A Memorial Service
in Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the Life of

Julia Sarah Putnam

September 29, 1952 to October 23, 2026



Epiphany Parish of Seattle
1805 38th Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98122

November 7, 2026 at 4:30 pm

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all 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.

From The Book of Common Prayer, *p. 507*

We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service.
Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence.
Thank you for turning off all electronic devices.

An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users.
To use please switch your hearing aid to "T."

Organ Prelude

Introit O Radiant Dawn James Macmillan

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light,
sun of Justice:
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.

Isaiah had prophesied:
"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

The Entrance

At the sound of the bell, please rise as able.

The presider says the following anthems in procession.

Presider I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to themself,
and no one dieth to themself.
For if we live, we live unto the Lord;
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

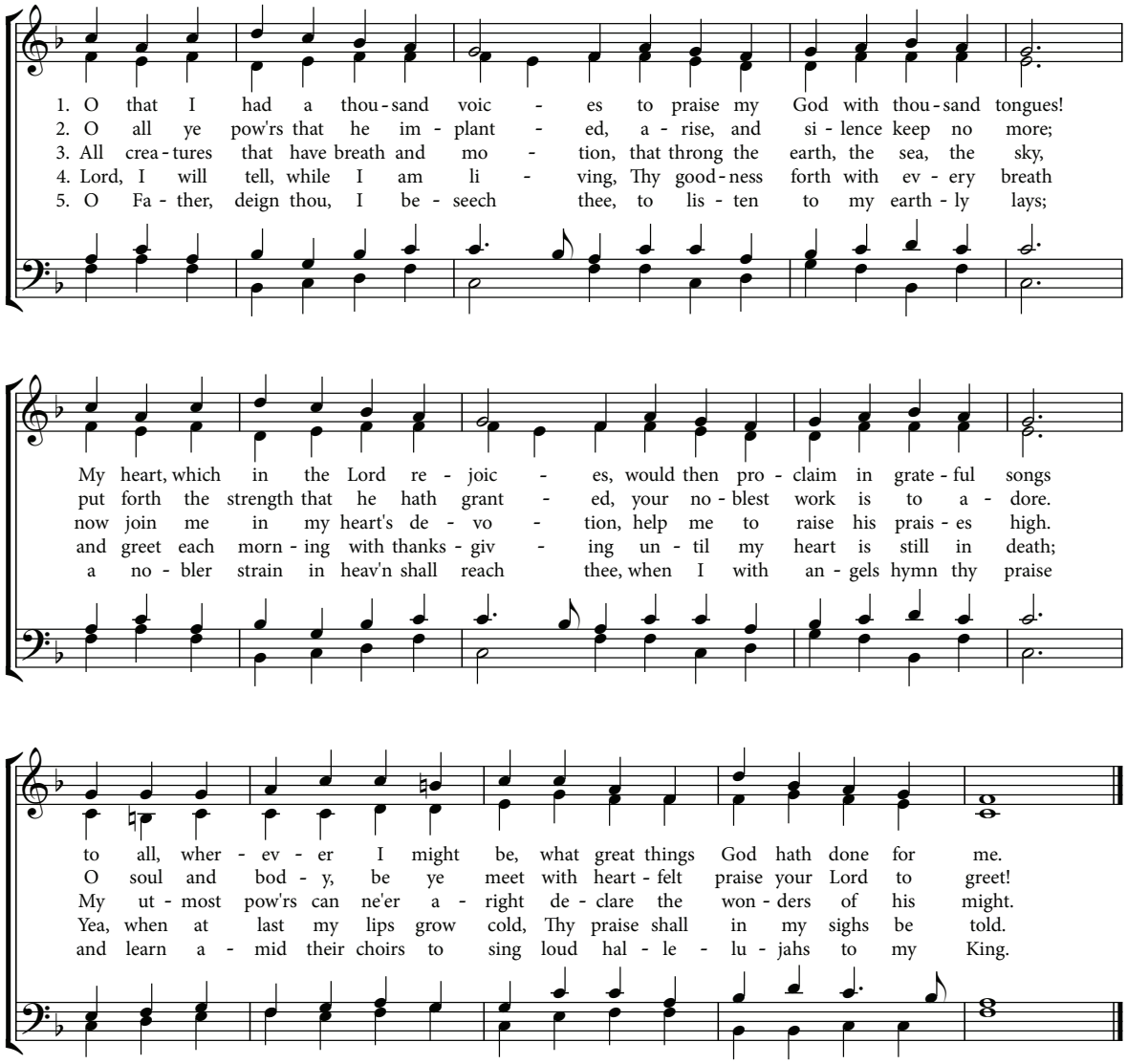
Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Julia, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The people remain standing to sing

