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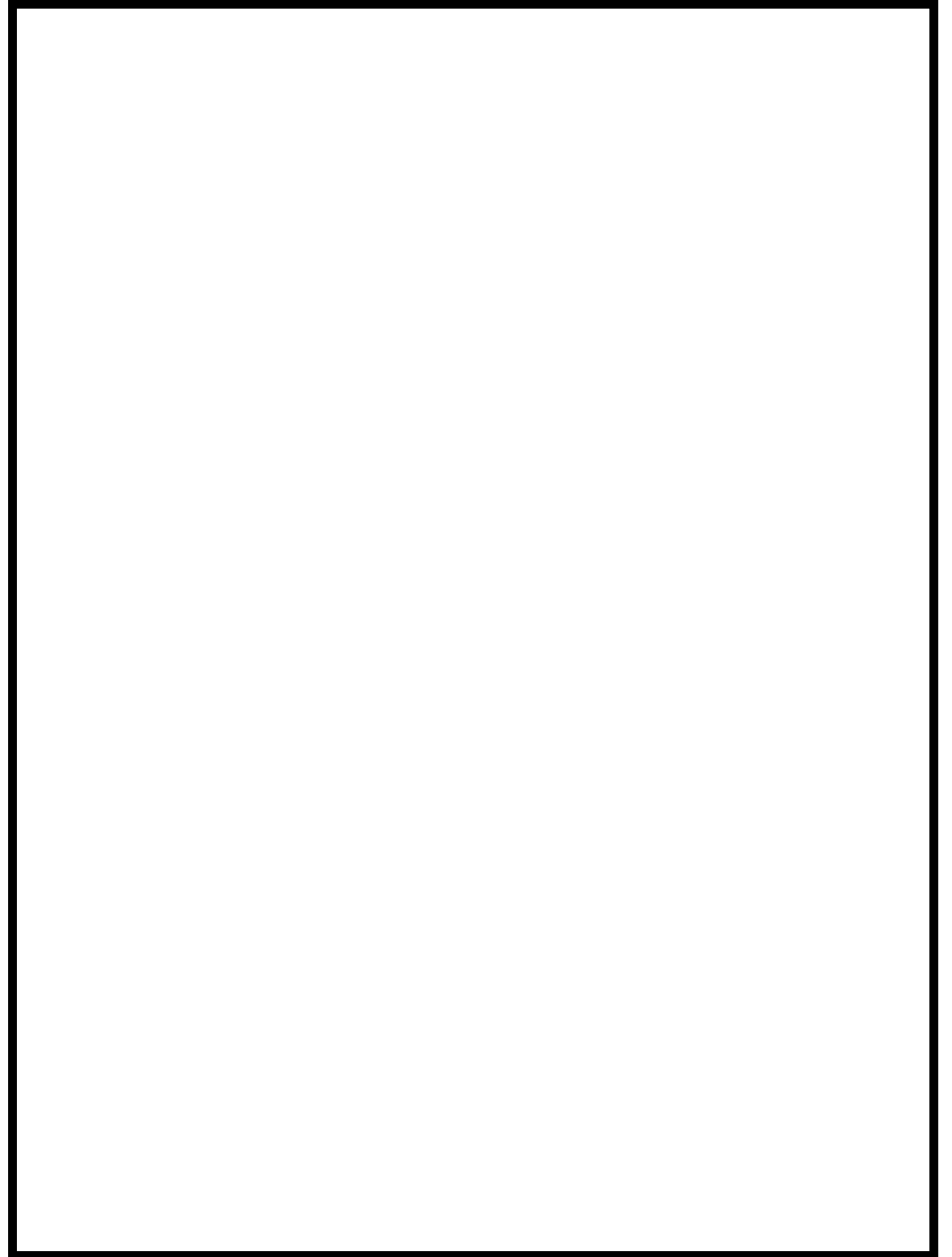
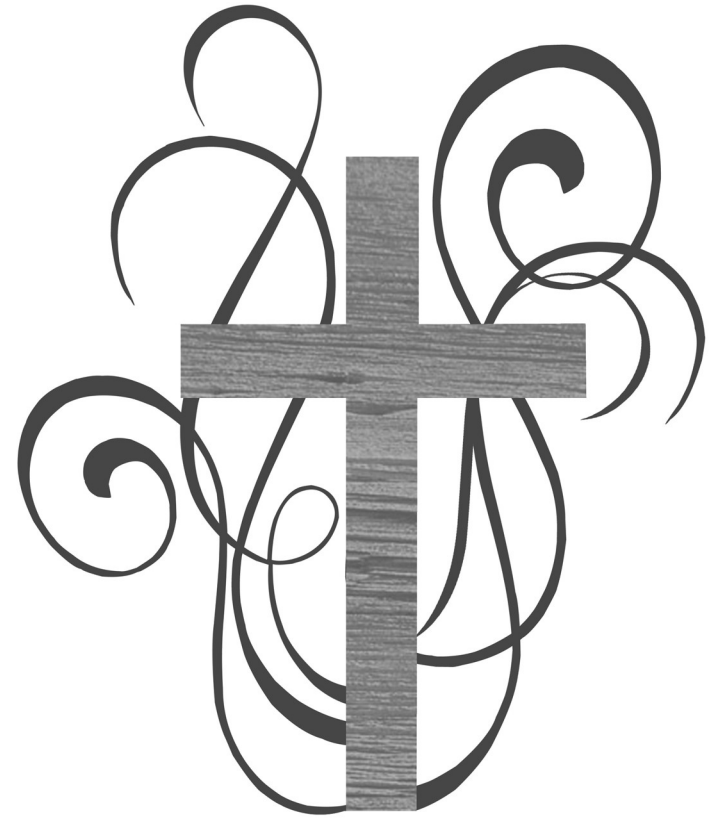
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Celebration of Life
of
Sylvetta Lashun Harris



Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 11AM
The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
1000 Bethune Drive, Orlando, FL 32805

The Right Rev. Gregory D. Brewer, Bishop
The Rev. Fr. Charles T. Myers, Rector
The Rev. Canon Nelson W. Pinder, Rector Emeritus
The Rev. Patricia Kant Roberts, Deacon



*The Family of Sylvetta Harris
asks your prayers for the family.*

*May her soul rest in peace and rise in glory as she enters
into her next life.*

*We extend our deep gratitude to the parishioners of
The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
and her many friends for their kindness and
support during our time of sorrow.*



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Sylvetta Lashun Harris

Sunrise: October 5, 1969

Sunset: March 25, 2020

On March 25, 2020 our beloved Daughter, Sister, Niece, Friend, and devoted follower of Jesus Christ transitioned. Sylvetta was born October 5th, in Orlando, Florida as the first of 3 siblings baptized in, and raised at The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist.

She was a graduate, and member of the Jones High School Marching Tiger Band where she played clarinet. Sylvetta was a fierce protector of her younger siblings Cessalie, and Sylvester "Syl" III, and being the oldest, she served as an awesome babysitter when her parents Sylvester Jr. and Beatrice were away.

After graduating from Jones High School in 1987, Sylvetta attended Hampton University in Virginia where she obtained her Bachelor's degree in Biology with honors 1991. Sylvetta then went on to obtain her Masters in Human Resources from George Washington University in Washington DC.

During her professional career, she resided in Virginia, Georgia, and California, before settling in Raleigh, North Carolina. She was a dedicated professional in Human Resources for several companies including, TRW, Bowe Bell and Howell, and most recently GlaxoSmithKline where she attained the role of Employee Relations Manager.

Sylvetta enjoyed domestic day trips, long international vacations, and spending quality time with her miniature schnauzer named Barkley. She also had a knack for the culinary arts, and would try her hand at any recipe. She never forgot to make cookies for our Dad on Christmas, and welcomed any opportunity to taste something new. She was also, a dedicated member of Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church where she was not only an active member, but an often featured soloist and member of the gospel choir, Sunday School Superintendent, member of the kitchen auxiliary, and assistant church clerk.

Sylvetta was also a Champion of Family. She researched and chronicled the history of both sides of her family back decades, and didn't miss a family reunion. She was an explorer for the Harris family in the Bahamas, and the West family in Oglethorpe, GA.

We will deeply miss her smile, her warm demeanor, her baked goods, and the gut busting laughs we could spark up almost instantaneously. Among all, we will miss her spirit which is irreplaceable but we find solace knowing that she is with us now and forever more, through all things, and we can't wait until we meet again.

Sylvetta is survived by her parents Sylvester Solomon Harris Jr., and Beatrice Bullard Harris, her sister Cessalie Valvet Harris and brother Sylvester Solomon Harris III; as well as her uncles, Hayward Bullard Jr. (Leila), Ronald P. Harris, Joseph Bullard, James Donnell Collier and a host of cousins, special friends and her Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church family.

