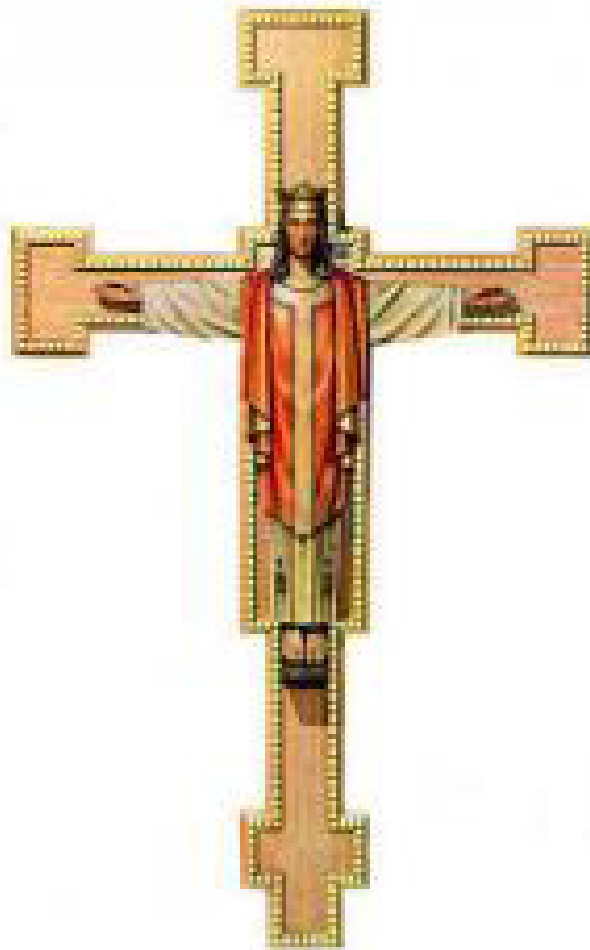


A celebration of the life of
Louise A. Hursh
21 May 1935 - 6 January 2024

Saint Francis in the Valley
Episcopal Church,
Green Valley, Arizona

Friday, 26 January 2024 at 11 AM



THE BURIAL OFFICE: RITE TWO

ORGAN PRELUDE

G. Winton Cassler

Prelude on the tune 'Bunessan' (Morning has broken)

OPENING HYMN 8

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| 1. Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word! | Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass. |
| 2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass. | 3. Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day! |

All standing, 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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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 Louise, 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.

People *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: 121

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| 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come? | 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right
hand, |
| 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth. | 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, * nor the moon by night. |
| 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not
fall asleep. | 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all
evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe. |
| 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Is-
rael * shall neither slumber nor sleep; | 8 The LORD shall watch over your going
out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore. |

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 692

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
and in your weariness lay down
your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till pilgrim days are done.

Please stand for

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:35-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY: The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

THE APOSTLES' 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. 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

For our Sister Louise, 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 Louise, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People 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.

(Celebrant) Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Louise, who was re-born by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

AT THE OFFERTORY, Hymn 680

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2. under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.*

Celebrant It is right, a good and joyful thing, 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 with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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 people may stand, sit, or kneel.

Celebrant 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.

(Celebrant) 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.

People **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven...

...for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The elements are offered at the Communion Rail and may be received either kneel-

ing or standing. Wine is received by intinction only. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

O God, our help in ages past

Healey Willan

During the Postlude the congregation moves to the Memorial Garden for the Committal.

THE COMMITTAL

Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant continues

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Louise, and we commit her body to its resting place; 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 to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together Our Father, who art in heaven...
...for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.

People *And let light perpetual shine upon her.*

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

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*
Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, *Celebrant and Homilist*

The Rev. Linda Hutson, *Deacon*

Bobbi Tucker, *Lector*

Norma Pool, *Acolyte*

Tom & Gloria Cadwalader, *Sound Technicians*

Sandy Eckstein, Arliene Stremming, *Ushers*

J. Michael Case, *Organist*

Memorials in honor of LOUISE A. HURSH may be made to

Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

600 South La Cañada Drive, Green Valley, AZ 85614

You are invited to a reception in the Parish Hall following the service.
Please sign the Guest Remembrance Book located at the back of the Church.



LOUISE HURSH of Green Valley, age 88, professional nurse and committed caregiver to anyone who needed it, passed away in her sleep in the early morning hours of January 6, 2024.

She was named Martha Louise when born in Monongahela, PA on May 21, 1935, to Carl and Martha Altenhof. She graduated from Monongahela high school in 1953 and became an RN after graduation from the Allegheny General Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, PA in 1956.

Louise married Neal Hursh in 1976 and moved to Indianapolis, IN. The couple later moved to Green Valley, AZ in the fall of 2000.

Louise's nursing experiences included working on a TB ward and in an emergency room. She oversaw an ICU, served as a director of nursing at a rehab hospital, worked in medical device sales, did private duty nursing, and cared for her son Steven when he became a paraplegic from a sledding accident. Regardless of where she was working professionally, she was always available and eager and able to help friends and neighbors with their medical needs.

Between nursing assignments, Louise worked as a travel agent and tour guide. She and Neal traveled to virtually every U.S. state. She loved to cruise. She visited Alaska, Hawaii, China, Russia, several European countries, and Caribbean islands.

After retirement she was an enthusiastic volunteer. She was a member of CERT. She was in the first Green Valley Fire Department Fire Corps training class, learned to drive the Fire Corps pickup truck and to catch and release rattlesnakes and Gila Monsters. She volunteered with Valley Assistance Services where she performed several nursing and promotional assignments. At the Green Valley Regional Hospital, she volunteered to coordinate other volunteers in the emergency room and operating rooms. She was also active in other civic organizations.

Louise loved her church, St Francis in the Valley Episcopal. She attended regularly and generously volunteered her time when she was healthy. She loved to come early for Sunday services so she could greet everyone as they arrived to worship.

Louise is survived by her husband Neal, their dog Misty Mae, Neal's two daughters, Brenda Brustad and Julie Knops, four grandchildren and one great grandson, close neighbors Jack Wiemann and Adele Rentz, and friends all over the country with whom she kept in touch over decades. She was preceded in death by her sons John and Steven Voelker, by her parents and her brother.