Hymn O that I had a thousand voices MENTZER



Eulogies

Robert L. Bergman
Joel R. Putnam

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson *read by Cecilia Moure* **Wisdom 3: 1-9**

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;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.
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.**

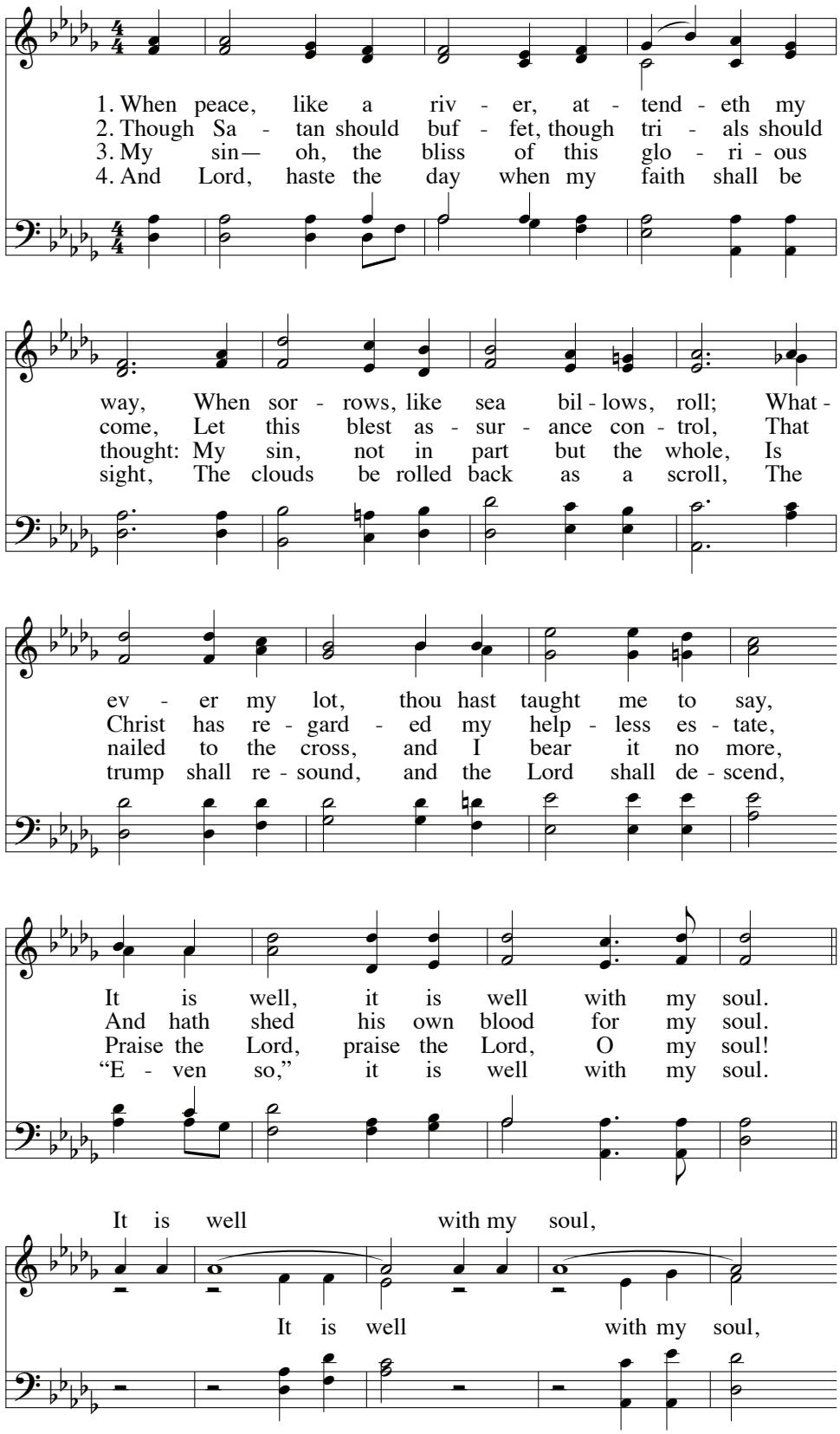
Remain seated for
The Second Lesson *read by Sage Nephew* **2 Corinthians 1: 3-7**

