

# SAINT JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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## THE MASS FOR CHRISTIAN BURIAL

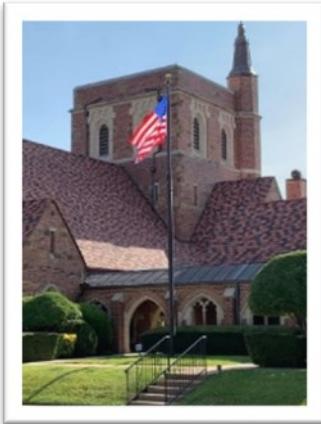


**Srikanthi Warnesuriye**  
**April 1, 1940 - January 10, 2023**

**Monday, January 16, 2023**  
**5:00 pm**

## Regarding Christian Death and Burial

The burial of a Christian is an occasion to find joy in Jesus' promise of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. As we say in the Apostles Creed, "I believe in the ... resurrection of the body and life everlasting." (BCP 253) We know that "***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.***" (BCP 159)



The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by 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.***" (Rom 8:38-39)

The burial of a Christian looks forward to eternal life rather than backward to past events and personality. It does not primarily focus on the achievements or failures of the deceased; rather, it calls us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and his triumph over death, even as we celebrate the life and witness of the deceased.

The readings are from the Bible, and the music from the Anglican Hymnal and historic Christian tradition.

The Book of Common Prayer has always admonished Christians to be mindful of their mortality. It is therefore the duty of all Christians, as faithful stewards, to draw up a Last Will and Testament, making provision for the well-being of their families and not neglecting, if able to leave bequests for the mission of the Church.

In addition, it is important while in health to provide direction for one's own funeral arrangements, place of burial, and the Scripture readings and hymns of the burial liturgy, and to make them known to the rector.

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# Gathering of the People

*Please talk to God before Mass and to each other afterwards. The opportunity for people to prepare properly for worship by saying their prayers before the service begins is of the greatest importance.*

## ***Prelude***

### **The Reception of the Body**

*Book of Common Prayer 247*

*The funeral pall is draped over the casket at this time.*

### **All Stand.**

*The following is said at the time the body or cremains is brought into the church.*

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Silence is kept; after which the Celebrant says*

O Sovereign Lord Christ, we beseech thee to deliver thy servant, *Srikanthi*, from all evil, and set *her* free from every bond; that *she* may rest with all thy saints in the eternal habitations; where thou livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept; after which the Celebrant says*

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

*The Procession of the casket begins with the reading of Biblical anthems.*

*The Celebrant reads the anthems.*

*Book of Common Prayer 249*

### ***Opening Biblical anthems in Procession***

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. (**John 11:25,26**)

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh shall I see God,  
whom I shall see for myself,  
and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. (**Job 19:25-27**)

For none of us liveth to himself,  
and no man dieth to himself.  
For whether we live, we live unto the Lord,  
and whether we die, we die unto the Lord.  
Whether we live therefore, or die  
we are the Lord's. (**Romans 14:7-9**)

We brought nothing into this world,  
and it is certain we can carry nothing out.  
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away;  
blessed be the name of the LORD. (**1 Tim. 6:7 and Job 1:21**)

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord;  
Even so, saith the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors. (**Revelation 14:13**)

*Remain standing during hymn and the Collect for burial.*

**Opening Hymn “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath”**

**Words: Isaac Watts.**

I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath,  
And when my voice is lost in death,  
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;  
My days of praise shall ne’er be past,  
While life and thought and being last,  
Or immortality endures.

Why should I make a man my trust?  
Princes must die and turn to dust;  
Vain is the help of flesh and blood:  
Their breath departs, their pomp and power  
And thoughts all vanish in an hour,  
Nor can they make their promise good.

How happy they whose hopes rely  
On Israel’s God, Who made the sky  
And earth and seas with all their train:  
His truth forever stands secure;  
He saves th’ oppressed, He feeds the poor,  
And none shall find His promise vain.

The Lord gives eyesight to the blind;  
The Lord supports the sinking mind;  
He sends the labouring conscience peace;  
He helps the stranger in distress,  
The widow, and the fatherless,  
And grants the prisoner sweet release.