PRELUDE "I pray we'll all be ready"

Sylvetta Lashun Harris

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"His eye is on the sparrow" 191, LEVAS II

1 Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for heav'n and home;
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is He:

2 "Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth,
But one step I may see; [Refrain]

Refrain:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free;

3 When ever I am tempted,
When ever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
From care He sets me free; [Refrain]

OPENING SENTENCES *Please 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.

OGRE PHI OGRE VII
Hampton University Class of 1991

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT & HONOR
~ Sylvetta L. Harris ~

*O Hampton, a thought sent from Heaven above, to be a great soul's inspiration;
We sing thee the earnest of broad human love, the shrine of our heart's adoration.
Kind mother, we'll treasure the dear happy days we've spent here in life's preparation,
Yet go with brave hearts upon our chosen ways, Of service to God and our nation.*

There is now a hush in our hearts as we come together to pay our respects to the memory of one whose life was ended in fullness and servitude to community. On Wednesday, March 25, 2020, Sylvetta transitioned from the earth, and we shall rejoice in uplifting praise for her blessed reunion with us in everlasting life.

WHEREAS, the members of Hampton University's Class of 1991 known as Ogre Phi Ogre VII humbly submits our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Sylvetta Harris.

WHEREAS, our Beloved Sister was an admired daughter, sister, and favored friend to all and while the sudden passing of our Beloved Sister has left us with a broken heart, we know that even as our hearts bleed with sorrow, we celebrate one who's "Life has done the singing" as stated in our Alma Mater.

WHEREAS, we believe the words of Jesus in John 14 that encourages us to "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we embrace this family because all of us have a common bond that will connect us for the rest of our lives. We will commit to demonstrate our love for Sylvetta by exemplifying joy and love to others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a period of official mourning will be observed by Ogre Phi Ogre VII to acknowledge the passing of our beloved Sister Sylvetta Harris; a copy of this resolution will be placed in the official records of our Class and a formal copy will be presented to the bereaved family.

Respectfully Tendered and Offered on this
the Twenty-Sixth day of March in the year Two Thousand & Twenty.

Candace H. Wise

Candace H. Wise ♦ Dr. Richard M. Mason, II ♦ Kelli D. Boyer
Class Leaders ♦ Ogre Phi Ogre VII, Class of 1991

**The 1987 Class of Jones High School in Orlando, FL
humbly submit this Resolution in Honor of
our Classmate**



Sylvetta Lashun Harris

*No matter what your trials are, or how big your mountain seems;
The Lord is there to see you through; He'll go to all extremes.
So if your cross seems hard to bear; and you know not what to do;
The One who loves you most of all will be there to see you through.*

We, the members of the 1987 graduating class of Jones High School wish to express our profound sorrow upon the loss of our dear friend and classmate; that we remember with affection and appreciation the impact she had upon each of our lives. We mourn her passing but celebrate her life.

WHEREAS, in the providence of God He has brought to a close the life of Ms. Sylvetta Harris, the officers and members of the Jones High School Class of 1987 feel that it is befitting to express their sympathy to our classmate's family during the passing of their beloved daughter and sister.

We commend you to Him who knoweth best and will always do right. You have our sincere prayers.

WHEREAS, Sylvetta was a leader at Jones High School, a member of the Jones High School Band, reporter for the JHS School Newspaper (Tiger Beat) and was also a member of the Drama Club.

WHEREAS, Sylvetta was a strong and independent woman who worked in the corporate industry in the human resources field and was also a devoted member of her church Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church. deeply loved by her family, friends, and co-workers. Her sense of humor, passion and dedication enriched those fortunate enough to know and work with her.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we bow in humble submission to Him who never makes a mistake and remind the family to be encouraged by remembering this poem.

*God sees your sorrow
He knows each tear
The grief and the pain
The guilt and the fear.*

*May times of refreshing
Dissolve any doubt
As songs of deliverance
Compass you about*

*May angels caress you
And minister peace
To love and to comfort
To bring soul's release*

*To exalt you on high
On the wings of prayer
May sweet Jesus keep you
In his tender care*

Author Unknown

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy kept in the class archives.

To the family, we know your loss is deep, and your sorrow is great, but we want you to know that we share in your sorrow, but more importantly, we recognize that this loss is Heaven's Gain.