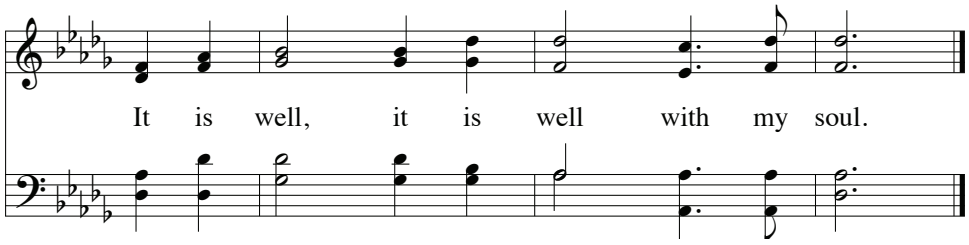
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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

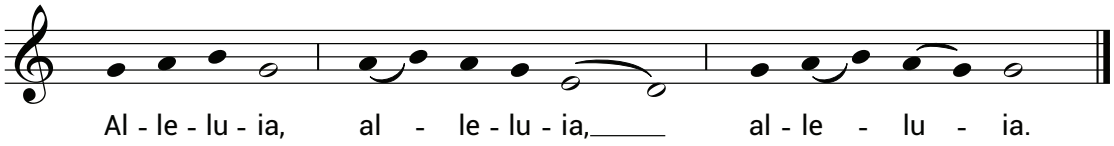
The people stand to sing.

Hymn It is well with my soul VILLE DU HAVRE





The Gospel Acclamation *The refrain is sung first by the Cantor, and then sung by all.*



Verse: Blessed are those who die in the Lord;
let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them. ***Refrain*** (*sung by all)*

The people remain standing for

The Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily The Reverend Kate Wesch

Silence is kept after the homily.

The people stand for

The Prayers

The intercessor and people pray responsively.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. **Amen.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. **Amen.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen**.

Grant us grace to entrust Julia to thy never-failing love; receive her into the arms of thy mercy, and remember her according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen**.

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen**.

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The people stand for

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence
Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem Bring us, O Lord God Paul Halley

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you
out of darkness into his marvellous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

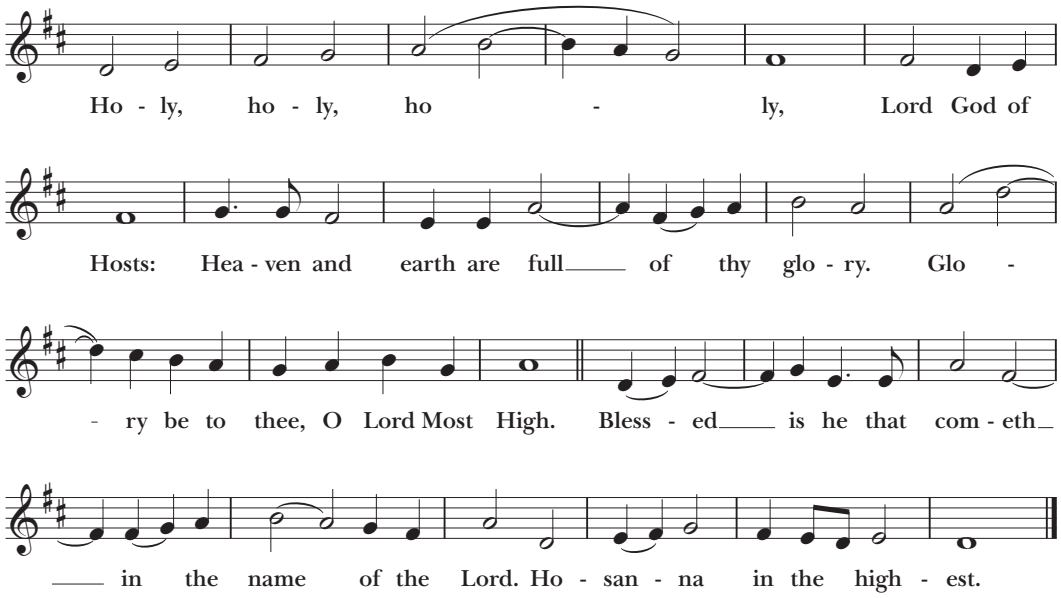
The people stand for
Eucharistic Prayer II