He loves His saints, He knows them well,  
But turns the wicked down to hell;  
Thy God, O Zion! ever reigns:  
Let every tongue, let every age,  
In this exalted work engage;  
Praise Him in everlasting strains.

I’ll praise Him while He lends me breath,  
And when my voice is lost in death,  
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;  
My days of praise shall ne’er be past,  
While life and thought and being last,  
Or immortality endures.

*The Celebrant then says*

The Lord be with you.

**People** *And with thy spirit.*

**Officiant** Let us pray.

*The Collect for Christian Burial*

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ didst destroy death and bring life and immortality to light: Grant that thy *servant Srikanthi*, being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated for the hearing of God's Word.*

## The Lessons from Holy Scripture

### Old Testament Reading – 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

#### Our Heavenly Dwelling

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 23** *King James Version*

*The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.*

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

2 *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

3 He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

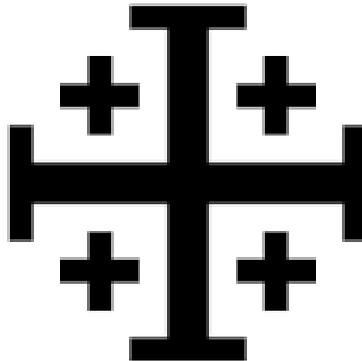
4 *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

**Reader:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**People:** *as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen*



*Sequence Hymn “Praise my soul, the king of heaven” Words: Henry F. Lyte*

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring!  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me His praise should sing?  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress!  
Praise Him still the same for ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless!  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face:  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

*All standing, the Priest reads the Gospel,*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to  
St. John 5:24-27**

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment but has passed from death to life. "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

*Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

*The Sermon Please be seated*

*The Rev. Sumith Fernando*

## *The Apostles' Creed*

*Book of Common Prayer 252*

*Please stand. The Celebrant introduces the Apostles' Creed, saying*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Ghost,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**

**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*

*Please kneel.*

*Book of Common Prayer 253*

Let us pray, saying, "Hear our prayer."

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

*Reader* Lord, in thy mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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

*Reader* Lord, in thy mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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.

*Reader* Lord, in thy mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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

*Reader* Lord, in thy mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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

*Reader* Lord, in thy mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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.

*Reader* Lord, in thy mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to *entrust Srikanthi* 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.

*Reader* Lord, in thy mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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.

*Reader* Lord, in thy mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Officiant concludes with the following or some other prayer*

Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in thine eternal and ever-lasting 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 Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## *The Commendation*

*The Celebrant and crucifer and clergy gather at the casket. The congregation stands.  
Book of Common Prayer 256*

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

*All* **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so didst thou decree, saying, “*Thou art dust, and to dust shalt thou return.*” All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

*The Celebrant says*

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy *servant Srikanthi*. 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.**

*The Celebrant dismisses the people.*

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

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

*The casket is taken from the church during the Recessional hymn.*

## *Tributes*

*Granddaughter, Dinella Fernando*

*Grandson, Nevishan Warnesuriye*

*Dhilanthi Fernando*

*Kapila Senaratne*

***Recessional Hymn***      ***“Safe in the Arms of Jesus”***      ***Words: Fanny Crosby***

Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on His gentle breast,  
There by His love o’ershaded,  
Sweetly my soul shall rest.  
Hark! ’tis the voice of angels,  
Borne in a song to me.  
Over the fields of glory,  
Over the jasper sea.

*Refrain*

*Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on His gentle breast  
There by His love o’ershaded,  
Sweetly my soul shall rest.*

Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe from corroding care,  
Safe from the world’s temptations,  
Sin cannot harm me there.  
Free from the blight of sorrow,  
Free from my doubts and fears;  
Only a few more trials,  
Only a few more tears! [*Refrain*]

Jesus, my heart’s dear refuge,  
Jesus has died for me;  
Firm on the Rock of Ages,  
Ever my trust shall be.  
Here let me wait with patience,  
Wait till the night is o’er;  
Wait till I see the morning  
Break on the golden shore. [*Refrain*]

***Postlude***      ***“You Raise Me Up”***

In Loving Memory of  
**Srikanthi Nelumdevi Warnesuriye**



CALLED TO REST ON 10TH JANUARY 2023

**16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

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5PM - 6PM

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