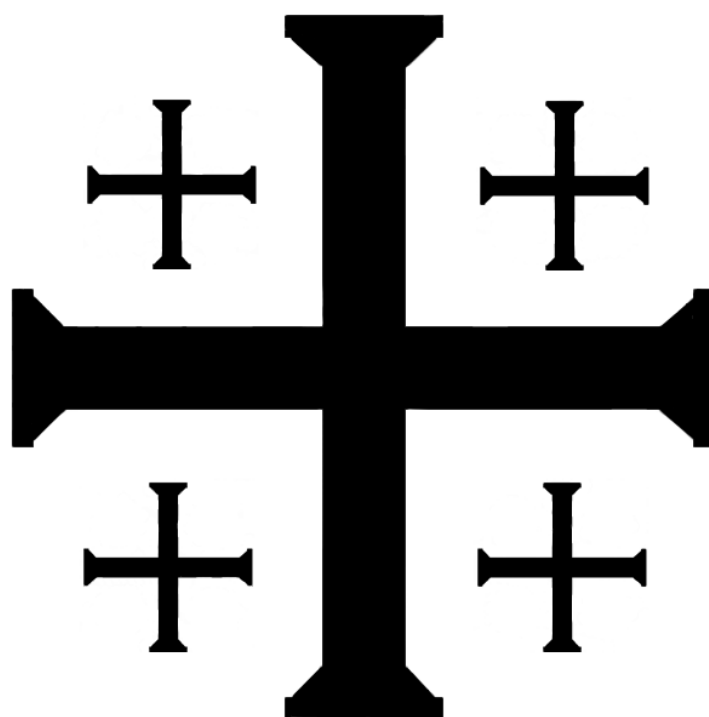


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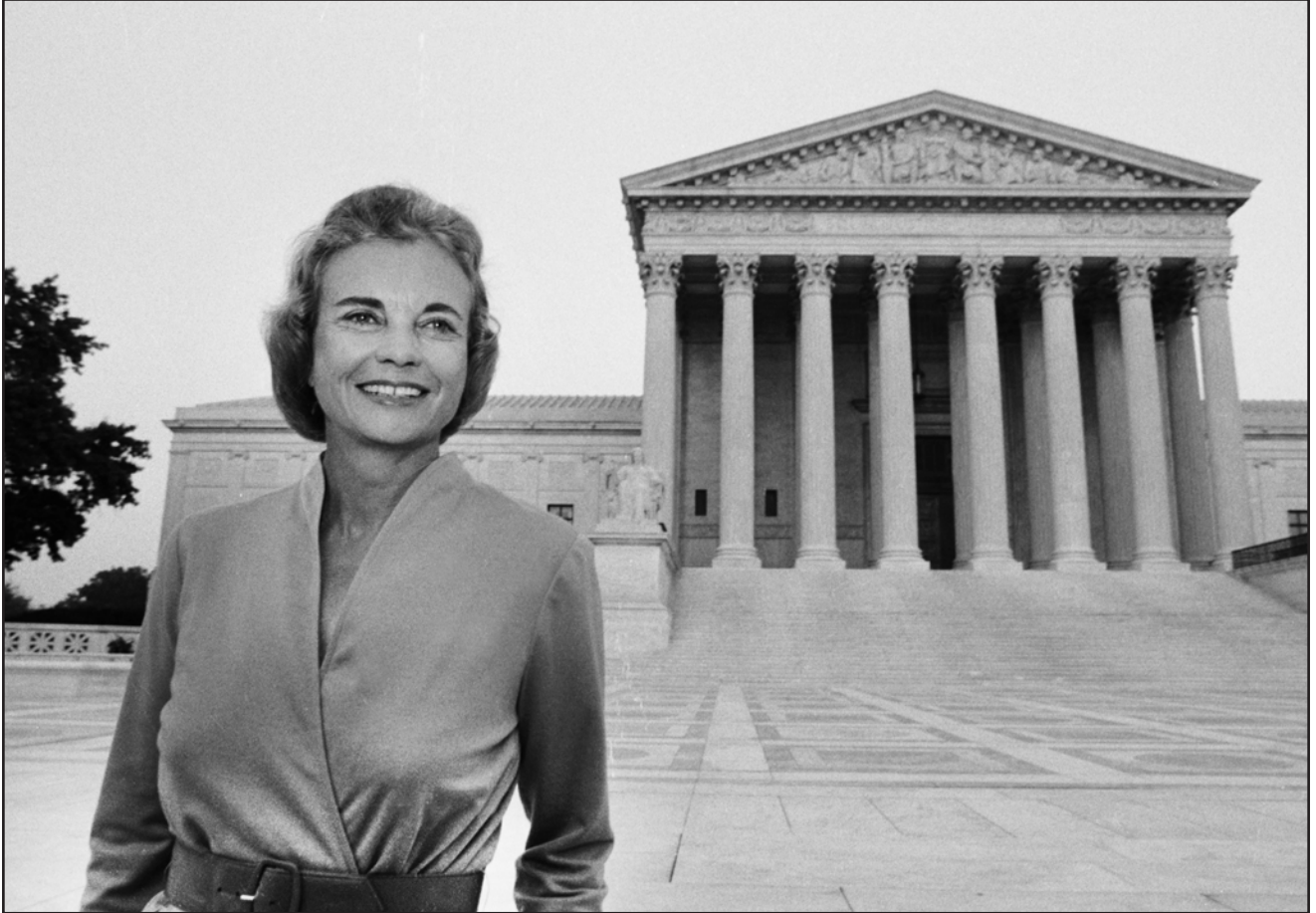
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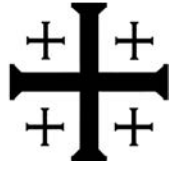
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“I have been greatly blessed by my life’s experiences. I have loved dearly my husband, John, my children, Joanie, my friends, and family. I hope I have helped pave the way for other women who have chosen to follow a career. Our purpose in life is to help others along the way. May you each try to do the same.”

