
A Service Celebrating the Life of
Linda Ann Horrocks



July 25, 1947 to June 24, 2023

*May her soul and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

August 5, 2023

St. George's Episcopal Church, Glenn Dale, Maryland

Linda Ann Horrocks

Linda was born July 25, 1947 to Fondren and Sophie McMillan in Washington, DC and spent her childhood in Hyattsville, MD. She graduated from Northwestern High School in 1965 and received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1969.

While at the University of Maryland, Linda met John D. Horrocks and they married on July 26, 1969. Together, they had two daughters, Karen and Betsy, and moved to Bowie, MD. Linda most valued spending time with her family. So, she spent many years as a stay-at-home mom, caring for her daughters when they were young.

In 1984, Linda returned to work as a teacher at the Howard B. Owens Science Center. She spent 11 years teaching students from all over Prince George's County about science and technology. While working full time and caring for her family, Linda earned a Master of Science in Curriculum Development from Bowie State University.

Linda changed careers in 1997, returning to the University of Maryland, College Park to manage the office and student interns for the Undergraduate Student Legal Aid Office. After retiring, Linda enjoyed caring for her granddaughter Rosie and her dog Stewie. She also enjoyed genealogy, British mystery series, and feeding all the birds and stray cats in the neighborhood.

She is remembered with love by her beloved husband of 53 years, John; daughters Karen Horrocks and Betsy Reed; son-in-law Michael Reed; granddaughter Rosie Reed, and brother Fondren McMillan Jr.

In lieu of flowers a contribution to the Humane Society of the United States (humanesociety.org) or the Episcopal Relief and Development (episcopalrelief.org) would be appreciated.

In Thanksgiving for Linda Horrocks

Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.

Opening Anthem

I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last will stand upon the earth;

and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God, whom I shall see and my eyes behold,
who is my friend and not a stranger.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!

So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together: **O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Linda. We thank you for giving her us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console those 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.**

Celebrant: Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Linda'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. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Read by George Coan

Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight
and honored and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

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

Psalm 121

Read by Sherry Reed

I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I look for help?
My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.
The Lord will not let your foot stumble:
the one who guards you will not sleep.
The one who keeps watch over this people:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is the one who will guard you:
the Lord at your right hand will be your defense,
so that the sun shall not strike you by day:
nor yet the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil:
yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe.
The Lord shall take care of your
going out, and your coming in:
from this time forth and for ever.

Remembrances

*John Horrocks
Karen Horrocks*

All are invited to stand as able for the hymn

Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #680 *O God our help in ages past*

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O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
Un - der the sha-dow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
A thou-sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 11: 21-27

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

After the Homily, the Celebrant invites all to stand as able and says:

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, God’s 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 Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, who has knit together your people in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech you, to your whole church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with Christ to our joyful resurrection. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust Linda to your never-failing love; receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor which you have for your people. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly reign. To you O Lord we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Father of all, we pray to you for Linda 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.**

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #488 *Be thou my vision*

Words: Irish, ca 700 versified by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931). Music: *Slane* from *The Church Hymnary*, 1927
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Be thou my vi - sion O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me,
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er with thee and
Most High of heav - en, when vic - tory is won, may I reach heav - en's joys,



save that thou art thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou with me, Lord; thou my Cre - a tor; thine own may I be;
bright hea - ven's Sun! Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

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 continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 forever 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.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

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.

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Wherever you are in your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

If you would like to come up for a blessing rather than the bread and wine, simply cross your arms to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.

Please wait in your seat until an usher has directed you to go forward. Once you have received, please exit the Sanctuary following the directions of the ushers. If you receive the wine, please drop your cup into the recycling bin at the door after you consume it.

Communion Hymn: LEVAS #181 *Amazing Grace*

Words: stanzas 1-4 John Newton (1725-1807) stanza 5 attr. John Rees (c 1859)

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A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved:
The Lord has pro - mised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;
Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

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

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 with you now remain with you always. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia

People: thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: Intermezzo in A Major by Johannes Brahms Op. 118 No. 2

The Horrocks family invites all in attendance to the parish hall for light refreshments

