

Genevieve Naritelli Foster
Memorial Service

Friday, June 23, 2023



August 26, 1919 – February 28, 2023

PRELUDE

Pavane, by Bernard Andres
Paul Baker, harp

OPENING ANTHEM: I AM RESURRECTION (*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.

BURIAL COLLECT

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Genny. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

(the people may be seated)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged 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 forever. 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

(read responsively by whole verse)

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-6

(the people stand)

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY - The Rev. Katie Cadigan

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(the people stand)

For our sister Genny, 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 Genny, 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 Genny eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Genny 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, then the Celebrant concludes)

God of all, we pray to you for Genny, 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.

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an
 offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Clair de Lune, by Claude Debussy
Shelby Foster, piano

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(the Celebrant proceeds)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us
with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, 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.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all
the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your
Name:

(Celebrant and People)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Celebrant continues)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(Celebrant and People)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say:

(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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome at Christ's Table.

(All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the cup to your lips for a small sip. We believe Christ is fully present in each element, so it is acceptable to receive bread only. If you would like a blessing from a priest instead of receiving communion, cross your arms over your chest.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

God's Time is Best, by J. S. Bach
Paul Baker, harp

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

(Celebrant and People)

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE COMMENDATION

(the ministers takes their place at the body)

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

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

Celebrant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, 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.

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

(the Celebrant, facing the body, says)

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Genny. 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. *Amen.*

BLESSING

(the Priest blesses the people, saying)

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

Postlude

Stately March, by David Colgan
Paul Baker, harp

Lunch to follow on the patio

Contributions in memory of Genny Foster can be made to
Masonic Outreach Services and public libraries.

Genevieve Naritelli Foster

Genevieve Naritelli Foster passed away peacefully on February 28, 2023, at 103 years of age. She was born on August 26, 1919, in Prescott, Arizona. Her parents were Thomas and Teresa Naritelli, who immigrated to the United States through Ellis Island in 1903 from Castione Andevenno, Italy.

Genny's father passed away when she was two years old, and when she was five years old her mother moved with her and her three older sisters to Los Angeles, California. She graduated from Venice High School and Willis Business College. In 1945, she was married to Mervin Frank Foster at St. Augustine by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Santa Monica. She was a secretary, and her husband was an executive for Roberts Markets Organization. She was then a homemaker for 77 years. Genny and Merv were happily married for 51 years. She resided in Santa Monica for 30 years, Escondido for 13 years, and La Habra for 34 years.

Genny was voted Most Vivacious at Venice High School and continued that spirit throughout her life. She valued service, hospitality, and encouragement to her family, friends, church, and community. At St. Augustine's she devotedly served as President of the Women of the Church, President of the St. Helena's Guild, and President of the Altar Guild, providing thoughtfulness and care to all. Genny was also an accomplished golfer at Riviera Country Club and Escondido Country Club and community golf courses, having two-holes-in-one and winning many tournaments during her decades of competition. She played golf and continued her volunteer work through St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, her local libraries, and Meals on Wheels until the age of 98. She was a member of the Eastern Star and received her 50-year pin in 2020.

She was committed to graciousness and generosity through her entertaining, cooking, baking, and exceptional creativity in knitting, crocheting, quilt making, and needlework. She loved reading and the written word and sent thousands of thoughtful communications to family and friends in letters and cards for every occasion. She is held in love and gratitude by her family and friends.

Genevieve was preceded in death by her husband, Mervin Frank Foster, and her son, Kenneth Angell Foster. She is survived by her son, Richard Mervin Foster (Marjorie) and by her daughter, Ann Foster Golay (predeceased by Keith) and grandchildren, Douglas Foster (Michelle), Robin Foster Love (predeceased by Scott), Thomas Foster (Judy), Steven Foster (Kimberly), Allison Keller (Michael), Lara Golay (Oscar Hakenaes), Shelby Cavette (Andrew), Robert Foster (Ashley), Anastasia Koeppen (Jack), and great-grandchildren, Alexander, Megan, Adam, Kyle, Julia, Joshua, Jonathan, Abigail, Amanda, Samantha, Owen, Ainsley, Audrey, and Carolyn, and nephew Brian Kimes (Kathalyn).

1:00pm – Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery

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