

In Celebration and Memory of
Carol Lynn Masters

Celebration of Life



*Carol Lynn
Masters*

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In Loving Memory of Carol Lynn Masters

With hearts full of gratitude and sorrow, we announce the passing of Carol Lynn Masters, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend. On June 8, 2026, Carol completed her earthly journey and entered eternal peace, surrounded by the love of her devoted husband, children, and sister.

Carol lived a life rooted in an unwavering faith in God, sustained by His grace and guided by love. She loved deeply, gave generously, and devoted herself wholeheartedly to her family, friends, and all those blessed to know her. Whether offering encouragement, extending grace, or standing steadfastly beside those she loved, Carol reflected Christ's compassion and faithfulness in her daily life. Her kindness, humility, and servant's heart left a lasting impression on everyone she encountered.

Her legacy is not measured solely by what she accomplished, but by the countless lives she touched through her love, resilience, and faithful example. She lived with purpose, loved without reservation, and trusted God wholeheartedly. While her earthly presence will be profoundly missed, her family finds comfort in the promise of eternal life and rejoices in the assurance that she is now at peace in the presence of her Savior.

Carol is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, William Masters; her children, Christopher Masters (Brittany) and Carrie Wetzel (Matthew); her grandchildren, Kailyn, Meghan, Violet, Nash, and Elizabeth; and her sister, Susie Bell.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 18, at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church in Sun City, Arizona. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Army Ranger Lead the Way Fund.

Though Carol's presence will be deeply missed, her example of fierce love, steadfast faith, and devotion to family will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her.

Welcome to St. Christopher's today.

This service is taken from the Book of Common Prayer according to the use of The Episcopal Church—The Burial of the Dead Rite II which begins on page 491.

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. *Therefore, it is a celebration of life. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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.”*

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend, Lazarus. So, while we rejoice that Carol has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we are sad and sympathize with those who mourn because we miss her.

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

Fr. Gerardo Brambila+
Rector

Worship Leaders

Celebrants

The Rev. Gerardo Brambila, Rector
The Rev. Sandy Chilese

Verger

Patty Emanuelson

Chalice Bearers

Connor Abel & Patty Emanuelson

Crucifer

Connor Abel

Readings

Old Testament: Lamentations 3: 22-26, 31-33

The Psalm: Psalm 27: 1-17

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

The Gospel: John 11: 21-27

Ushers

Altar Guild

Organist & Music Director

Mr. Donald Palm

Burial of the Dead: Rite Two

The Book of Common Prayer

Prelude *People Need the Lord by McHugh & Nelson* Choir

Processional: *Morning Has Broken* H-8

Please stand as able

Celebrant: 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.

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 Carol Masters. We thank you for giving her to us, her family, and friends, to know and to love as companions 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.**

Celebrant: Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with the Masters family and all of us in our grief. Surround us with Your love, that we may not be overwhelmed by loss, but have confidence in Your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament

Lamentations 3: 22-26, 31-33

(The Lord is good to those who wait for him)

Lector: A reading from the Book of Lamentations

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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

The Psalm
Psalm 27: 1-17

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whose then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
2. When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
3. Though an army should encamp against me,*
yet my heart shall not be afraid.
4. And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
5. One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
6. To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
7. For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
8. Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
9. Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
10. Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
12. Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
13. You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
14. Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
15. Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
16. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up again me, and also those who speak malice.
17. What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!

New Testament
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Lector: A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but

rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able for the hymn and the Gospel reading

Gospel Hymn: *Amazing Grace* H-671, Vs 1, 2, 3

The Gospel
John 11: 21-27
(I am the resurrection and the life)

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant: Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I

am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Please be seated for the sermon.

The Sermon
The Rev. Sandy Chilese

Family Remembrances
Christopher Masters

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

**Celebrant
& 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.

Celebrant: For our sister Carol 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 Carol and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: Hear us, Lord.

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

People: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

People: Hear us, Lord.

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

People: Hear us, Lord.

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

People: Hear us, Lord.

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

People: Hear us, Lord.

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

Silence may be kept

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Carol 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.*

Exchanging of a Sign of Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: Holy, holy, holy, 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.

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Celebrant: 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 was 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:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: 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 forever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
All: 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. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Distribution of Communion for the People

The people come forward to receive communion.

Please note: Everyone is invited to come forward during the distribution of bread and wine. Dip the tip of the host into the cup offered to receive the wine. If you choose to receive only a blessing, approach the priest with arms crossed over your chest to signify your desire.

Receiving the bread:

Celebrant: The body of Christ. The bread of heaven.

Receiver: **Amen.**

Receiving the wine:

Chalice Bearer: The blood of Christ. The cup of salvation.

Receiver: **Amen.**

Communion Hymn: *Here I Am, Lord*

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Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Commendation

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

People: **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant: 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.**

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Carol. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, 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 Committal

Celebrant: 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 urn, the Celebrant says these words.

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.

People: And let light perpetual shine upon her.

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

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 everlasting 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.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Dismissal Hymn: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* H-207

Postlude: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee by Beethoven*

Thank you for joining Carol's family and friends today to remember and celebrate our dear sister, mother, aunt, grandma, and friend. You are invited to enjoy light refreshments in the hall next door to continue to share stories of Carol Masters' life with us.