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

Sanctus *sung by all* *Healy Willan*



The people remain standing. The Presider continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

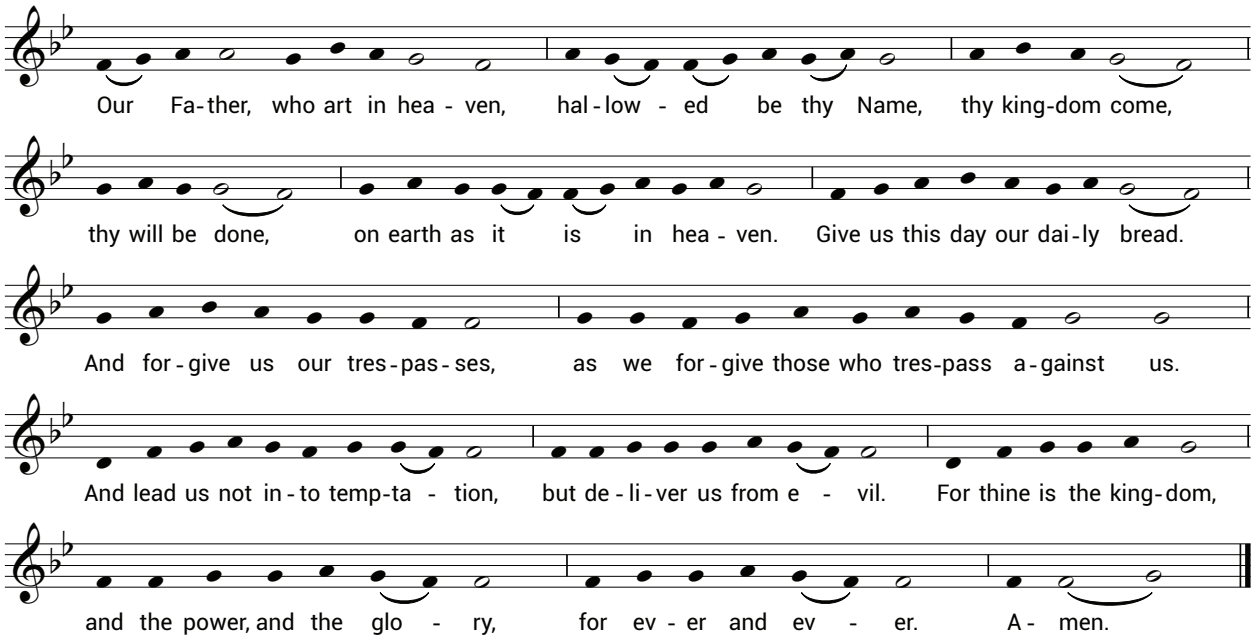
Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray:

