

A SERVICE OF RESURRECTION



Irene Dodd Davis

May 18, 1926 – December 8, 2020



September 11, 2021
11:00 a.m.

*A service of celebration;
For by God's grace we are brought out of death into life!*

Love

by Irene Dodd Davis

Love is truth and simplicity
Respect and admiration.
It is a trust and a faith
A warmth and security.
It is humor and brightness
Joy and thanksgiving.
The fire of emotion
The hearth of companionship.
Love is filling another's need and
saucering his cup that runs over.
It is the meeting of the minds
The compromiser of differences.
The energy of hard work
And the trumpet of challenge.

Love is found in little things
And motivated by larger ones.
It is the power of confession
And the humbler of pride.
It is the making of destinies
The spark of creation.
Love is the pledge of loyalty
The testimony of devotion.
It is the song on the lips
Of the 'every day'

P = Presiding Minister

A = Assisting Minister

C = Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- P** Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Irene, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

ACCLAMATION

- P** Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.
- C** **We glorify you.**
- P** Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.
- C** **We praise you.**
- P** Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
- C** **We worship you.**
- P** To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
- C** **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain: **Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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how great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"** *Refrain*

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GREETING

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Irene. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Sickness, war and accident have caused this thing called death.
No person, or deity, has planned we be bereft.
Our God above creates each wondrous gift of life.
Conducts his plan through endless years
Through human man and wife.
If he be praised for having wrought the miracle of womb,
Has he not planned our exodus – the distance to the tomb?

God's motto of equality does not discriminate.
Nor does he use his mighty power determining our fate,
Instead he rules in Spirit, and guards the heart and soul
Because he knows our bodies play a small and transient role.
The fraction of eternity – the earthly life we grasp –
We measured not by heavenly power – but how our bodies last.
Death is not final – and God is not to blame.
Though flesh be gone, we shall live on.
His promise still shall reign.

REMEMBRANCE

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8

PSALM 23

- A** The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- C** **He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**
- A** He restores my soul and leads me along right pathways for his name sake.
- C** **Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- A** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup is running over.
- C** **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-9

MUSICAL OFFERING

10,000 Reasons

Myrin and Redman

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the gospel reading has concluded:

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

FAMILY MUSICAL OFFERING

Now Thank We All our God

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray . . .

After each portion of the prayers:

P . . . God of mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

After the final petition:

P God of all grace, we give you thanks . . . with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

G **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, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMENDATION

P Let us commend Irene to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Irene. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

G **Amen.**

BLESSING

P As you go on your way, may God go with you.

May God go before you to show you the way.

May God go behind you to encourage you,

Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over,

And within you to ✝ give you peace.

G **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Let us go forth in peace.

G **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Everyone is cordially invited to attend a luncheon which will be held outdoors under the tent in the east parking lot.

Please leave the sanctuary as instructed, following the family outside and around the building to enter Creighton Hall where the buffet line is set up. Please maintain safe social distancing in Creighton Hall and everywhere indoors.

Irene Dodd Davis

1926-2020



Irene Dodd Davis, 94, of Media, Pennsylvania, died December 8, 2020.

Irene was the middle child of Dr. Edward Mills Dodd and Rose Wilson Dodd who lived in Upper Montclair, New Jersey. Growing up in a socially engaged household, Irene became deeply committed to a life of outreach and service. Irene spent summers in the Adirondacks where her love of swimming, canoeing, hiking and nature was fostered and where she became proficient in the identification of birds, flowers and trees. She also was a skilled jitterbugger, cheerleader, tennis player, actress and poet. Irene's poetry, chronicling many life events, was featured in local publications.

While at Cedar Crest College, she was inducted into the Thespian Honor Society. In her senior year, Irene met Bill and their love lasted for 68 years of marriage. Irene supported Bill while in seminary, teaching at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and the Philadelphia YWCA. After Bill was ordained a Lutheran minister, they moved to Dublin Pennsylvania, and had four children. During that time their six year old son, Mark, died from a brain tumor. Later the family moved to Kutztown (St. John's) and later to Phoenixville (St John's), where Irene taught in the Chester County Intermediate Unit. She continued to volunteer, produce church plays, teach Sunday School, swim, play tennis and ping pong, write poetry, enjoy her dogs and make her amazing pies! After retirement, Irene and Bill moved to Media, Pennsylvania, joining Reformation Lutheran Church and actively participated in programs of service and education. Irene volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, served meals to the homeless and participated in adult literacy programs. She also learned to play golf during her winters in Florida, continued her tennis and taught others how to swim and square dance. Living lives of advocacy, Irene and Bill always looked for ways to contribute their skills to "make lives better." In their seventies, Irene and Bill moved into Riddle Village in Media, where they became active residents. She fully engaged her grandchildren, as she had her children, sharing her talents in many fun and educational activities, endearing them to their "Gram." Her humbleness, humor, love and joy of life was evident in all she did.

Irene is survived by daughters, Dr. Ellen Davis Conroy (Tom), Rebecca Prince Funk (Rob), and son, Evan Davis (Wendy), eight grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Irene's husband Bill predeceased her in 2018.

I am the resurrection and the life.

A Christian is received into the Church, the body of Christ, in Holy Baptism and sustained by the Church's proclamation of God's Word and celebration of the Holy Communion. So, too, at death the Church proclaims the Word of God. In the Service of Resurrection the Church proclaims its glorious hope in the resurrection of the dead through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Presiding Ministers: Pastor Wayne A. Matthias-Long
Pastor Alina S. Gayeuski

Keyboard: Erik Flaten

Bagpiper: Graham Davis

Readers: Andrew Conroy
J. Carter Prince
Caroline Davis
William Prince

Vocalists: Elizabeth Conroy and Diego Matamoros

Remembrance: Rebecca Davis Prince Funk
Ellen Davis Conroy
Evan Davis



I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2