

# Christ ✠ Church



**Virginia E. "Ginger" Cain**

July 9, 1948 — March 27, 2024

Funeral Service

Saturday, April 27, 2024 – 10:00AM

Christ Church Ridley Park  
The Reverend Michael Ruk, Priest

# THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING SENTENCES

*All Stand.*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he dies. 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.

## BURIAL COLLECT

*All Remain Standing.*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Ginger. 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 READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

*All are Seated.*

A reading from the book of Isaiah:

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23

*All Remain Seated.*

**<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

**<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.**

**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

*All Remain Seated.*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 6:37-40

*All Stand.*

*Gospeler:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

*Gospeler:* The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

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

REMEMBERANCE

*All are Seated.*

## SERMON

*All are Seated.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*All Stand.*

*Presider:*

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

*People & Presider:*

**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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All Remain Standing.*

*Presider:* For our sister, Ginger, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

*The Reader continues with the following Prayers and the People join in with the **bold** text:*

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Ginger and dry the tears of those who weep. **Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. **Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister, Ginger, eternal life in heaven. **Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister, Ginger, to the joys of heaven. **Hear us, Lord.**

Our sister, Ginger, was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints in heaven. **Hear us, Lord.**

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom. **Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister, Ginger; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope. **Hear us, Lord.**

*Presider:* Father of all, we pray to you for Ginger 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 & Presider:* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All Remain Standing. The Ministers and People may greet one another with the sign of peace.*

*Presider:*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:*

**And also with you.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts

*All Remain Standing.*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

*All Remain Standing.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

### SANCTUS

*All Remain Standing.*

*People & Presider:* **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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*All Stand or Kneel.*

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:

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*All Remain Standing or Kneeling.*

*People & Presider:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## EPICLESIS

*All Remain Standing or Kneeling.*

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.

## THE GREAT AMEN

*All Remain Standing or Kneeling.*

*People & Presider: Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All Stand.*

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*People & Presider:* **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*All Remain Standing.*

*People & Presider:* **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 peace.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All Remain Standing.*

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All Remain Standing or Kneeling.*



*Communion is distributed by kneeling at the altar rail in the form of the bread host and wine from the common chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest, as you are able. If the steps are a difficulty, please alert an usher for assistance.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All Remain Standing or Kneeling.*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*People & Presider:* **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

*All Stand.*

*The Presider continues with the following Prayers and the People join in with the **bold text**:*

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Ginger 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 Ginger 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 Ginger. 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 & Presider:* **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*All Stand.*

*Presider:* Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

*People:* **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

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

*People:* **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*All Remain Standing.*

*Cleric:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

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