In Thanksgiving for the Life of The Rev. Dr. Jacqueline "Jackie" Allene (Ehringer) Means August 26, 1936 – June 3, 2025



Burial of the Dead and Holy Eucharist June 21, 2025 - 10:00am

Prelude There's a sweet, sweet Spirit Here I Am, Lord

The Word of God

Standing as able

Anthem

Presider 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.

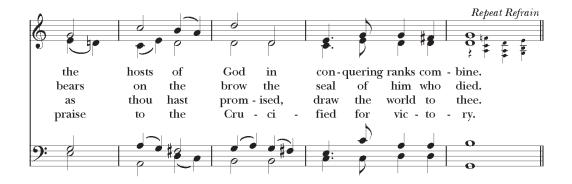
For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

HYMN Lift High the Cross

1982 Hymnal, 473





Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. 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 Jacqueline, 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 FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-3 Seated Reader A reading from 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32 To be read responsively by the whole verse

Reader 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!

People 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-12 Seated Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

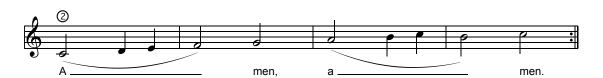
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN Alleluia, alleluia Standing as able

Anonymous





THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 5:24-27

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life. "Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, and he has given him authority to execute judgment because he is the Son of Man.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Seated

The Reverend Dr. James Lemler

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

All 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 OF THE PEOPLE

Leader For our sister Jacqueline, 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 Jacqueline, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

Presider Father of all, we pray to you for Jacqueline, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People Amen.

THE PEACE Standing as able

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Welcome Seated

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for an offering and sacrifice to God.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY Nicholas Barker-Caine, soloist

On Eagle's Wings

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A (Expansive Language)

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

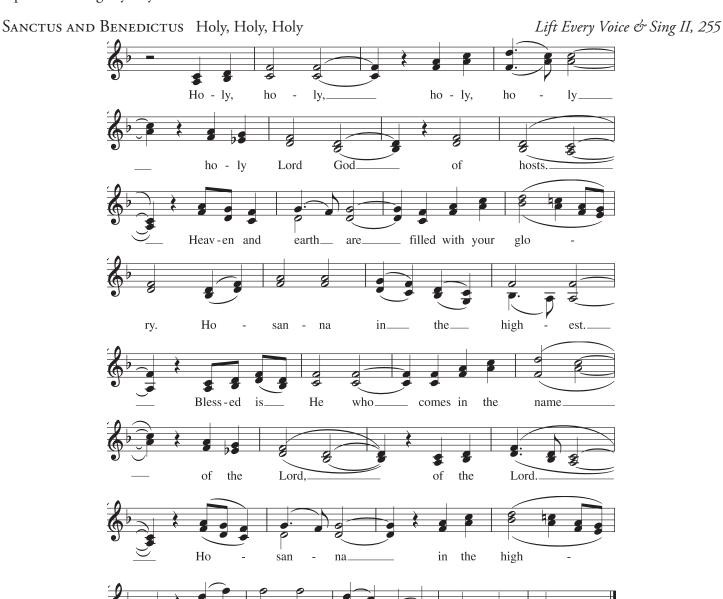
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:



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Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER Said by all

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of The Bread Silence is kept

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider 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.

This is the Lord's Table. All are welcome. Bread is received with open hands, standing or kneeling as able. Those preferring a blessing may indicate by crossing their arms. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Please do not intinct (dip) the bread into the cup – it is more sanitary to sip from the chalice.

The ushers will indicate when to go forward. Return using the side aisle.





The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.



THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Standing as able

Presider Let us pray.

All 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 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 Jacqueline. 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.

People Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

As the body is born from the church

Bagpiper - Amazing Grace

POSTLUDE Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

In leu of flowers Jackie+ requested Memorial Donations be made in her name to Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church.

Following the service the family invites you to a reception in Craine Hall.

