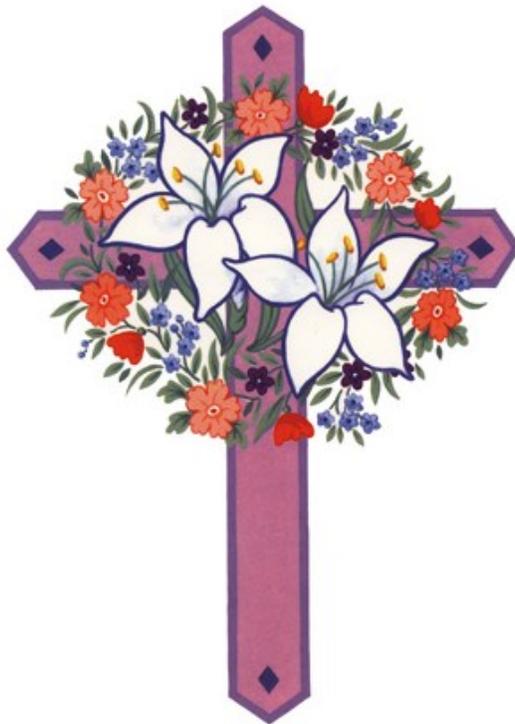


BURIAL SERVICE
FOR
Cynthia Ann “Cindy” Raikes Wilson
December 30, 1959 - December 17, 2020



Wednesday, December 30, 2020
2:00 p.m.

The Church of the Redeemer

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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.

The congregation may be seated while the following anthem is said.

I am the resurrection and I am life says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

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.

The officiant addresses the congregation, congregation seated.

We have come here today to remember before God our sister Cindy, to give thanks for her life; to commend her body to God our merciful redeemer and judge; to commit her body to be buried, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: 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 Cindy, 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 the Wilson 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.*

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and
thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
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.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 139: 1-11

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

Gospel Reading John 14: 1-6

‘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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Apostles' Creed

The Officiant says:

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

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 Lord's Prayer

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 Prayers of the People

For our sister Cindy, 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 Cindy, 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.

Father of all, we pray to you for Cindy, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: Amen.

The Commendation

The ministers and family take their places at the body.

Officiant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

People: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Officiant: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth we shall return. For so you ordained when you created us, 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.

Officiant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

People: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Officiant: Merciful Savior, we commend Cindy to you. Receive her as a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Accept her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of your saints. *Amen.*

The Officiant blesses the people.

Officiant: May the God of all faithfulness, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us, this day and always.

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

As the body is borne from the church, The Officiant says these anthems:

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

The Committal and Burial follow in the garth.

The Committal

The following anthem is said together

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 on 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 Cindy, 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 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.

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.

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 Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

A time of sharing follows, in the church

Obituary



Cynthia Ann (Cindy) Raikes Wilson succumbed to respiratory and neurologic ailments, intensified by the COVID-19 virus, on December 17th, 2020. Born in Jeffersonville, IN., December 30th, 1959, she is survived by her children, Ambre Dawn Ellison (Crate), Michael Andrew Testerman Jr.(Mei), Bobbi Jo Davidson (Matt), John Anthony Wilson (Emily), a nephew, Robert James Brace, who was more brother than a nephew, and six grandchildren, Seiji, Piper, Drake, Asher, Olivia, and Naomi. Cindy was also survived by an older sister, Marguerite F. Brace, and an older brother, James F. Frazier. Cindy was preceded in death by her father, Weaver Ray Raikes, and mother, Frances Waldvogel Raikes.

Cindy was an Emergency Medical Technician for over 20 years, working her way from Basic EMT to a degree as an Advanced EMT (paramedic). During her years in EMS, she served as CPR instructor, First Aid instructor and Field Training Officer as well as mentoring newcomers; many of whom can be found today, saving lives across the Upstate and beyond. Cindy was a force of nature with a smile that could light up the room. She loved her children and grandchildren, she loved her Redeemer family and she loved her EMS family. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, her animals, and playing cards. Cindy was always the life of the party with her many friends who loved her. She was a member of The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. Due to COVID restrictions, an Invitation Only service will be held December 30, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

The service will be streamed live on The Church of the Redeemer's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/corgsc>) and archived as well (www.corgsc.org) to allow her far-flung family and friends to join in. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, The Church of the Redeemer, 120 Mauldin Road, Greenville, SC 29605, so the church may continue its outreach to those in need.



Celebrant	The Reverend Catherine Tatem
Lector & Candle Bearer	Mrs. Robin Mill
Usher	Mr. Stephen Webb
Music	Ms. Stephany Austell
Bulletin	Mrs. Sue Bannio