Humbly submitted on this 11 day of April, 2020
The Officers and Members of the Jones High School,

Class of 1987 Adrienne Bell, Class President, April 11, 2020

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Sylvetta, and grant *her* an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the readings.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Lamentations 3: 22-26, 31-33

Cessalie Harris

Lector A Reading from the Book of Lamentations

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

For the Lord will not reject forever.

Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19 *Read in unison*

Cessalie Harris

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 4: 16 - 5: 9

Lector A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Sylvester Harris, III

**CHURCH RESOLUTION OF RESPECT
FOR
SYLVETTA L. HARRIS**

*Though your days among us were too brief and our grief at your loss is never-ending,
we draw comfort from the knowledge that you have found safe refuge in the Lord,
where no darkness or pain can touch you now.
We bless you with love, light and our gratitude*

We, the Pastor, officers, and members of Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church, want the family of Sister Sylvetta L. Harris to know that our hearts, thoughts, and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. Sylvetta Harris was a devoted member of Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church and a faithful worker in the vineyard.

WHEREAS, we know your loss is deep and your sorrow is great, we want you to know that we share in your sorrow, but more importantly, we recognize that our loss is Heaven's Gain. You have our sincere prayers and sympathy and know that her memory holds a special place in our hearts.

WHEREAS, Sylvetta Harris was a dedicated member of Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church since February 1, 2015. She freely gave of her time and energy in the Gospel chorus, and Senior Missionary Circle. She also served as on the Kitchen Committee, as Assistant Church Clerk and most recently as Superintendent of Sunday School. She was committed to our church ministry and served wherever needed with the spirit of an unsung hero.

WHEREAS, the passing of our beloved Sylvetta Harris is the will of God and there is a human tie that has been broken, we are encouraged and consoled in the words of Jesus who said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee". Sister Sylvetta's message to us was clearly stated in the songs that she so artfully lead in the gospel chorus. She let us know that "Sometimes she felt like a motherless child" as she "Waded in the water". And then she exclaimed, "Oh! It is Jesus" as she was "Going up yonder" with a prayer that asked "Will we all be ready when Jesus comes?"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we embrace the family because all of us have a common bond that will connect us for the rest of our lives. We bow in humble submission to Him who never makes a mistake and remind the family to be encouraged by this poem.

*There's music in a well-lived life,
and melodies remain
each time a loving memory
repeats the sweet refrain.
The song that lingers in our hearts
becomes our legacy;
it's beauty gently echoing
through all eternity.*

Humbly submitted on this 11th day of April, 2020.
The Officers and Members of the Henderson Grove Missionary
Baptist Church, Morrisville, NC

Rev. Johnnie M. Bethea
Reverend Johnnie M. Bethea, Pastor

Helen Bryant
Helen Bryant, Church Clerk

* A Copy of this Church Resolution will be given to the Family and another copy will be recorded in our church records.



For we know that if the earthly tent we live in 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 be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to 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 confident; even though 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 do have confidence, 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”, LEVAS II

1 Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

3 Trusting only in thy merit,
Would I seek thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by thy grace. [Refrain]

Refrain:
Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

4 Thou the spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside thee?
Whom in heav’n but thee? [Refrain]

2 Let me at thy throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
Help my unbelief. [Refrain]

THE GOSPEL John 14: 1-6

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord, 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

EULOGY

Cessalie Harris and Sylvester Harris, III

SERMON

The Rev. Fr. Charles T. Myers

A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon

Celebrant 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ronald Harris

Leader: For our sister Sylvetta, 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 Sylvetta, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: *Hear us, Lord.*

Leader: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People: *Hear us, Lord.*

