

A mother's love is something
that no one can explain~
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain

Helen Steiner Rice

Requiem Mass

Vivian Wingard Washington
February 6, 1933 – July 9, 2024



Monday, July 15, 2024
Eleven o'clock in the morning

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
1300 Pine Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29204

The Reverend Raphiell Ashford
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**Reflections of the Life
of
Mrs. Vivian Wingard Washington**

Vivian Wingard Washington was born on February 6, 1933, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Booker T. and Mable Collins Wingard, and the widow of Frank B. Washington, her beloved partner for 71 years. She departed this life on July 9, 2024.

She attended the public schools of Columbia, South Carolina, graduating from Booker T. Washington High School, where she served as head majorette of the marching band. She furthered her education with a Bachelor of Science degree from Allen University in 1959 and additional course work toward her Master's degree at the University of South Carolina. Vivian was a first-grade teacher in Richland District One public schools for twenty-five years serving the children of Carver Elementary and Brennan Elementary.

Vivian was an active volunteer and believed in supporting her community through service organizations. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, The Links, Inc., The Moles, and The Smart Set. Vivian was the coordinator for many service programs over the years including implementing the "Just Say No To Drugs" program at E.E. Taylor school in the 1990's. Vivian was also an avid bridge player participating in many bridge clubs over the years. Vivian was one of a kind. She was generous, funny, loving, feisty, outgoing, sassy and kind. Her vibrant personality has left a mark on us all.

Vivian Wingard Washington was predeceased by her beloved siblings, Helen Carree, Edward Collins, Book Russell, and Mildred Johnson. She leaves to mourn her passing her family that was the center of her life; son, Dr. Kent W. Washington, of Columbia, SC; two daughters, Dr. Carla D. Washington, of Rockville, MD and Robin (Dr. Thomas) Major, of Irmo, SC; three grandsons, Dr. Kent T. Washington (Dr. Varsha Kapoor), Andrew Major, and Evan Major; a great-granddaughter, Kendall Victoria Washington; and a "coming soon" great-grandson; nieces and nephews, Debra Campbell, Sonya Renee Carree, Kevin Carree, Kim Brown, Jeff Carree, Martin Carree, Sharon Hodges; great nieces, great nephews, and other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made
to St. Luke's Episcopal Church (General Fund)
in memory of Vivian Washington.

The Committal (At the Grave)

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 on 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 Vivian, and we commit his 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

 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, for ever 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

 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.

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy.

*It finds all meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised
from the dead, we too, shall be raised.*

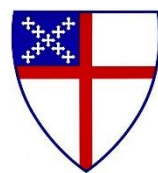
*The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that
"neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else
in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus 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. So, while we
rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord,
we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.*



**The hymns for the service are found in the hymnals,
H-The Hymnal 1982 and L-Lift Every Voice and Sing, II*

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD: RITE II



Prelude

‘Chorale Prelude on ‘Rhosymedre’ ”
“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Johann Sebastian Bach

**After the Westminster Chimes and the ringing of the bell, all stand.

✠ Indicates where the sign of the cross is made

The Hymn in Procession H • 688

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Ein feste Burg

*All standing

The Opening Anthems

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.

When all are in place, the Celebrant may address the congregation, acknowledging briefly the purpose of the gathering, and bidding their prayers for the deceased and the bereaved. The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says one of the following Collect

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Vivian, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

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

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

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

Priest The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and Holy Ghost be amongst you
always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Priest Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and
bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

At the Retiring Procession H • 562

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

St. Gertrude

Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
from *Symphony IX*

Ludwig van Beethoven

The Great Amen

*The priest intones the first "Amen"



The Lord's Prayer (Pater Noster) L · 264

*The priest sings the "Our Father."

Alfred Hay Malotte

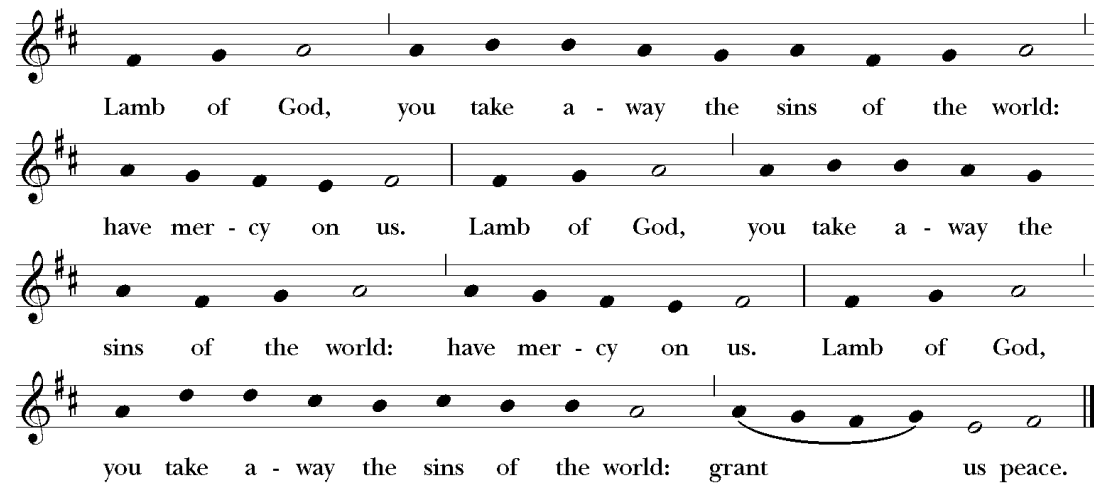
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

