

Grace Church, Arundel

Located in the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Huron-Wendat people

Celebration of the Funeral of Ada Evans

This service will be held in Grace Church on Sunday, at 14:00, and, barring technical problems, live streamed on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/789373873?pwd=cG94T3Z2MHQwTkRwZTJhVWRpL0kwZz09> and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pg/christchurchrawdon/posts/. You can also hear the audio by telephone at 438 809-7799 (when prompted, enter the meeting ID: 789 373 873).

We ask that all wear masks as they enter the church. Those in the church are asked to stand as the bell tolls.

Opening Music, organist: Julien Girard

the Rev. Rodney Clark: 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 is committed to me in faith, shall not die for ever. [John 11:25–26]

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. *[John 14:1–3]*

I am sure 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. *[Romans 8:38–39]*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Response: And also with you.*

In the midst of life, we are in death; from whom can we seek help? From you alone, O Lord, who by our sins are justly angered. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts; shut not your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

O worthy and eternal Judge, do not let the pains of death turn us away from you at our last hour. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

The Collect: O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, with your servant Ada and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: CP 416 All Things Bright and Beautiful, sung to CP 416, Royal Oak

First Reading: Isaiah 41:8-10; 43:10-12

Read by Rhonda Hynds

“You, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.... You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “that I am God. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 23, King James Version

Led by Garth Evans

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want [R].**

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. **R.**

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **R**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. **R.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Amen**

Second Reading: Acts 5: 17-32

Read by Sarah Sewter

Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life." At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside." On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to. Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them. The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn: CP 381 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven, sung to CP 381, Praise my Soul

Warren Halligan: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [2: 22-33, *King James Version*]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the days of purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Hymn: CP 352 Amazing Grace

Eulogies: Family members

Sermon: the Rev. Rodney Clark

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say together,

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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Led by the Rev. Rodney Clark

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. **Hear us, Lord [R].**

May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection. **R**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **R**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind. **R**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love. **R**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **R**

Grant us grace to entrust Ada to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy and remember her according to the favour you bear for your people. **R**

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven,...**

The Commendation:

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; 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 servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Ada. Acknowledge, we pray, 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 & Dismissal:

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

Closing Music-organist

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At the Grave

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.
[John 6:37]

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit. *[Romans 8:11]*

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. *[Psalm 16:9]*

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 *[Psalm 16:11]*

It is with a sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ that we commend to almighty God our sister Ada, 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.**

Rest eternal grant to Ada, 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.**

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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