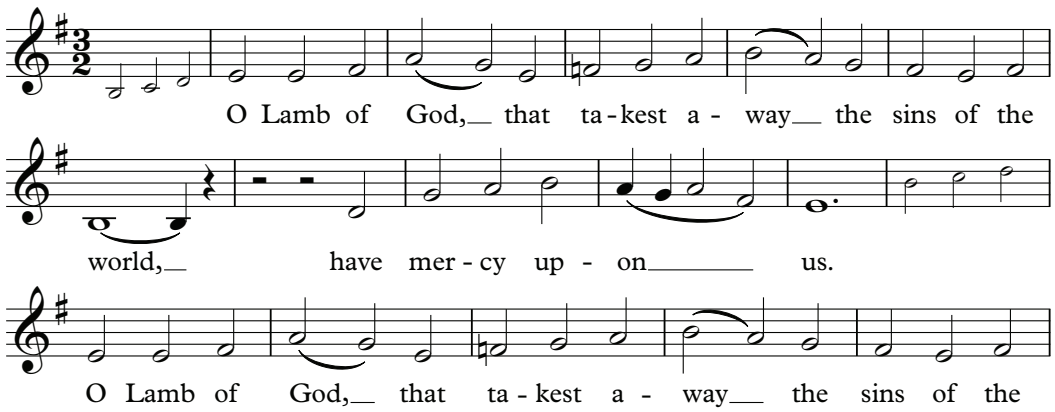


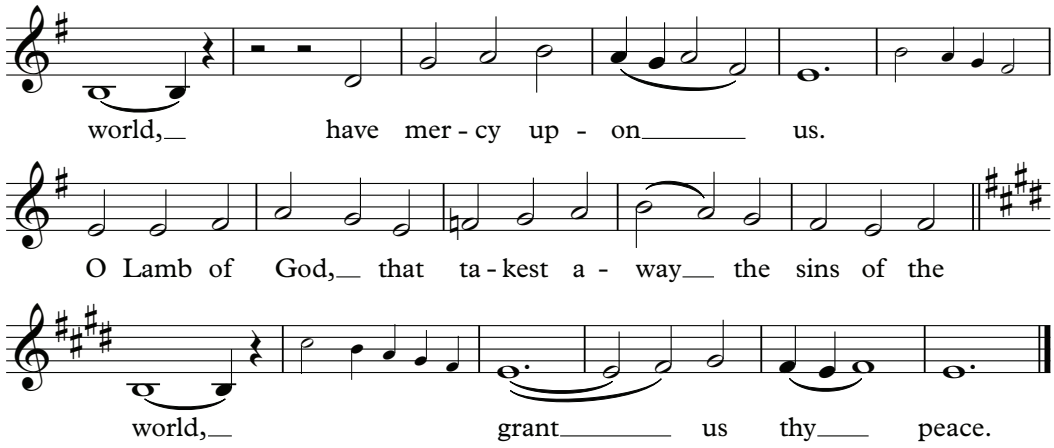
Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Willan





The Invitation to Communion

Presider 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.

All are invited to receive the Holy Communion. It is your choice as to whether you receive Holy Communion or a blessing. You may receive Communion or a blessing at the standing station in the front of the nave or proceed to the altar rail. The bread will be placed in your palm. You may consume the bread and then drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice firmly and guide it to your lips); or, you may leave the bread in your palm for the chalice bearer to dip it into the wine and place it on your tongue. Self-intinction is strongly discouraged by the Episcopal church. The people's response to receiving the bread and the wine is "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available. To indicate to the Eucharistic minister that you would like a gluten-free wafer, please present your hands palms down. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

