

A Memorial Service
Celebrating the Life of

ANN COULTER WISS

January 7, 1922 - December 29, 2021



CHRIST CHURCH
in SHORT HILLS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022
ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

Order of Service

The family requests that guests at this service wear face masks which are available in wall holders near the church doors.

As you enter this house of worship today, please silence your mobile devices for reflection and prayer.

Please stand at the entrance of the family and clergy.

*An * indicates the congregation shall stand if able.*

Prelude Sheep May Safely Graze *J. S. Bach*

* Opening Sentences from Scripture

* Prayer

Officiant: May God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant: O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister, Ann. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and 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.*

* Hymn 680 O God Our Help In Ages Past *St. Anne*

The First Reading Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 *Thomas Schumann*

* Hymn 482 Lord of All Hopefulness *Slane*

Epistle 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 *Freddie Wiss*

Hymn O God Unseen Yet Ever Near *Composed by Cathy Wiss*

O God unseen yet ever near,
Thy presence may we feel;
And thus inspired with holy fear,
Before thine altar kneel.

Here may thy faithful people know
The blessings of thy love,
The streams that thro' the desert flow,
The manna from above.

* *Gospel*

Matthew 11:28-30

The Rev. Bowie Snodgrass

Homily

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Duet

It Is Well With My Soul

*Mezzo Soprano - Elizabeth Merrill
Baritone - Christian Waugh*

Remembrance

Cathy Wiss

* *Hymn*

For The Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Solo

We Shall Be As One
(Written & Composed by Jane McIver)

Jane McIver, Piano
Jim McIver, Guitar

* *The Apostles' Creed*

Officiant:

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

In Unison

*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*

Officiant:

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

In Unison

*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*

Chris Schumann

For our sister, Ann, 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 Ann, 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.

Silence may be kept.

* *Concluding Collect*

Officiant:

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister, Ann, who was reborn by water and the Spirit of Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

* *The Commendation*

Officiant:

People:

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

Officiant:

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.

Officiant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Ann.
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.*

* *The Blessing and Dismissal*

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

* *Hymn 660* O Master Let Me Walk With Thee *Maryton*

Postlude Prelude in C Major *Bach*



After the liturgy, all are invited to a reception in the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Ann's honor may be made to:

*Christ Church in Short Hills
66 Highland Avenue
Short Hills, NJ 07078*

*Maplewood Garden Club
P. O. Box 121
Maplewood, NJ 07040*

*Rutgers Foundation
For the Display Gardens
112 Log Cabin Road
N. Brunswick, NJ 08902*

*Smith College Fund
For the Botanic Garden
c/o Gift Accounting
Stoddard Annex, 25 Elm Street
Northampton, MA 01063*



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Donald Syracuse, M.D.*

Officiant

The Rev. Bowie Snodgrass

Organist

Dr. Andrew Moore





God's Garden

*He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.*

- Katie Evans

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