

Mercy
By Sister Mary Christopher Esler

I saw a grasshopper the other day –
That winged, timid, half-hopping creature
who told me
that the season is near end.

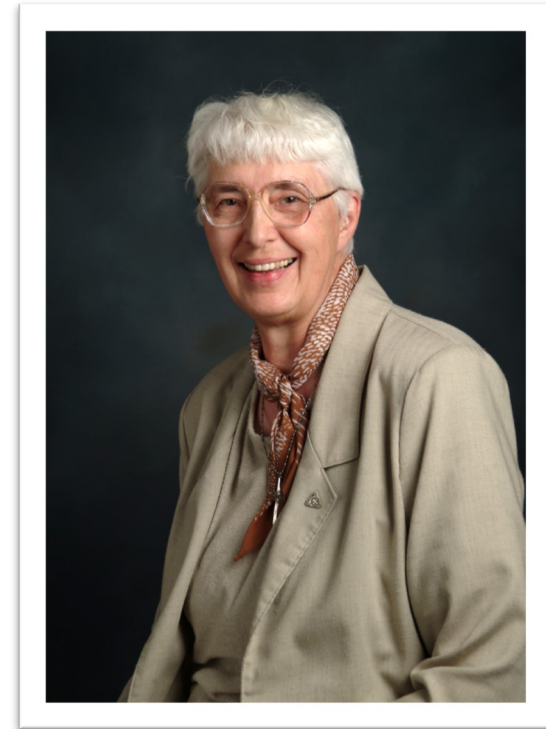
I went to a funeral today –
a reminder that life is not forever.
When my time comes,
Will I be ready to walk the last mile
and seek the hand of a friend?

Will sin, anxiety, loneliness and fear
cause me to withhold when the hour is near?
Will the boldness to walk those last steps while young
turn to dust and be wordless on dry, thirsty tongue?

Let the prayer
of my Dismas heart be,
“Lord have mercy,
have mercy on me.”

Let mercy be my bridge,
mercy be my pall,
mercy lift me over,
when I hear the Master’s call.

Memorial Liturgy



Sister Mary Christopher Esler
February 14, 1927—January 31, 2021

Nazareth Center Chapel

February 18, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Presider: Father Ken Smits, OFM, Cap.

Organist: Paul Thelen

Readers: Sister Marie Kees
Sister Agnes Scott

Homilist: Father Ken Smits

Intercessions: Sister Loraine Pfannenstiel

Gift Bearers: Sister Agnes Scott
Sister Marcus Gmeinder

Eucharistic Ministers:

Carol Burczyk
Sister Marcus Gmeinder
Sister Kathleen Schweihs
Sister Joann Sams

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Time of Remembrance: Mary's Song BB #682



*God has done
great things
for me!*

Entrance Song: *You Are Mine* BB #457 vs. 1, 2, 4

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Lamentations 3: 22-26

Responsorial Psalm: Refrain: *Forever I will sing the
goodness of the Lord.*

Second Reading: 2 Cor. 4: 14—5:1

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Chris, King
of endless glory!

Gospel: John 14: 1-6

Homily: Father Ken

Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Gifts: *Instrumental*

Mass of Creation:

Holy, Holy: #883

Acclamation: #884

Amen: #885

Lamb of God: #886

Communion Song: *One Love Released* BB #356

Recessional Song: *Sing, O Sing* BB #553, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5