

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND RESURRECTION  
OF

Kathleen R. Bainbridge

November 29, 1937 - September 16, 2025



MEMORIAL SERVICE

October 4, 2025

11:00 AM

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND

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*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

## PRELUDE

Steven Bainbridge (grandson)

Paul Dvorchak Jr (nephew)

*Reception of the Body at the entrance of the Church*

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant:* With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our Sister, Kathleen 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. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Deliver your servant, Kathleen, 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. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

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

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

All who have faith in me shall have life,  
even though they die.

And all who have life,  
and have committed themselves 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 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.

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

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

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with her family 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 are seated*

## The First Reading

Isaiah 61: 1-3  
Keith Bainbridge (son)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion--  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

*Reader*            Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please read responsively, breaking at the half verse*

The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
**I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
**and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul \*  
**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Anna Dvorchak (niece)

A reading from the first letter of the apostle St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

*Reader*            Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people

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

*The people stand.*

# SEQUENCE HYMN

## On Eagles Wings

Gather # 433

Michael Joncas

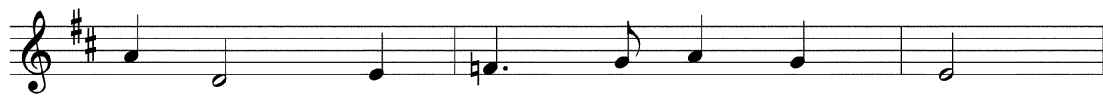
### Verse 1



1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a -



bide in his shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My



ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

### Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the



breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and



hold you in the palm of his hand. 2. The

*Last time to coda* ⊕ *To verses*

### Verse 2



snare of the fowl-er will nev - er cap-ture you, and



fam-ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings your



ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

**D.S.**

Verse 3

3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

bout you, near you it shall not come.

D.S.

Verse 4

4. For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

D.S.

⊕ Coda

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Tune: Michael Joncas, b.1951  
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*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St. John.

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

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to 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.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Javier Ocampo

**Poem Readings:**

Gone From My Sight by Henry Vandyke - Lucy Agee (granddaughter)

When Great Trees Fall by Maya Angelou - Megan Bainbridge (granddaughter)

*The people stand as able.*

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Sheryl Wood

For our sister Kathleen 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 Kathleen, 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 eternal life.

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**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; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*Celebrant*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Kathleen, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

**ANTHEM:**

**The Hymnal 1982 # 293**

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

*Grand Isle*



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who \_\_\_\_\_ toiled and \_\_\_\_\_ fought and \_\_\_\_\_  
 his love \_\_\_\_\_ made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for \_\_\_\_\_  
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the \_\_\_\_\_ world is \_\_\_\_\_ bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And \_\_\_\_\_  
 Je - sus' sake, the \_\_\_\_\_ whole of their good lives long. And \_\_\_\_\_  
 joy - ous saints who \_\_\_\_\_ love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -  
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was \_\_\_\_\_ slain  
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the\_\_\_ green: they were all of them saints of\_\_\_  
 by a fierce wild\_\_\_ beast; and there's not an - y rea - son—  
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of\_\_\_ God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
 no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.  
 folk like\_\_\_ me, and I mean to be one too.

## THE COMMENDATION

### *Celebrant*

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 humankind; 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.**

*Celebrant*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Kathleen. 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**

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the one who made us, who journeys with us, who breathes us into life moment by moment, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and all your loved ones, this day and always. **Amen.**

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

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

RECESSIONAL:

The Hymnal 1982 # 8

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

## THE COMMITTAL

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.

*Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words*

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

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

*Celebrant* Let us 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, forever 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*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Obituary

**Kathleen Rose Bainbridge**

Kathy Bainbridge was born on November 29, 1937 in Pittsburgh, PA. Kathy passed away peacefully from Alzheimer's disease at 87 years old on September 16, 2025 at Ingleside at King Farm in Rockville, MD.

Kathy grew up in Swissvale, PA and graduated from Swissvale High School in 1955. She went on to Indiana University of Pennsylvania to receive a Bachelor of Science in Education where she was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society for educators, and treasurer of Sigma Kappa Sorority. Kathy married Ross C. Bainbridge after college and moved to Cleveland, OH where she had four children. The family moved to Saratoga, California and then settled in Rockville, MD.

