

**The Requiem Eucharist
in Celebration of the Life and Legacy
of**

Bertha M. Martin

April 5, 1926 - January 28, 2023



Saturday, March 11, 2023

11:00 AM

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Associate Rector

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

PRELUDE MUSIC

As the procession enters the Nave, all, as able, please stand.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Holy One.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though she die.
And those who have life,
and have committed themselves 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, my Redeemer will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold the one
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For we do not have life in ourselves,
and we do not become our own master when we die.
For if we have life, we are alive in God,
and if we die, we die in God.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are God's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Holy One!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

HYMN LEVAS 60 How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to thee: — How great Thou
 art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to
 thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

THE COLLECT

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember this day our sister Bertha. 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.

The people sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is

anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

POEM On Friendship, by Kahlil Gibran

And a youth said, Speak to us of Friendship.

And he answered, saying:

Your friend is your needs answered.

He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving.

And he is your board and your fireside.

For you come to him with your hunger, and you seek him for peace.

When your friend speaks his mind you fear not the “nay” in your own mind, nor do you withhold the “ay.”

And when he is silent your heart ceases not to listen to his heart;

For without words, in friendship, all thoughts, all desires, all expectations are born and shared, with joy that is unacclaimed.

When you part from your friend, you grieve not;

For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain.

And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit.

For love that seeks aught but the disclosure of its own mystery is not love but a net cast forth: and only the unprofitable is caught.

And let your best be for your friend.

If he must know the ebb of your tide, let him know its flood also.

For what is your friend that you should seek him with hours to kill?

Seek him always with hours to live.

For it is his to fill your need but not your emptiness.

And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.

For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.

All, as able, please stand.

THE GOSPEL John 14:1-6

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“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.

The Gospel of Jesus.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

REFLECTIONS

Michael Brown
George K. Martin

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

The people stand.

HYMN 671 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

New Britain

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

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

At the rising sun and at its going down;
We remember her.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter;
We remember her.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring;
We remember her.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer;
We remember her.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn;
We remember her.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends;
We remember her.

As long as we live, she too will live,
For Bertha is now a part of us, as we remember her.

When we are weary and in need of strength;
We remember her.

When we are lost and sick at heart;
We remember her.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make;
We remember her.

When we have joy we crave to share;
We remember her.

When we have achievements that are based on hers;
We remember her.

For as long as we live, she too will live
For Bertha is now a part of us, as we remember her.

The Presider continues

Almighty God, Father of all, we pray to you for Bertha, and for 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, rest in peace.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

All may offer one another a sign of peace.

GREETING

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SOLO

Rob Hall, soloist

The people stand.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God

Let us give thanks

It is right to give God 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:

SANCTUS S 124

From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Source of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, we pray:

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table set before us and for all and this bread and wine as God's food for us and for all. Therefore whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe,

All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

THE COMMUNION

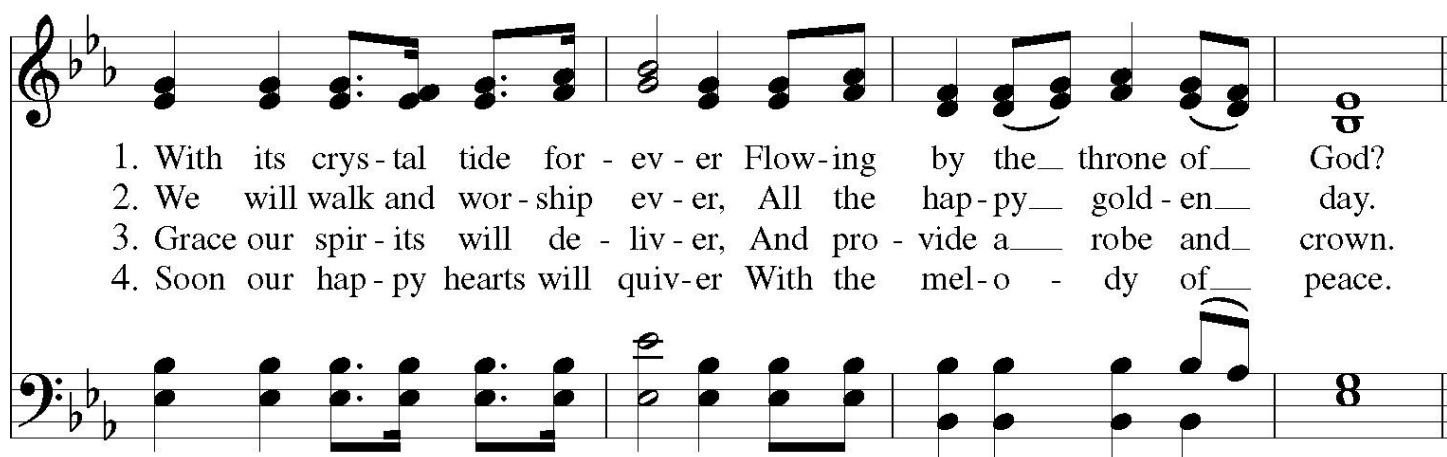
St. Mark's receives communion "in the round" as a symbol of our strong belief in the power of community.

