



The Celebration of the Life of

Irene Tippora Needham Hendy

October 23, 1940 – February 23, 2021



Prelude..... (music will be provided by the family)

Opening Anthem *The Lord's Prayer, Albert Hay Malotte*
Sung by Sally LeSchofs

Greetings..... The Rev. Ruth Casipit Paguio
Rector of the Parish of Holy Family Episcopal Church

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.

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 Irene. 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.



Psalm 23 (*Said by the People*)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John 10:11-16..... Derick Needham

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Homily The Rev. Canon Jerry Drino
Rector Emeritus, Parish of St. Philip

Eulogy Joe Johnson

Reading Avery Parrish – Psalm 91

Prayers of the People Larry Romero

For our sister, Irene, 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 Irene, 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.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered:
Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human
life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days;
that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to
our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion
of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort
of a religious and holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in perfect
charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that
they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and
patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance
of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with
those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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.



*The ashes are placed in the ground and members of the family cover
them with earth as this is read:*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through
our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister
Irene, and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth,
ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless Irene 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 in the language of your choice.*

Celebrant and People

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 Irene, O Lord;

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

May Irene’s 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.

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.*

Postlude: music will be provided by the family

Slide show: Pictures of Irene will be shown

Live-Streaming Producer:..... The Rev. David Starr
Associate Rector-Holy Family Episcopal Church