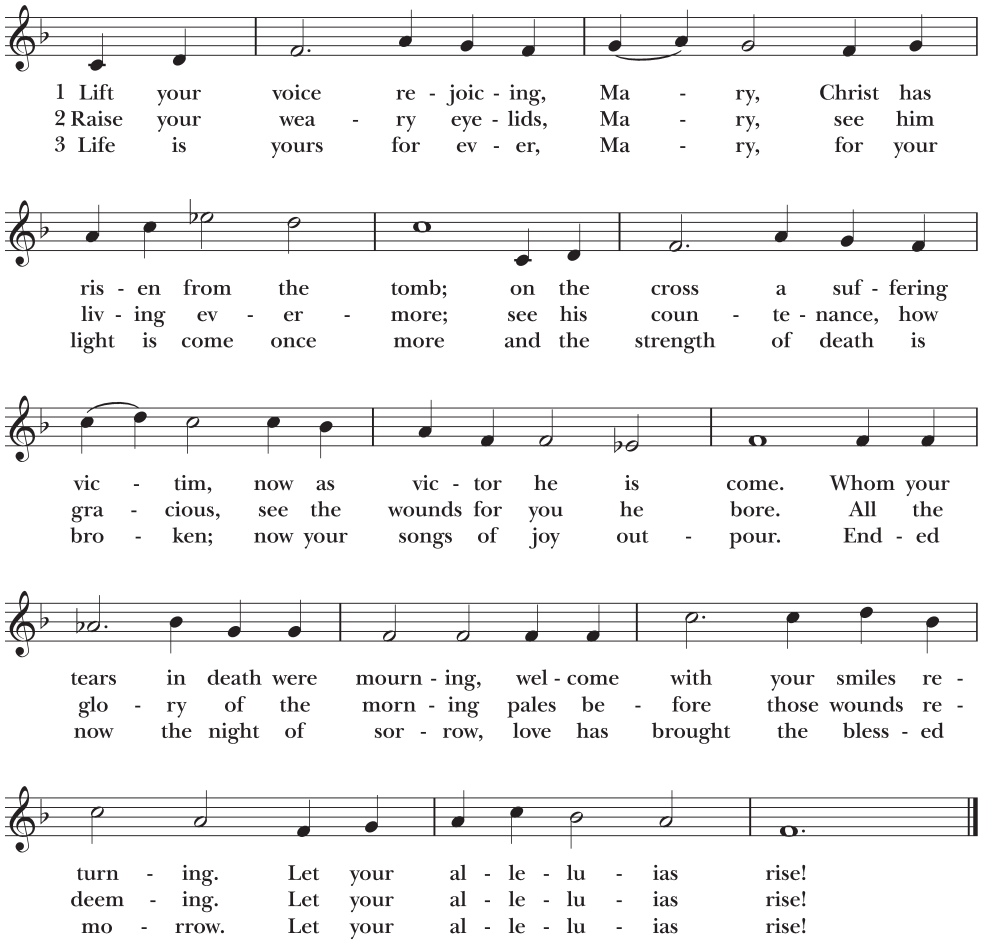
Music at the Communion

Anthem *(sung by the choir)* O quam gloriosum Tomás Luis de Victoria

O how glorious is the kingdom
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ,
clad in robes of white
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

(Sung in Latin)

Hymn *sung by all* **Lift your voice, rejoicing Mary** FISK OF GLOUCESTER



The people stand for

The General Thanksgiving

Presider Let us pray.

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that thou hast done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for thy Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of thy kingdom.

Grant us the gift of thy Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to thee in all things. Amen.

The Commendation

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

Presider Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Presider Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Julia. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Anthem *Nunc Dimittis in D* George Dyson

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

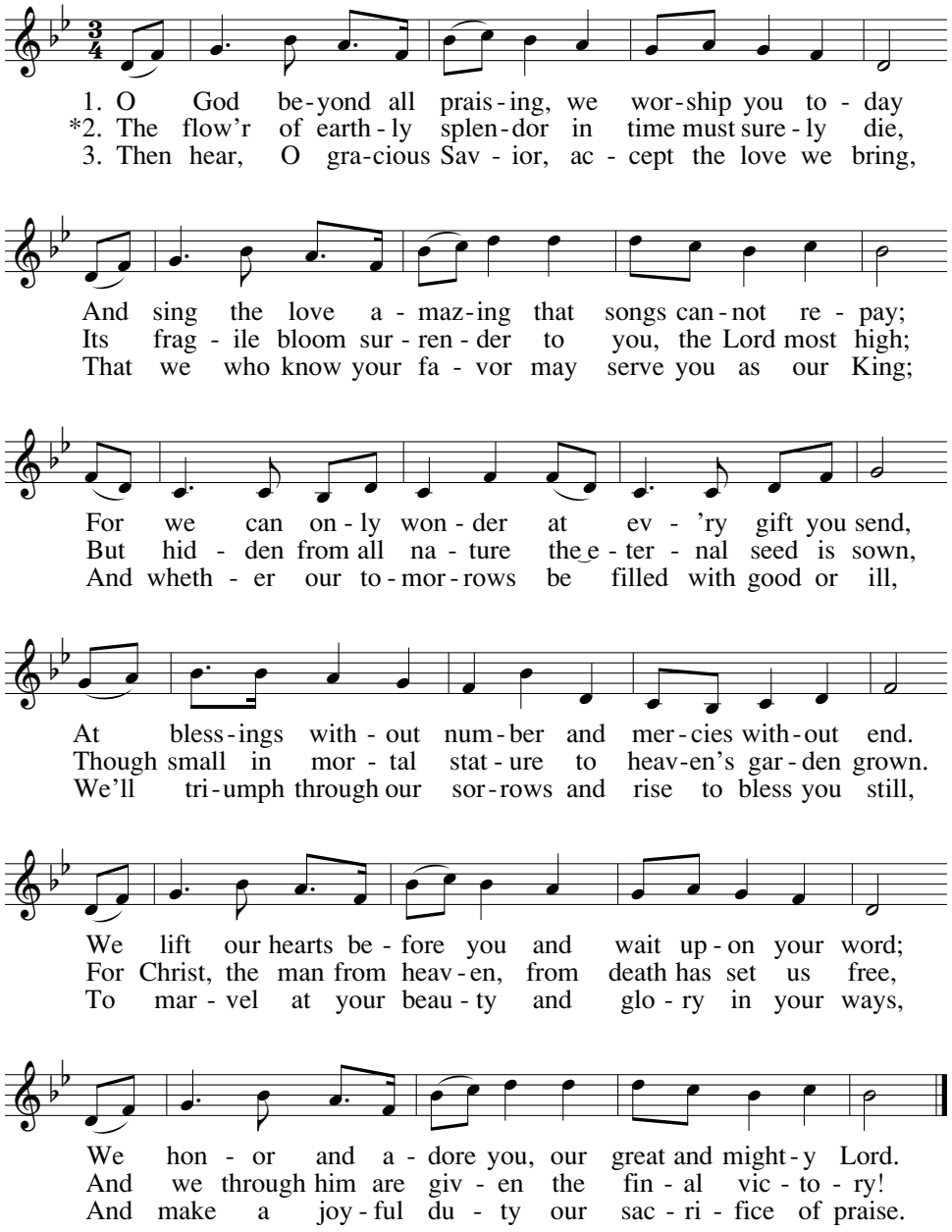
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider May God, who has given us, in the lives of the saints,
patterns of holy living and victorious dying,
strengthen your faith and devotion,
and enable you to be witness to the truth
against all adversity.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you forever.
People **Amen.**

