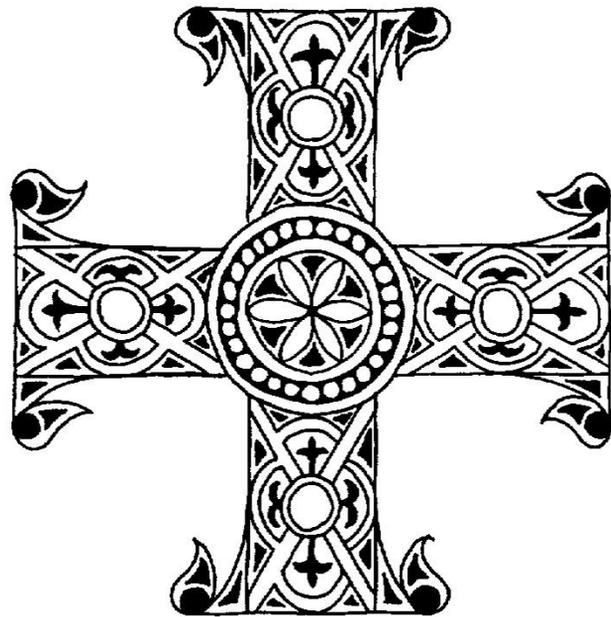


A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF  
PHYLLIS SUSAN MCKOY

FEBRUARY 28, 1955 - JANUARY 7, 2021



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The Burial of the Dead

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*Please wear your mask and maintain appropriate distancing. Masks are available for those who need one.  
We appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe.*

Prelude *Just As I Am Without One Plea*

*All stand*

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.

*All stand*

*The Officiant then says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*       **And also with you.**

*Officiant*    Let us pray.

*Silence may be kept; after which the Officiant says the following Collect*

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 Phyllis, 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.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Phyllis's friends and family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 121**

*Levavi oculos*

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

**Revelation 7:9-17**

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."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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| There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this<br>place,                  | There are blessings you cannot<br>receive                      |
| And I know that it's the spirit of the<br>Lord.                  | 'Til you know him in his fullness, and<br>believe.             |
| There are sweet expressions on each<br>face,                     | You're the one to profit when you<br>say,                      |
| And I know they feel the presence<br>of the Lord. <i>Refrain</i> | "I am going to walk with Jesus all the<br>way." <i>Refrain</i> |

*Refrain:* Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love,  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been  
revived  
When we shall leave this place.

*Opportunity to concisely share beloved memories of Phyllis*

Hymn

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

*Wer nur den lieben Gott*

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| If thou but trust in God to guide thee<br>And hope in him through all thy<br>ways,<br>He'll give thee strength whate'er<br>betide thee,<br>And bear thee through the evil days.<br>Who trusts in God's unchanging love<br>Builds on a rock that nought can<br>move. | Sing, pray, and keep his ways<br>unswerving;<br>So do thine own part faithfully,<br>And trust his word, though<br>undeserving;<br>Thou shalt yet find it true for thee;<br>God never yet forsook in need<br>The soul that trusted him indeed. |
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*Then, all standing, the Deacon or Minister appointed reads the Gospel, first saying*

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.'

**John 14:1-5a**

*At the end of the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Reverend John Bolin Shellito

*The Apostles' Creed may then be said, all standing as able.*

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

*Officiant 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.**

Hymn

*Amazing Grace*

*New Britain*

Amazing grace! how sweet the  
sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and  
snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus  
far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten  
thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's  
praise  
Than when we first begun.

## **The Prayers**

*All continue to stand as able*

For our sister, Phyllis, 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 Phyllis, 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 with the following prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Phyllis, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism.

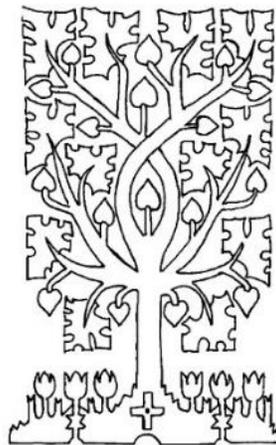
Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Postlude

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

*J. S. Bach*

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Gifts in gratitude for Phyllis's life may be made toward a scholarship in Phyllis's name at the University of Maryland.

Checks may be made to St. Barnabas' Church with "McKoy Scholarship" in the memo line.

Alternatively, you can donate online through our parish website: [Giving & Realm \(st-barnabaschurch.org\)](http://st-barnabaschurch.org).

Please look for "Phyllis McKoy Scholarship" in the drop-down menu.

