

*A Service Commending to God*  
**Nancy Alice Shephard**  
(July 23, 1939 - September 28, 2022)



Saturday, October 8, 2022  
1:00 p.m.



The Episcopal Church of  
**St. John the Baptist**

125 Canterbury Drive Aptos, CA 95003

# Welcome to St. John's!

## COVID-19 Protocols:

- **Face Masks** are required while singing, encouraged at other times when you are closer than 6 feet away from someone not in your household. (Per CDC and state health guidance, unvaccinated people are encouraged to wear face masks at all times.)
- **Food** at the reception will be served by a designated food server wearing a mask and gloves.
- **Social distancing** is required while eating at the reception and is encouraged at other times.

**Restrooms** are located on either end of the building, to the left and to the right from the main entrance. There is one interior and one exterior restroom on both sides of the building. All are currently open for public use, but please wipe down all surfaces touched with a sanitizing wipe before leaving.

Please stay after the service for a reception  
and time to remember Nancy amongst family and friends.

## Serving Today

<i>Presider &amp; Preacher:</i>	The Rev. Mary Lou McKenney
<i>Crucifer:</i>	John Melvin
<i>Lector:</i>	Hayley Wilden
<i>Eulogies:</i>	Lisa Hom, Rick Becton
<i>Letter from Cowboy Church Reader:</i>	Neal Wilden
<i>Music:</i>	Kate Alm
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Eileen Fernald
<i>Reception Coordinator:</i>	Antonette Wood

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# THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

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## Ringing of the Bell (83 times)

The church bell is rung once for each year of the life of the deceased. This is a long-established custom of reflection on the life of the beloved, and is referred to in these words of 17th century English poet and priest John Donne: "Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

## Opening Anthems

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### *Presider*

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

Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though she die.

And everyone who has life,  
and has committed herself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever. *John 11:25-26*

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. *Job 19:25-27*

For none of us has life in herself,  
and none becomes her own master when she 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. *Romans 14:7-8*

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

So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors. *Revelation 14:13*

## Burial Collect

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*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 Nancy. 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.

### **Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:16--5:9**

*New Revised Standard Version*

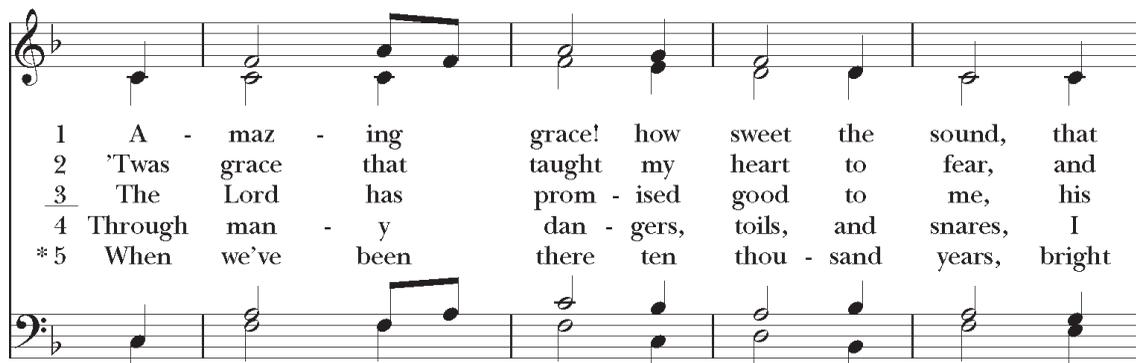
We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling—if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

*Lector*         The Word of the Lord.

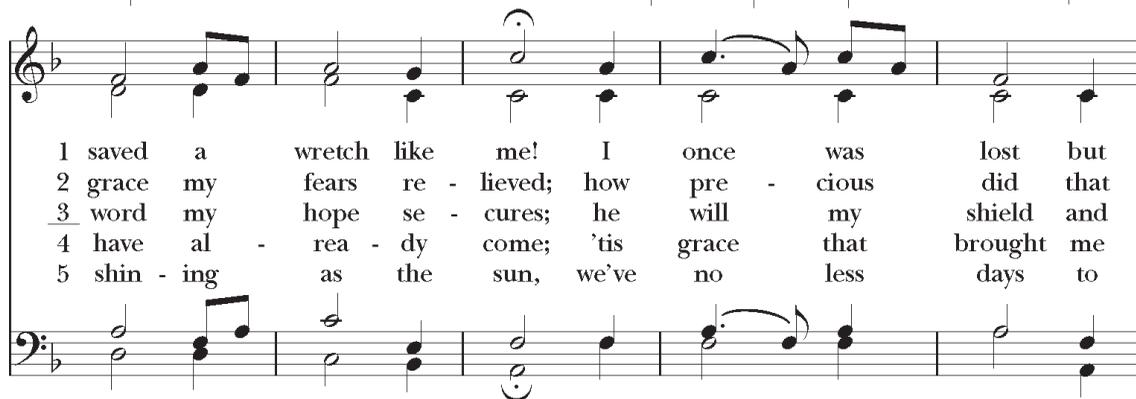
*People*         **Thanks be to God.**

# Hymn: Amazing Grace

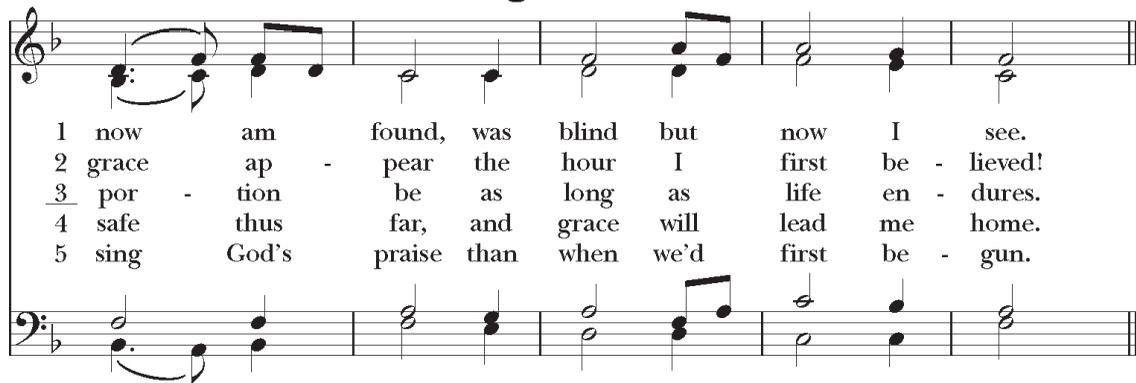
Hymnal 1982 #671



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
\*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## Eulogies

### Gospel Reading: John 14:1-6

*New Revised Standard Version*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. 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, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place 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."

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Letter from the Cowboy Church

### We All Share Memories

### Homily: The Rev. Mary Lou McKenney

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

## Prayers of the People

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*Presider* For our sister Nancy, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,  
“I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Presider* You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

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

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Nancy., 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.**

## The Commendation

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

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Nancy. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

## Closing Hymn: For All the Saints

*Hymnal 1982 #287*



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—  
 \*6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;  
 \*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the



thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—  
 soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;—  
 saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the



Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.  
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.  
 King of— glo - ry pass - es on his way.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## The Blessing

### The Dismissal

*BCP 500*

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!