Honorary Pallbearers

David Means, Delton Means, Zachary Means, David Jones, Bill Kershaw, Moe Means

Participants in Today's Service

Presider The Right Reverend Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis

Preacher The Reverend Dr. James Lemler Deacon The Reverend Karen Sullivan

Priest The Reverend Rebecca Ferrell Nickel

Crucifer Chuck Christoph

Chalice Tim Dinger, Scott Trauscht, Carolyn Williams, Chuck Christoph

Presenters Brianna Cox and Bee Strother

(Pat Means granddaughters and Jackie Means+ great granddaughters)

1st ReadingJulia CollinsPsalmLorie Trauscht2nd ReadingDalene SoladinePrayers of the PeopleSheryl OtterMusicianDale Caldwell

Soloists Anita Reasoner-Meyer, Nicholas Barker-Caine Social Media Steve Polston, Tim Kramer, David Nickel

Ushers Stephen Alexander, Becky Edwards, Chris Kramer, Tim Kramer, David Nickel, Addie Teagardin

Receivers Zachary Means, David Jones

Driver Herschel Price

Participants in Today's Visitation and Reception

Guest Book Carolyn Pinkston, Donald Johnston

Hosts Lorie Trauscht, Scott Trauscht, Sheryl Otter

Hospitality Gail Allen, Joanne Gott, Suzanne Shear, Becky Walters

Waycross 25 dozen Cookies

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The Reverend Jaqueline Allene (Ehringer) Means passed away at St. Frances South Hospital on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at the age of 88. She was born August 26, 1936, in Peoria, Illinois to the late Theodore and Minette Ehringer.

Jackie was a trailblazing, spirited soul who broke the glass ceiling for women within the Episcopal church and everywhere else that she ventured. On January 1, 1977, she became the first woman to be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church. As a priest, Jackie's accomplishments were many from leading her own congregation at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Plainfield, Indiana, to being active in prison ministry work where she cared for the inmates at the Indiana Women's Prison. As a result of her work, Jackie was appointed as the director of national prison ministries under the bishop for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries. In this role she served as an advocate for the incarcerated, visiting prisons all over the country. Jackie was a part of the Critical Incident Response Team which was formed by the Episcopal Church to help support dioceses and parishes affected by the 9/11 attacks. For the past eight years, Jackie served as the Affiliated Priest at Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis. Jackie's ministry work stretched far and wide. She was tireless in her work with the Waycross Episcopal Camp and with the Craine House of Indianapolis for the reform and support of formerly incarcerated women with children. Jackie's outreach to her fellow man ranged from starting food pantries to holding services and feeding the homeless on the streets of Indianapolis. Her tireless commitment to the less fortunate was unending. Her ministry knew no bounds. Jackie truly lived her life by the saying with which she often concluded her worship services, "Give food to the hungry, shelter the homeless, and love the unlovable."

Jackie was preceded in death by her husband, William Lyons; her parents, Theodore, and Minette Ehringer; her siblings: Patti Hageman of New Jersey and Rebecca Bussell of Indianapolis; Jackie's children: Patrick Means and Deborah Means, her grandchildren: Shannon Means, Shawn Means, and Michelle Means all of Indianapolis. She is survived by her brother, Michael (Diana) Ehringer of Georgia; and her sons: David (Cindy) Means and Delton (Sharon) Means, a stepson, William Kershaw Lyons; her grandchildren: Zachary Means, Shea Means, Matthew Means, David and Angela Davies of Canada, and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services for the Reverend Jaqueline Means will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at St Timothy's Episcopal Church located at 2601 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis, Indiana. A visitation for family and friends will be held from $9:00-10:00 \, \mathrm{AM}$, and the funeral service will immediately follow the visitation. Legacy Cremation & Funeral Services - Indianapolis assisted the family with the arrangements.

Jackie Means+ Blessing

"Give food to the hungry, shelter to the homeless, but above all, love the unlovable; and the blessing of the living God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with us this day and evermore.

Amen."

