia and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

²a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

⁹What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; ¹³also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



The Responsive Psalm

Psalm 23

P ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C ²**He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

P ³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C ⁴**Even 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.**

P ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Epistle

Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then 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. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6, 18-19, 27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And if 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. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” ...

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.” ...

²⁷“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles’ Creed

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

The Congregation is seated.

The Choral Selection

“One Day at a Time, Sweet Jesus”

A Time for Memorials by Family and Friends

Memorial Letter from Freedman's Alumni Association -

Carol Johnson, President of Freedmen's Alumni Association

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 739

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 When my life is al - most gone,
 And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

The Sermon

Pastor Lloyd D. Gaines, Sr.

The Choral Offering

“In Christ Alone”

The Congregation rises.

The Prayers:

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy Body and Blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We thank You that You have given Sylvia a long life of grace and pray that You would grant that we, too, may die in peace and receive the crown of everlasting glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to the family of Sylvia and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Look graciously upon those who mourn the death of a beloved mother and grandmother and bring them to a joyous and blessed reunion in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive our thanks for Sylvia and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C** **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 *Nunc Dimittis*:

- P** "I am the Resurrection and the Life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."
- C** **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** "I am the Resurrection and the Life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."



The Commendation:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P We commend the body of our sister, Sylvia, into the Lord's care, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

P May God the Father who created this body; may God the Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C **Amen.**

P I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

Revelation 14:13

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the Resurrection and the Life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

from Hebrews 13:20-21

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the Name of the Lord. Amen.**

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 671

Tune: Hymn to Joy

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

- 1 **Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God’s likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.**

- 2 **Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev’ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the_ eternal gates.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

3 **Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
 Jesus lives who once was dead.
 Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
 Child of God, lift up your head!
 Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
 Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
 When, amid earth's closing thunders,
 Saints shall stand before the throne!**

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This Service of Victory will conclude at a later date with a private Service of Committal on the grounds of Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Maryland where the earthly remains of our sister in Christ, Sylvia, will rest until the Day of Resurrection of all flesh.

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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✠ ***Those Who Serve*** ✠

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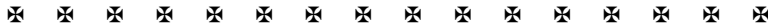
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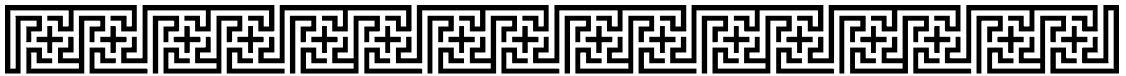
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I
am the
RESURRECTION
and the
LIFE.

He who
believes in
me will
LIVE,
even though
he dies.

John 11:25



Sylvia Patricia Royal

1941—2021

Sylvia Patricia (Bailey) Royal was born July 21, 1941 at Gallingers Hospital in Washington, DC to the late Profit and Elvira Bailey. She was born at 7 months premature. The family moved back to New York where she was raised in Carle Place, NY with her late brother Edward Bailey. In 1963 she started classes at Glen Cove Community Hospital for practical nursing, worked in pediatrics for 2 years and continued with her education at Nassau Community College. In the fall of 1966, she started attending Freedman's Hospital School of Nursing, in Washington DC and then graduated in May of 1970. It is there, at Howard University, where she met her late husband Dr. George C. Royal Jr. They were married in 1969 in Westbury, NY.

After graduating from Freedman's, she began working at Providence Hospital for a tenure of 40 years. She worked in Labor and delivery, postpartum and her favorite Special care nursery (NICU). During her tenure at Providence, she decided to go back to school to get her BSN and attended Catholic University in 1986

Outside of working she was very active with her Freedman's Alumni Local Club. She served as a secretary at the local club and the Executive Board.

Sylvia had many hobbies such as knitting, crocheting, tatting and sewing. In her downtime, she enjoyed knitting, crocheting with her 2 clubs she was affiliated with at Senior Connection and Woodridge Library. She also participated in activities with friends at the Model Cities Senior Center.

Sylvia Royal is survived by her children, Geraldine Royal-Hopkins, Chris Royal, Gregory Royal, Michelle McNear, and Eric Royal. Her son George Royal III preceded her in death in 2019. She has 10 grandchildren, Paris, Phillip, Jaiden, Cheyenne, Tanner, Amaya, Brant, Zari, Marist, and Galen. She also has 1 great grandchild, Jurnee. She is also remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.





I leave with you;

My *Peace*
I give you.



John 14:27

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