

Serving in the Liturgy today.

Celebrant: *The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.*

LEMs: Stefanie & William Bodine

Organist: *Fred Fochesato*

Interment.

The earthly body of *Virginia Steele Clarke*
will be interred in the Memorial Garden at St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church

180 Rt 539 Whiting NJ, 09759

Following the service



*Celebration of the life of
Virginia S. Clarke*

June 09, 1930 – December 14, 2021

January 15, 2022

11:15 a.m.

***Rite of Christian Burial
In Thanksgiving for The Life Of
Virginia S. Clarke***

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson: *Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33* (Jessica Clarke)
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The Second Lesson: *1 John 3:1-2* (Christina Clarke)
Gradual: “*Word of God speak*”
The Holy Gospel: *John 11:21-27*
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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#325 “*Let us break bread together*”
#324 “*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*”
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In Loving Memory...



Collect

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister *Virginia*. 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.

First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33

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.



Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

- 1 *I* lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 *My* help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 *He* will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 *Behold*, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 *The* LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 *So* that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 *The* LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 *The* LORD shall watch over your going out and your
coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Second reading

1John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The Gospel

John 11:21-27

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."