**Phyllis Susan McKoy**  
**February 28, 1955 - January 7, 2021**

A "Keepsake Snapshot In Time" of  
Phyllis Susan's Life, Legacy & Achievements

Phyllis Susan was born to  
Mary and Charles Jones, on 28 February 1956, in Washington, DC.  
She had a Big Brother, Michael and has a Sister, Paula.  
She was born and raised in  
The Prospect Hill Community of Wash, DC.  
Phyllis attended Katie C. Lewis Elementary, Langley Jr High and  
Graduated from  
The William McKinley Technical High School, Wash. D.C. Class of 1973.

Phyllis was a member of  
St George's Episcopal Parish, Wash, D.C. and was christened there in June, 1956.  
She was confirmed at  
The Washington National Cathedral, Wash, D.C. in June 1968.

As a youth, Phyllis was a Brownie, Campfire Girl, a McKinley Student Class Rep,  
a member of her high school Glee Club, a flautist, tap dancer and played on her  
high school's volleyball team.  
Fluent in French and Chinese.

Phyllis has an Undergrad Degree from The School of Business,  
The Univ of MD, College Park, MD,

A Master's Degree from:  
Central Michigan Univ. Alexandria, Va Campus,

In high school, Phyllis was a  
Stay-In-School Student employed with The Dept of Navy.  
Eventually, employed with  
The Dept Of Interior and  
The Dept of Defense for 45+ years, as a Training and Safety Officer.  
She mentored many high school and college students throughout her career,  
assisting them with career goals, training, developing required Knowledge, Skills  
and Abilities and managed several scholarship programs for deserving high  
school and college students.

Phyllis is the recipient of many Awards and Recognition for Outstanding Performance and Service in her field, as a member of the Senior Executive Service Level (SES). She retired from The Department of Defense, Federal Executive Service in Dec 2012.

A Letter of Recognition for Outstanding Civil Service Performance from President Barack Obama.

A member of:

- \* The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Kappa Phi Undergrad Chapter,

- \* The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter (NoVAC),

- \* A Member of St George's and St Barnabas Churches Vestry,

- \* On The Executive Board of The Training Officers Consortium, Wash, DC, Managed The Annual Awards and Scholarship Program which awarded Academic Scholarships to two outstanding students at The Univ of The District of Columbia,

- \* A member of Blacks In Government,

- \* On The Executive Board of The National Association Of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Annandale Chapter,

- \* A Graduate of the 1st Class of The Executive Women's Leadership Program, Dept Of Interior, Wash, D.C,

- \* A Lifetime Member of The NAACP,

- \* A Lifetime Member of The McKinley Tech Alumnae Assoc,

- \* A Lifetime Member and Donor to The Univ of MD, School of Business and Alumnae Association,

- \* A Lifetime Member of The 9th and 10th Horse Calvary, Buffalo Soldiers, Wash, D.C. Chapter.

She is survived by her Husband, Sister Paula, Ted & Family, her Niece Alexis, Mike & Family, her Nephew Geoffrey, Malinda & Family, a host of Cousins, Relatives, Family, Friends, Sorority Sisters and her St Barnabas Family.

Phyllis taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and participated in.....

The "Annual Blessings" of The Backpacks.

Every year Phyllis generously donated to and collected Filled Backpacks, for needy children, in her community.

All Backpacks were Blessed, at the beginning of the school year, by St Barnabas.

She enjoyed, immensely, her role as Auntie, in raising her niece, Alexis and nephew, Geoff.

An awesome Auntie and True Role Model.....

Her favorite songs are.....:

Amazing Grace,

Sweet, Sweet Spirit.

Phyllis always loved to travel, especially, as a world traveler, visiting very interesting, exciting Countries and States, such as China, Dubai, Australia and The Mediterranean.

Her love for Music, History, "Afternoon Tea at The Strathmore" and The Fine Arts, complimented her journey.

Phyllis is truly an awesome Sister, Friend, Soror, Auntie and an Empowered Black Woman.

Thanks again for all your continued prayers, love and support.....

Phyllis loved her family more than life, So.....

"For His Anger Endureth But A Moment, In His Favor Is Life: Weeping May Endure For The Night, But Joy Cometh In The Morning."

Psalm 30:05 KJV.

Thanks Be To God!

## **Participants**

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Officiant & Homilist | The Reverend John Bolin Shellito |
| Organist             | Stephen Ackert                   |
| Crucifer             | Michael Dugger/Cindy McLaughlin  |
| Old Testament Lesson | Grace Robbins                    |
| Psalm                | Dawn Schaefer                    |
| New Testament Lesson | George Sinclair                  |
| Prayers              | Behn Ayala                       |
| Ushers               | Dawn & Jeff Schaefer             |
| Videographers        | Jessica and Andy Riddle          |

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*Serving our community, the world, and each other  
through the love of Jesus Christ*

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