

*A Celebration of Life*  
*of*  
*June Frances Vasquez*

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**April 9, 2022**  
**11:00 am**



**Obituary of June Vasquez**  
**June 5, 1932 – November 27, 2021**

*June Frances Gray was born 5 June 1932 to Bertha Stone and James Gray at her grandparents' home in Boynton, Oklahoma. Her parents divorced when she was quite young and as a result, she spent considerable time with her maternal grandparents. As this was during the "Great Depression", times were difficult for everyone in the nation, but June still had a happy childhood, playing with her friends and cousins and spending time at her maternal grandparents' general store. When the "Dust Bowl" storms of the 1930's began devastating the high plain areas, the Oklahoma Panhandle area in particular, thousands of Oklahomans ("Okies"), including June's mother, left the already poverty-stricken areas in search of a better life. She remained with her grandparents until her mother settled in San Diego, California.*

*While the Second World War raged, Bertha worked at a defense plant as did thousands of other women. As a result, June spent much of her time alone. Despite this, she managed to entertain herself, taking bike rides to the beach and enjoying a simple but pleasant life. At 17, she met the love of her life, Hector Vasquez, a returning GI who had spent time in the South Pacific. It was virtually "love at first sight" and six months later, they married on 4 February 1950. They relocated to Los Angeles and on 21 December 1951, they welcomed their first-born child, Michael, who was followed by Debra in 1955 and Diane in 1958. They were a typical "nuclear" family. In 1969, the family relocated to San Diego where they all still live.*

*An accomplished artist, she spent much of her time involved in various art projects, including curating various art shows in the Chula Vista area. The rest of the time was spent reading, sewing, doing crossword puzzles and spending as much time as possible with Hector and their three grandchildren: Rachel Rohrer, Megan Curtis and Michael Vasquez, Jr. She passed away on 27 November 2021, the anniversary of Hector's passing, three years previously.*

*She will be extremely missed by all who ever knew her.*

Prelude     *Only In God*

## Baptismal Remembrance

*Sprinkling of Holy Water and Placing of Pall*

Entrance Procession     *On Eagle's Wings*

***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.***

*Presider*     The Lord be with you.

*People*     ***And also with you.***

*Presider*     Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory,

We remember before you this day our sister June. 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 have gone before us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*     ***Amen.***

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with June's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

## Remembrance

Rachel Rohrer

## The Lessons

### A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

Rachel Rohrer

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 90:1-8, 12

*Domine, refugium*

Megan Curtis

Lord, you have been our refuge

***from one generation to another.***

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,

***from age to age you are God.***

You turn us back to the dust and say,

***"Go back, O child of earth."***

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past

***and like a watch in the night.***

You sweep us away like a dream;

***we fade away suddenly like the grass.***

In the morning it is green and flourishes;

***in the evening it is dried up and withered.***

For we consume away in your displeasure;  
***we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.***

Our iniquities you have set before you,  
***and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.***

So teach us to number our days  
***that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.***

### **A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

*Revelation 21:1-7*

Michael Vasquez, Jr.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord

*People*            ***Thanks be to God***

### **Gospel Hymn**        *Shepherd Me, O God*

### **The Gospel**

*John 14:1-6*

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

*People*            ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "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.***

## Homily

### Remembrance

Megan Curtis

#### The Apostles Creed *(please stand as you are able)*

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

**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.**

#### Prayers of the People

Trell Garman

For our sister June, 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 June, 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*

*Presider* Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister, June, 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**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **Remembrance**

Michael Vasquez, Jr.

**Preparation of the Altar** *Softly and Tenderly*

**The Great Thanksgiving** *(please respond where bold)*

*Presider* The Lord 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 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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.***

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion *How Great Thou Art*

*You are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. We offer Holy Communion under both forms of bread and wine by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). Please indicate, with a nod of your head, yes or no, if you desire communion under both forms. If you do not want to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## Prayer after Communion *(Please stand as you are able)*

*Presider* Let us pray

***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

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant 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 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, June.  
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

*Presider* 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.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

## Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Recessional Hymn**      *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

**Postlude**                *Song of Farewell*

***The family requests that memorial donations be made to  
St. John's Episcopal Church.***

## **Liturgical Ministers**

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## **St. John's Mission Statement**

St. John's is a Christian community that intentionally gathers to experience God's love through Episcopal worship, education, fellowship, and ministry to the wider community.

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