Leader: You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

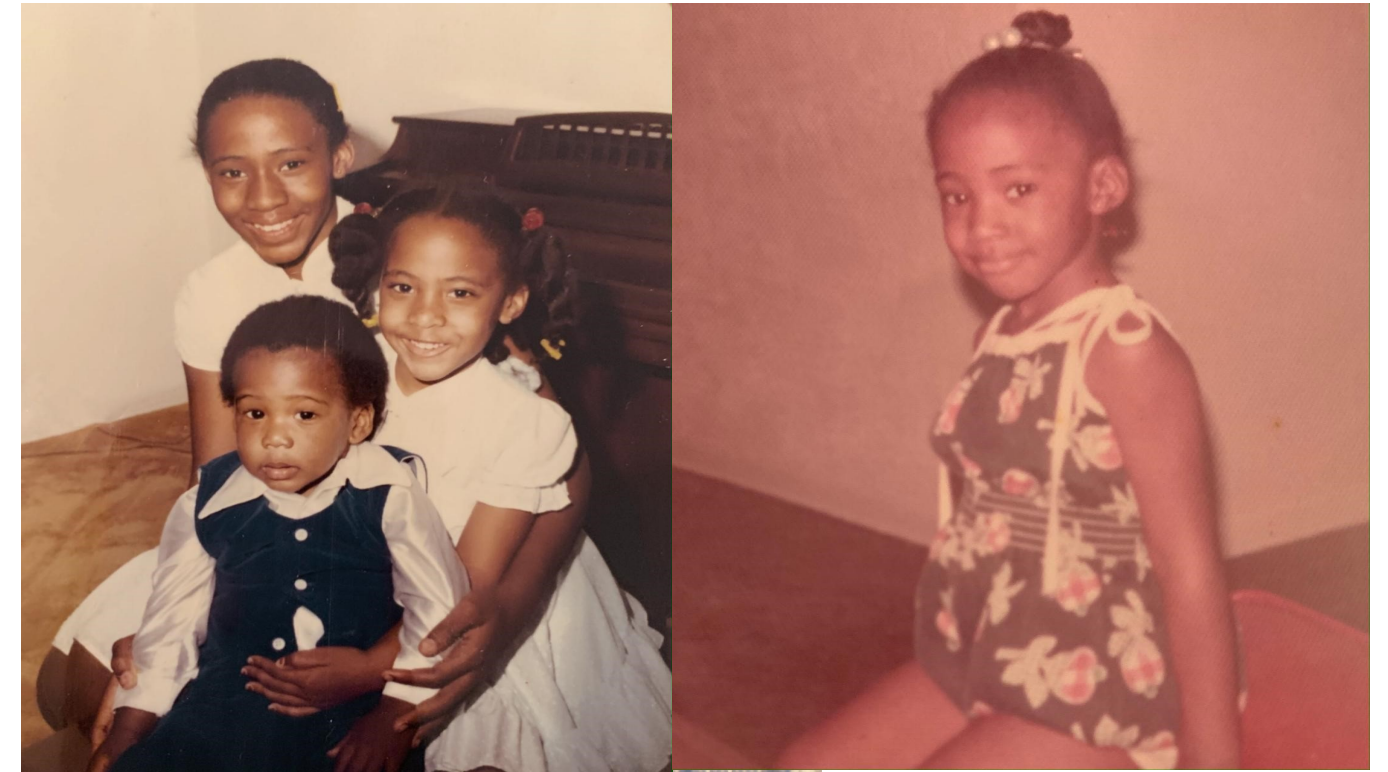
People: *Hear us, Lord.*

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

People: *Hear us, Lord.*

Leader: Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

People: *Hear us, Lord.*





Leader: She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly Kingdom.

People: *Hear us, Lord.*

Leader: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

People: *Hear us, Lord.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

Dr. Karen Adderly Clark

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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 him thanks and praise.**

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

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:

SANCTUS

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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the 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.**

The Celebrant continues

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.*

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

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us thy peace.**

If You Could See Me Now

*If you could see me now, you wouldn't shed a tear.
Though you may not understand why I'm no longer here.
Remember my spirit, that's the real me.
I'm still very much alive, oh If you could only see!
I've beheld our Father's face, I've touched my Savior's hand.
The angels all rejoiced as I entered the Promised Land.
Beyond the gates of pearl, I walk on golden streets.
I've touched the walls of jasper, dipped my foot in the crystal sea.
The beauty is beyond words, nothing can compare.
I've even seen your mansion; someday I will meet you there.
Allow Jesus to be your guide, His word will show you the way.
So, please don't cry! We will meet again someday!*

Patsy Stambauf Deskins



Sylvetta Lashun Harris

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

“Total Praise”

Dr. Karen Adderly Clark

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE COMMENDATION

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

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.

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Sylvetta. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of our 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.*

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

HYMN **“Goin Up Yonder”**

If you wanna know
Where I'm going?
Where I'm going, soon
If anybody asked you
Where I'm going
Where I'm going soon

I can take the pain
The heartaches they bring
The comfort in knowing
I'll soon be gone
As God gives me grace
I'll run this race
Until I see my Savior
Face to face

Refrain

I'm goin' up yonder
I'm goin' up yonder
I'm goin' up yonder
To be with my Lord 2X

The Committal at the grave

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.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our *sister Sylvetta*, 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.*

The Celebrant says

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.**

Rest eternal grant to *her*, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon her.

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

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.**