

Celebrating the Life of

Rachel Furer

Sunrise
December 2, 1955

Sunset
October 19, 2020

Monday, October 26, 2020 - 11am

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
521 W. 126th Street, New York, NY 10027

Obituary



Rachel was passionate about everything she did, and usually one of the smartest people in any room. As a teenager her passion was British history and literature of the 16th and 17th century. She did one year of graduate school in same after obtaining her BA from Barnard College, but she soon turned to her other passion social justice. She received an MSW from the Columbia School of Social Work and worked for 15 years as a hospital social worker before having to retire on disability. She worked with AIDS patients in the 80s and 90s, also with transplant patients, on the medical and surgical floors and in the Emergency Room. She was fierce in advocating for her patients' rights, quite willing to battle the doctors, nurses and administrators to make sure her patients received the treatment and benefits they needed and deserved. She was also proud that her work as a hospital social worker helped her to be able to take excellent care of our mother and father in their old age, which was one of the most difficult tasks she had to bear in her life.

She also loved music, particularly early classical music, the hymns of the church, and also Gilbert and Sullivan. In her 20s, she volunteered with the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Society as Stage Manager Assistant and Props Assistant. She also taught herself to sing late in life, and loved singing with the St. Mary's Choir and with the Raging Grannies.

And of course she loved the church. Her life at St. Mary's was really, really important to her, providing spiritual support, community, and purpose. Participating in services and on committees brought her great joy. She is surely missing you all wherever she is, as much as I know you miss her. She had her share of challenges but her suffering is at an end now. Rest in peace Rachel, we love you.

Order of Service

Burial Anthem

Scripture Readings
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14:1-6

Reflections

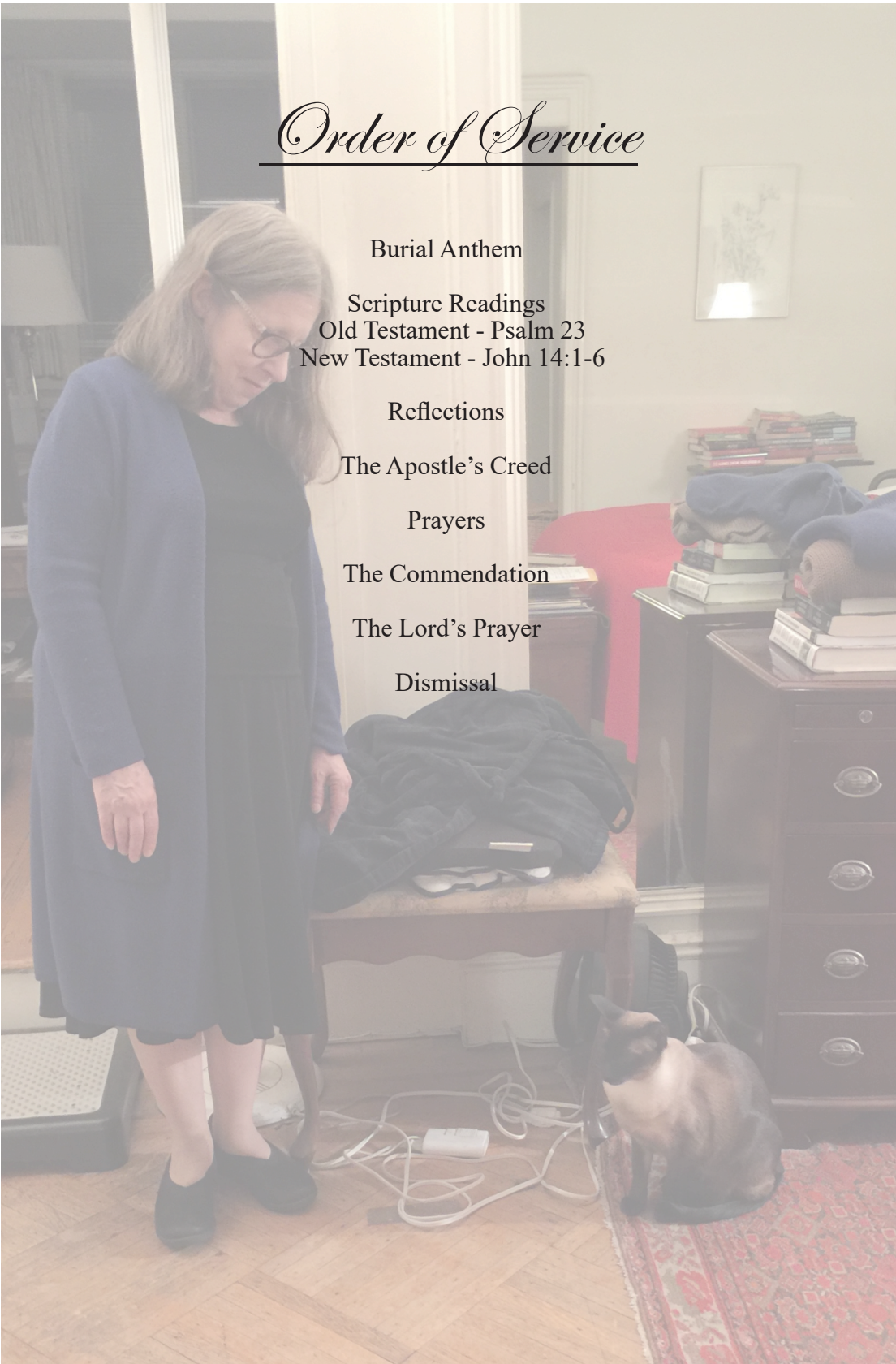
The Apostle's Creed

Prayers

The Commendation

The Lord's Prayer

Dismissal



The Lord is gracious and full of compassion
slow to anger and of great kindness
The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works
The Lord upholds all those who fall
he lifts up those who are bowed down
The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord
and you give them food in due season
You open your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature
The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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