– *Sandra Day O’Connor, July 1987*



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The people's responses are in bold.

PRELUDES

CARILLON PRELUDE

Dr. Edward M. Nassor, *Carillonneur, Washington National Cathedral*

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Abbot's Leigh; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, from BWV 147

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750);
arr. Frederick Marriott (1901–1989)

“The Trumpet Shall Sound” from *Messiah*, HWV 56

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759); arr. E. M. Nassor

Rock of Ages

Toplady; arr. Frank P. Law (1918–1985)

Amazing Grace

New Britain; arr. Ronald Barnes (1927–1997)

America the Beautiful

Materna; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Thomas M. Sheehan, *Organist and Associate Director of Music, Washington National Cathedral*

Prelude and Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552

J. S. Bach

“Nimrod” from *Enigma Variations*, Op. 36

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Fantasie on “Ubi caritas”

Angela Kraft Cross (b. 1958)

Elegy

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

The Tree of Peace

Judith Weir (b. 1954)

Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr', BWV 662

J. S. Bach

Carillon

Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

Sarabande (in modum benedictionem), Op. 1127

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

The people remain seated as the family enters.

ANTHEM

The Cathedral Choir

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, from BWV 147

J. S. Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings;
Where the flock, in thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own
In the love of joys unknown.

(Attr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930; after Martin Janus, ca. 1620–ca. 1682)

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

The people stand as able.

THE RECEPTION OF THE BODY

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, *Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington*

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith, *Dean, Washington National Cathedral*

Bp. Budde With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our sister Sandra Day O'Connor for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that he will raise her to perfection in the company of the saints.

Silence is kept.

Bp. Budde Deliver your servant, Sandra, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set her free from every bond; that she may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Dean Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on God, and know the consolation of his love.

Silence is kept.

Dean Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in mercy; nourish them in patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The people remain standing as able at the tolling of the bourdon bell.

THE ANTHEMS IN PROCESSION

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

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.

WELCOME

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Sung by all.

