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Frances Howe Graham
July 11, 1934 ~ December 18, 2023



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Reception of the Body

The Celebrant meets the body at the door of the church and says

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our sister Frances for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that he will raise him to perfection in the company of the saints.

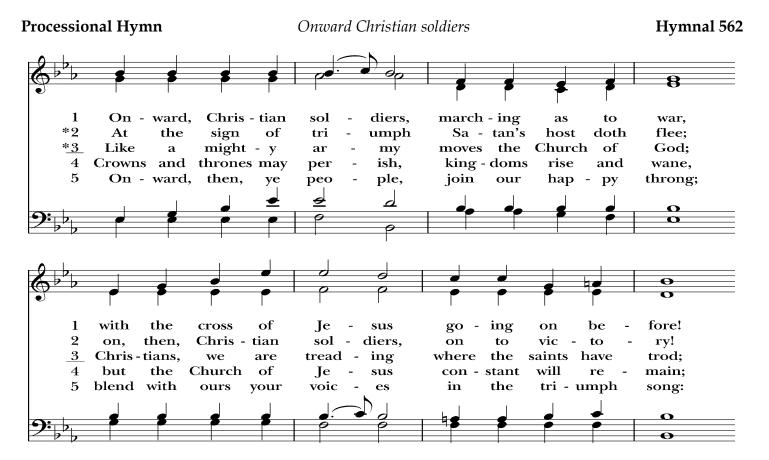
Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says

Deliver your servant, Fran, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set her free from every bond; that he may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on God, and know the consolation of his love.

Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in your mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*





The Celebrant says

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.

Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantTogether, 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 Frances, 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 sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson – *Ecclesiastes 3:1-13*

Read by Cyndee Solomon

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

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 throw 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 throw 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 have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150 *Laudate Dominum*

Read by Madeline Graham

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.
- ² Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.
- ³ Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.
- ⁴ Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.
- ⁵ Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- ⁶ Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

The Epistle – *Revelation* 21:2-7

Read by Janni Brecht

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

²And I saw the holy city, the 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, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then 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 water as a

gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

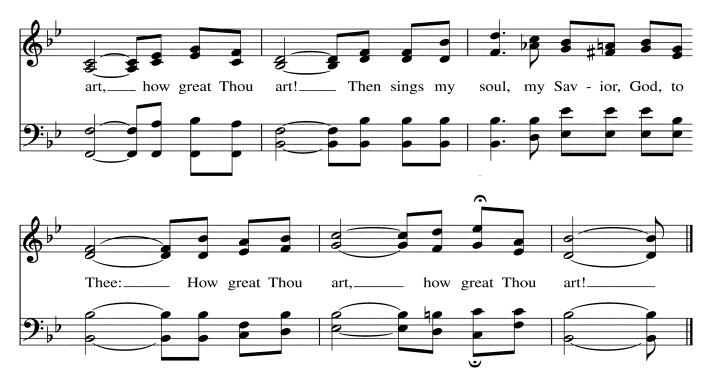
People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.





* The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."



The Gospel – *John 14:1-6*

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Reflections

Emily Towle Fr. Chris Jubinski

The people stand as they are able.

Apostle's Creed

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

Celebrant and People

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.

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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

Lay Eucharistic Minister

God, your will for us is abundant life; receive Frances now into the fullness of life in your presence. *Hear our prayer*.

You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith; shed the brightness of your light on Frances, who also sought understanding. *Hear our prayer*.

You are greater than all our ideas and images of you; draw Frances into the mystery of your being. *Hear our prayer*.

We know you as perfect Mercy and Love; welcome Frances in the grace of that love and mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

We praise you as the giver of life; gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life. *Hear our prayer*.

The Church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit; and so we commend Frances to you, giving thanks for the gift of his life. *Hear our prayer*.

Celebrant

May the Holy One, to whom all the desires of our hearts are known before we ask, hear our prayers for Frances, and for all who mourn, and grant us newness of life, and peace. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.



The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*



The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

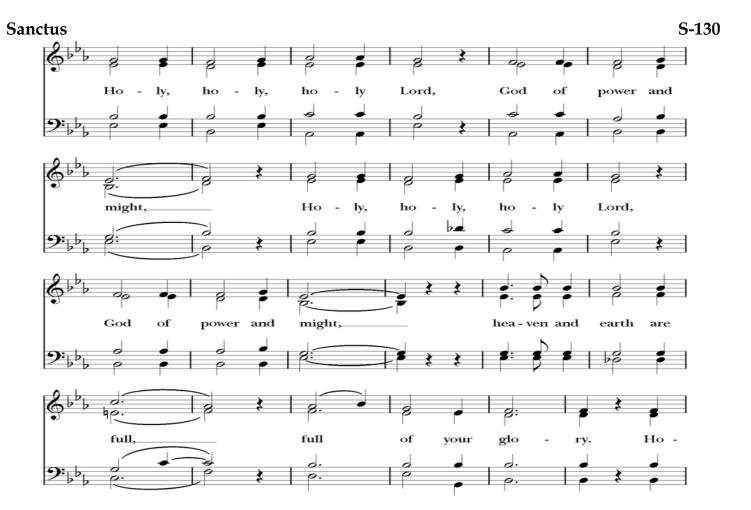
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Proper Preface for the Departed

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 with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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. *AMEN*.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