Hymn O God beyond all praising THAXTED



Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Voluntary

You are cordially invited to the reception
following the ceremony in

The Great Hall

Across the skybridge in the
back of the church

Please share your memories of Julia with her family here:

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please try ***joelrputnam.com/julia*** or email ***joelrputnam@gmail.com***.

Serving this day

Rector The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr.
Parochial Vicar The Reverend Kate Wesch
Director of Music Zachary Hemenway
Organist Dr. Wyatt Smith
Epiphany Choir
Director of Worship Diane Carlisle
Eulogists Robert Bergman, Joel Putnam
Lectors Cecilia Moure, Sage Nephew
Crucifer Travis Salisbury
Torch Bearers Rodolfo Quinones, Susan Snyder
Eucharistic Ministers Mike Balin, Cory Carlson
Altar Flowers Sandra Darling
Parish Life Minister Amanda Eap
Ushers Valerie Conn, Ron Lee, Dwayne Shearer, Lorelle Shearer, Alec Williamson

Julia Sarah Putnam

Julia S. Putnam, LICSW, died unexpectedly yet peacefully on October 23, 2026. She was 74 years old. Throughout her life Julia was an outspoken feminist and advocate of civil rights and human decency for all. She loved music, from attending opera at the Met in New York to singing folk songs with friends and family in a ranch workshop built for large tractors. She practically inhaled murder mystery novels and was only bested in spotting whodunit on Murder She Wrote once, and that was with a secret accomplice in Florida who'd watched the episode three hours earlier. While appreciative of aesthetics, she prized practicality, and was happy to let her young grandchildren play with her large fit-over sunglasses and vests with an absurd multitude of pockets. To her family and friends, she was a rock of strength, a pillar of stability, and an everlasting font of love and wisdom. She became the first person so many turned to for guidance and support (and a laugh) through a combination of her character, her professional training, and growing up in a place that fostered a high degree of personal capability and a spirit of helping your neighbor and family.

Julia was born September 29, 1952 and raised near Inchelium, Washington on the Colville Reservation on a cattle ranch that was first connected to the electric grid around that same year. She was the youngest of three children and only daughter of Florence Lee Putnam formerly of NACA (now known as NASA) and her husband, WWII U.S. Army veteran Carl Van Putnam. Her father, after making a three-little-pigs-esque observation of what structures still stood in postwar Germany, decided to build his family a stone house, largely through his own labor. This ambitious endeavor took most of Julia's and her brothers' childhoods, which, consequently, they spent most of living in an unfinished basement. Naturally she grew up with and loved animals, managing to convince skeptics that cows are, in fact, cute ("those big eyes"). Her schoolmates and friends were mostly Native American and, being from a non-native family, she grew up with a deep understanding of cross-cultural relations, as well as a commitment to public service, demonstrated early by her time as a page in the Washington State legislature in high school.