Abbot's Leigh

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty of our God;
 2. See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
 3. Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4. Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re - deem - er's blood!

he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day,
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings:

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 and as priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

The people are seated.

TRIBUTE

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

ANTHEM

The Cathedral Choir

Fatma Daglar, *oboe*

Day by Day

Oscar Ahnfelt (1813–1883); arr. Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

Day by day and with each passing moment,
 Strength I find to meet my trials here;
 Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
 I've no cause for worry or for fear.

He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
 Gives unto each day what he deems best—
 Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
 Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord himself is near me
 With a special mercy for each hour;
 All my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,
 He whose name is Counselor and Power.

The protection of his child and treasure
 Is a charge that on himself he laid:
 "As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"
 This the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in every tribulation
 So to trust your promises, O Lord,
 That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
 Offered me within your holy Word.

Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
 E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
 One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
 Till I reach the promised land.

(Original Swedish, Lina Sandell, 1832–1903; English trans. Andrew L. Skoog, 1856–1934)

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The Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr.

Jay H. O'Connor

ANTHEM

Dennis McNeil, *tenor*

“Comfort Ye” and “Every Valley” from *Messiah*, HWV 56

G. F. Handel

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

(Isaiah 40:1-3; King James Version)

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low, the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

(Isaiah 40:4; King James Version)

The people stand as able.

THE COLLECT FOR BURIAL

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

Dean The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Dean Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Sandra. 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.

People **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

The Reverend Dr. Jane E. Fahey

Rev. Fahey Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Sandra's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

HYMN

Rock of Ages

Sung by all.

Toplady

1. Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2. Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:6-8

Dylan J. O'Connor

“With what shall I come before the Lord
 and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
 with calves a year old?
 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
 He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
 and what does the Lord require of you
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalms 106:1-5

Courtney Day O'Connor

Hallelujah!
 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
 for his mercy endures for ever.
 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord
 or show forth all his praise?
 Happy are those who act with justice
 and always do what is right!
 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people,
 and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance.

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN

Amazing Grace

New Britain

Sung by the cantor.

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

Sung by the choir.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Sung by all.



3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his word my hope se - cures;
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - rea - dy come;
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,
he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

The Reverend Dr. Jane E. Fahey

Rev. Fahey The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Rev. Fahey The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the bishop.

THE HOMILY

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde

MUSICAL REFLECTION

David Kravitz, *baritone*

“Lord God of Abraham” from *Elijah*, Op. 70

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, this day let it be known that thou art God, and I am thy servant. O show to all this people that I have done these things according to thy word. O hear me Lord, and answer me, and show this people that thou art Lord God, and let their hearts again be turned!

(Original German Julius Schubring, 1806–1889, after 1 Kings 18:36-37; English translation William Bartholomew, 1793–1867)

The people stand as able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Said by all.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Said by all.

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Right Reverend Nathan D. Baxter, *x Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (retired)*

Bp. Baxter For our sister Sandra, 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 Sandra, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Bp. Baxter You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Bp. Baxter She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

Silence is kept.

Dean Father of all, we pray to you for Sandra, 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.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

ANTHEM

James Busterud, *baritone*

William Gerlach, *trumpet*

“Behold, I Tell You a Mystery” and “The Trumpet Shall Sound” from *Messiah*, HWV 56

G. F. Handel

Behold, I tell you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

(*1 Corinthians 15:51-52a; King James Version*)

The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

(*1 Corinthians 15:52b; King James Version*)

The people stand as able.

THE COMMENDATION

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde

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

Bp. Budde 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.**

Dean Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Sandra. 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.

People **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde

Bp. Budde The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Reverend Dr. Jane E. Fahey

Rev. Fahey Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

America the Beautiful

Materna

Sung by the cantor.

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Sung by the choir.

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

Sung by all.

O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with bro - ther-hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

POSTLUDE

Thomas M. Sheehan

“Toccatà” from Symphony No. 5, Op. 42, No. 1

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

The people are asked to be seated until the family departs and the people are directed to depart by an usher.

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