

Constance Battle, M.D.

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Sunday, November 29, 2020

- 1pm Delta Sigma Theta Tribute
- 2 pm Liturgy for Dr. Constance Battle

WELCOM E

We begin with a Delta Sigma Theta Tribute to Dr. Constance Battle followed by a liturgical service. The service we use today is the “Liturgy of the Resurrection” from the Book of Common Prayer. It expresses how we might celebrate Dr. Battle's life. Within in this Liturgy, the Officiant and family have selected what is suitable for this occasion.

Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is renewed life, in Christ, after death.

God’s love and power extend over all creation. Every life, including our own, is precious to God.

Even those who share this faith discover a deep sense of loss at the death of a loved one. So, even in faith we need support and consolation. The whole community (religious or not) has an important part in giving this help.

THE GREETING

Introductory Slideshow

The Liturgy

The Officiant greets the people, and then says the following anthem

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 COLLECT

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Alan Kreditor. We thank you for giving him to us, his 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.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson *Isaiah 40: 29 – 31*

Read by Raquel Battle

God gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated. The psalm is read in unison.

Psalm 27: 1-8

Read by Khadija Mumford

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.

The Second Lesson *2 Corinthians 4: 16 – 18*

read by Sage Battle

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Moon Song by Karen O

performed by Zion Battle

The Gospel Lesson *Matthew 11: 28-30*

read by Bliss Battle

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remembrances

- Carmen Battle
- Raquel Battle
- Larry Petterson
- The Kappa Omicron
Chapter of Delta Sigma
Theta Sorority

Homily

Michael Battle

THE PRAYERS

After a brief silence for reflection, the people stand, as they are able to say the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

**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

After a brief silence for reflection, the people stand, as they are able for the prayers. They are invited to respond to each petition with, "Hear us, Lord."

Reader For our sister Constance, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Reader 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.**

Silence may be kept.

The Officiant concludes with the following prayer.

Father of all, we pray to you for Constance, and 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. *Amen.*

THE COMMENDATION

The people remain standing, as they are able. The Officiant and other Officiants take their places.

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

Officiant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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 Officiant says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Constance. 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

The Officiant blesses the people, and the people respond:

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Officiant dismisses the people and the people respond:

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

Closing Slideshow



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The Kappa Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Scholarship Fund for female students pursuing studies in medicine or health care at UNC-CH. You can make a gift online at give.unc.edu. Please search for Constance Y. Battle in the "Search All Funds" and donate under 'Gift Information' or you may make checks payable to Arts and Sciences Foundation identifying "Constance Y. Battle – 104860" in the memo line. Mail checks to Arts & Sciences Foundation, 523 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. For further assistance contact ronda.manuel@unc.edu

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