In college at Washington State University, she formed an enduring group of friends who, with the addition of their spouses (and eventually children and grandchildren), remained close throughout her life. After graduating in 1974 she spent two years working with several of them in a group home for teenage girls run by the Children's Home Society in Spokane. Julia went on to achieve her Master's degree in social work at Virginia Commonwealth University in 1977. She then returned to Washington and led programs and training for the Seattle Indian Health Board and Ethnic Minority Mental Health Consortium.

While working at the Seattle Indian Health Board, Julia hired Robert ("Bob") L. Bergman, MD of the Indian Health Service to come give a talk. They stayed in contact, beginning a relationship in 1980, and married in 1983. The wedding was held at the ranch where she grew up, inspiring a subsequent gathering there of family, friends, and community known as the Putnam Ranch Roundup that was held annually for over three decades.

Julia transitioned to working as a psychotherapist, treating individuals, couples, and families, both at the Seattle University student mental health clinic until 2004 and in her private practice, which was busy and successful through her retirement in 2023. She also served as a lecturer and instructor in social work and psychotherapy at local institutions including Harborview Community Mental Health Center and the University of Washington.

Julia and Bob have one child, Joel, born in 1986 and the family, which has always been very close-knit, includes Julia's stepchildren Eric and Helen. Their extended family, including seven grandchildren, has been harmonious, warm, and close, largely because of her care, leadership, and sensitivity. It is a testament to those qualities that this harmony even includes her husband's ex-wife, Edna, who, when once asked at a church function how she and Julia knew each other, chuckled and described Julia and herself as "sister-wives." Julia and Bob were utterly devoted to one another throughout their forty-three years of marriage, and she recently cared for him through his diagnosis and ultimately successful treatment of lymphoma.

Julia has been an active and widely beloved member of Epiphany Episcopal Parish since the 1970s. Her committed efforts to that church span a full resume in their own right, including her membership (twice) on the parish vestry and her service as Senior Warden during the search for a new priest. She has for decades been a constant participant in the musical life of the parish, especially with the choir with whom she toured and performed in the UK.

Julia is survived by her husband Bob Bergman, their children Eric Bergman (Julia Nephew), Helen Bergman Moure (Charles), and Joel Putnam (Kendra Levin), their grandchildren Eli Molitors Bergman, Cecilia Moure, Isobel Moure, Sage Nephew, Madeleine Nephew, Miranda Putnam-Levin, and Corey Putnam-Levin, and her brothers Jim Putnam (Nancy) and Fred Putnam (Tena), as well as their surviving children Crystal Lawson, Janel Kidd (Ian), and Carrie Putnam, her adored (if somewhat deranged) cats, Orville and Amelia, and countless others for whom she was a foundational source of wisdom, humor, comfort, and sanity. She was predeceased by her parents, Carl and Florence Putnam, and her beloved niece Lisa Russell. She was the best person in the world.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Julia's memory to the Music at Epiphany or Planned Parenthood.

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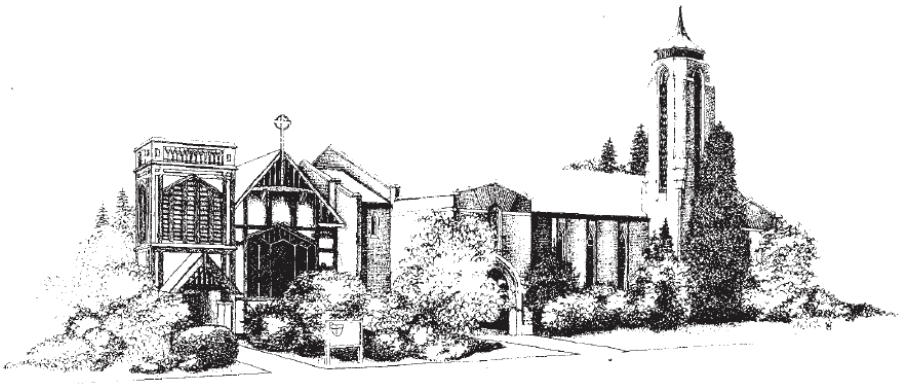
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