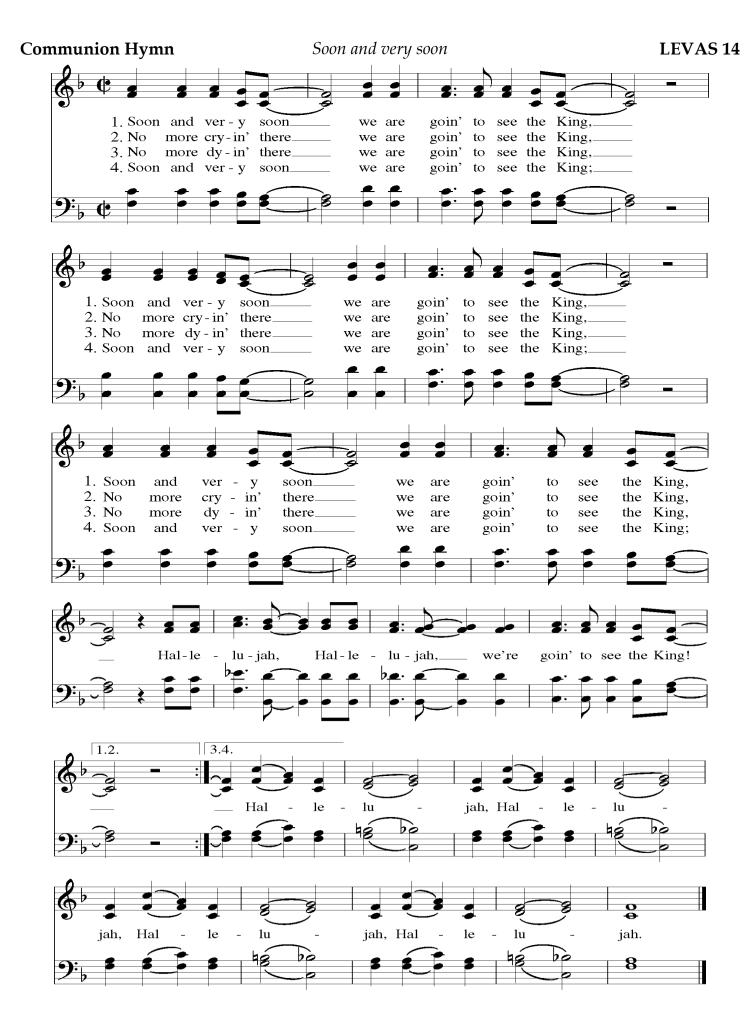


The Priest invites the people to Communion

Dear sisters and brothers, these are the Gifts of God for us, the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



<u>Communion Norms</u>--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. Please notify Fr. Chris at the Communion Rail.



The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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. Amen.

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body. This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said

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

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*.

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

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Frances. 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 peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

LEM: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



The service continues with the interment at Calverton National Cemetery 210 Princeton Boulevard Calverton, NY 11933

The Family will greet guests following the service at the cemetery at at a reception back at Saint Mark's the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to:
Saint Mark's Church, Post Office Box 887, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978.

The Committal

The following anthem is said

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Frances; and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious unto her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then the Celebrant says

Gracious God, you alone are the source of all life. May your life-giving Spirit flow through us, so that we may be ministers of your compassion to one another; in our sorrow give us the calm of your peace, and kindle our hope, and in your good time, let our grief give way to joy, through Jesus Christ our Deliverer. *Amen.*

Rest eternal grant to Frances, O Lord:

And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May her soul, + and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

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. *Amen.*

Participating in this Service

Readers Cyndee Solomon, Madeline Glover, Janni Brecht

Pall Bearers
Bill Glover, Billy Glover, Chris Towle, Jim Towle, Jim Lansing, Greg Brecht

Sundy Schermeyer, Lay Eucharistic Minister

Larry Andria, Steve DeCaro, and Tom Horan, Ushers

Stephen Hunt, Organist

Father Chris Jubinski, Celebrant

From the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (P. 507)



The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Frances Howe Graham



Frances H. Graham of Remsenburg and most recently Eastport died on December 19. She was 89.

Born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, she and her younger sister, Marjorie "Margy" attended the local elementary school and after graduating High School, Frances took the government clerical/typist exam and was hired by the Army Headquarters for its Steno Pool. Fran continued writing the exams and taking interviews and the last one took was for a secretarial position to the Chief of Staff Operations in the Halifax Dockyard.

Frances married Douglas R. Graham Jr. when she was 34 years old. Fran met Doug at an Admiral reception and Fran remembered Doug as good looking, cheerful, had dimples, and a sparkle in his eyes. Doug went overseas for his employment, and the wrote and telephoned one another. At Christmas 1968, Doug came to Halifax and proposed to Fran. From there Fran and Doug moved to Mastic Beach, NY.

In 1978 they were thrilled to adopt a beautiful baby girl, 3 months old, who they named Madeline. Five years later they adopted another baby girl, this time four days old, and named her Emily.

In 1984 Fran and Doug built a home in Remsenburg. The house was located on a canal which ran out to Moriches Bay and Doug could dock his boat, the "The Finnie", Doug's nickname for Fran. They joined the Westhampton Yacht Squadron and took an active part in the activities sponsored by the Club. Frances assisted with the conduct of sailing races and became a certified Race Officer. Fran served as "First Lady" when Doug was Commodore and they continued to be integral members for nearly 40 years.

Frances was also an active member of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Westhampton Beach, NY. She oversaw the Sunday School when her daughters were younger, was a member of the church choir for many years, she actively participated in bible study and volunteered for many annual events.

For 12 years Fran wrote a column for the Southampton Press which had the title "Remsenburg and Speonk". The column was comprised of news items about the children in school and sports and local events or areas of interest to those living in the hamlets of Remsenburg and Speonk.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Douglas R. Graham Jr.

She is survived by her children Madeline (William Glover) and Emily (Christopher Towle), her grandchildren Nicholas "Nico" and Dylan, nieces, nephews, and many close family friends.



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