In Rockville, Kathy started her passion, educating and teaching children to read. She was a special education reading teacher at Travilah and DuFief Elementary Schools. She then received a Master's in School Counseling from Trinity College in 1986 and went on to work as a school counselor at Clopper Mill Elementary. She worked in the MCPS main offices as a PPW. Kathy retired after 10 years as Principal at Garrett Park Elementary School. She was highly respected and was awarded a certificate for over 25 years of service in education from President George W. Bush. She was also selected as a Fulbright Scholar in 2002 which sent her to Japan.

In addition to her work with MCPS, she and a friend started and operated the Potomac Learning Center. The learning center taught many children to read. She also spent a few summers teaching English in China. After she retired, she volunteered at Stedwick Elementary School to teach the children who were most challenged at learning to read.

Outside of work Kathy was a very generous person with her time and talent. She opened her home with Ross to three foster children, Gilbert and Rebecca Rickets and Heather Hinman. She encouraged her children, grandchildren and nieces and nephews to attend college.

Kathy was athletic and often played tennis and began running in her forties. She ran the Marine Corp Marathon in the Fall of 1985. After the marathon, she ran the Philadelphia Half Marathon and the Cherry Blossom 10 miler along with many 10k and 5k races. It was a family tradition to run the Frederick Turkey Trot 5k on Thanksgiving morning.

After Kathy and Ross divorced, Kathy bought a beautiful bay side beach house in Fenwick Island, D. She loved to share the beach house with family and friends. She and Barbara Mansfield named the house *Tranquility Harbor*, a reflection of the peace and joy it brought to all who visited. The family created lasting memories there during beach weeks filled with crabbing, kayaking, canoeing, playing cards, and enjoying family dinners. One of Kathy's favorite places was at the end of the street, where she would watch the sunsets over the bay—a quiet and cherished moment of each day.

Kathy and Barbara lived in Gaithersburg, Maryland and attended the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Kathy continued to host extended family and holidays. Kathy and Barb transitioned to Ingleside in Rockville in 2019, where they formed many meaningful friendships along the way.

Kathy loved to travel and wanted her family to experience the world and other cultures. Her daughter Susan was an exchange student in Argentina for a summer and Sheryl spent 2 years studying abroad in Barcelona, Spain. She took all 9 grandchildren on overseas trips to Greece, Italy, China and Costa Rica.

A quote Kathy had in her possessions speaks to her life:

Agape-Edward West: *To have a profound concern for the welfare of others without any desire to control that other, to be thanked by that other, or to enjoy the process.*

Kathy was predeceased by her parents Edward Charles and Catherine Rose Webb, and her sister Mary Patricia Fiedler. She is survived by her partner Barbara Mansfield and her former husband, Ross C. Bainbridge; her sister Louise (Paul) Dvorchak, her children Keith (Ginny) Bainbridge, Neil (Linda) Bainbridge, Susan (H. Steven) Coss, Sheryl (Andrew) Wood and her grandchildren Megan Bainbridge, Steven (Susanna) Bainbridge, Mackenzie (Christen) Bainbridge, Lucy (Benjamin) Agee, Catherine (Scott) Polley, Jennifer Coss, Steven Coss, Matthew Wood and Katherine Wood and her great-grandson Luca Bainbridge, as well as dear cousins, nieces and nephews.

If you would like to donate in honor of Kathy, donations can be made to:

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Alzheimer's Association [Help fight Alzheimer's.](#)

Heyman Interages Center Jewish Council for the Aging: Organizes volunteers to help children learn to read like Kathy did at Stedwick Elementary School.  
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*Service Participants*

*The Rev. Javier Ocampo – Rector*

*Tracey Forfa – Pastoral Associate*

*Etienne Zhou – Minister of Music*

*The Ascension Tech Team*

*Pall Bearers: Grandchildren*

*Lucy Agee*

*Mackenzie Bainbridge*

*Steven Bainbridge*

*Jennifer Coss*

*Steven Coss*

*Katherine Wood*

*Matthew Wood*

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