Setting: from *New Plainsong*; David Hurd



Celebrant 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 Music During Communion

- L · 191 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Civilla D. Martin
Ms. Ericka McClam, soprano
- H · 671/L · 184 "Amazing Grace" *New Britain*
- L · 109 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Charles C. Converse
- L · 20 "When We All Get to Heaven" Emily Divine Wilson

The Post-Communion Prayer

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-3

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah

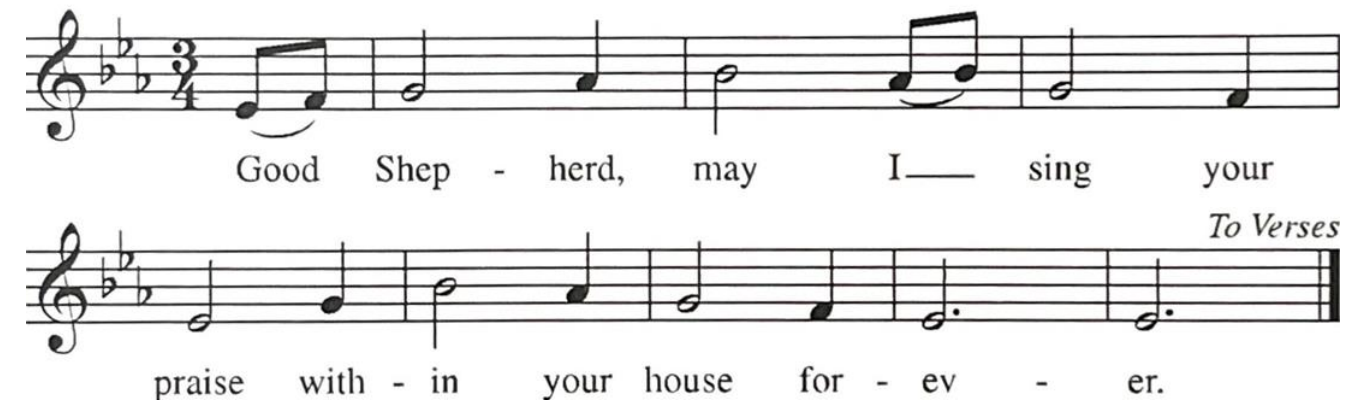
The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of ur God; 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (Dominus regit me)

** The antiphon/refrain is sung first by the Cantor and then by all. Thereafter, where indicated in the music.



9 Cantor/Choir

1. The Lord is my Shep - herd; there is nothing I shall want.
 2. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
 3. You spread a ta - ble be - fore me in the sight of my foes.
 4. Goodness and kind - ness shall fol - low me all the days of my life;

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1. He leads me to green pastures;
 2. Though I walk through the valley of darkness, I fear no evil;
 3. You anoint my head with oil;
 4. and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

12 To Refrain

1. beside restful waters he refresh - es my soul.
 2. your rod and staff give me courage.
 3. my cup o - ver - flows.
 4. for ev - er and ever.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

The Memorial Acclamation

Charles J. Rivers

Priest

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - v of faith:
 Christ has died. Christ is
 ris - en. Christ will come a - gain al - le - lu - ia!

The Celebrant continues

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 HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

“Seek Ye the Lord”
Mr. Elliott Brown, tenor

J. Varley Roberts

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

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 et Benedictus

Setting: from *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

The New Testament Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

Lector A reading from the Book of Revelation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon (*Nunc dimittis*) Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

All ✠Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Sequence Hymn H • 662

“Abide with Me”

Eventide

*All standing

The Gospel Acclamation

*Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.

Mode VI/Melody
arr. Richard Proulx

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

“I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
whoever believeth in me will never die.” (Jn. 25a, 26)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or Minister appointed reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

‘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.

The Homily

The Rev. Fr. Raphiell Ashford
Rector, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church

The Apostles’ Creed

*All standing

Celebrant 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.

The Prayers

For our sister Vivian, 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 Vivian, 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.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Vivian, 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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Reflections (5-7 minutes)

Atty. I.S. Leevy Johnson (friend)

Ms. Sonya Renee Carree (niece)