You will be offered bread by a celebrant and invited to drink from the common cup. Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;____
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,____
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;____
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease,____



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the__ throne of__ God?
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py__ gold - en__ day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a__ robe and__ crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of__ peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful__ riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints__ at the riv - er That flows by the throne of__ God.



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. My sin oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 3. And, Lord, hast the day when the faith shall be



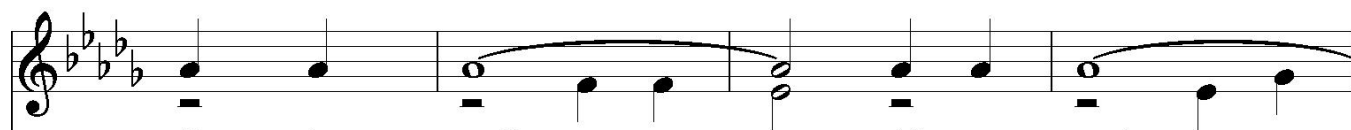
way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 thought My sin not in part, but the whole
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,



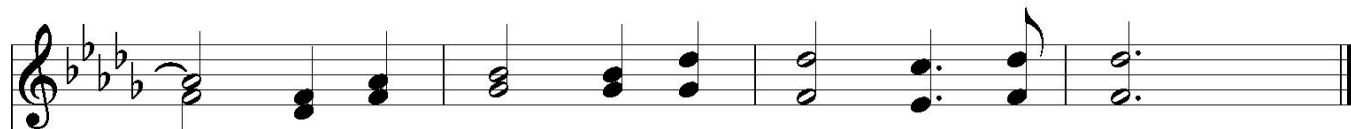
What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -



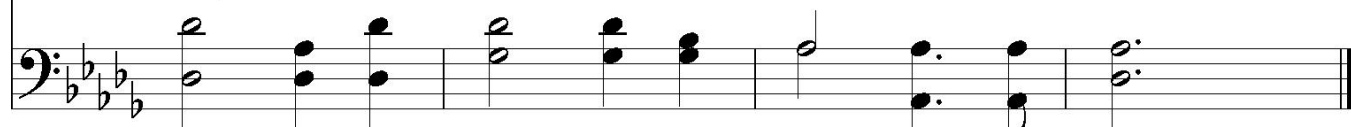
say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend, "E - ven so" it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul,
 It is well with my



— It is well, it is well with my soul.
 soul,



The people stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 Bertha with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

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.

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

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

Let us pray, saying together:

**O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered:
Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PROCESSION TO THE COLUMBARIUM

THE COMMITTAL

Everyone that God gives to me will come to me. I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Ashes are placed in the niche.

In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Bertha, and we commit her body to this resting place. Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. O God, bless her and keep her, make your face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, lift up your countenance upon her and give her peace.

Amen.



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so _____ dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who _____ toiled and _____ fought and _____
 his love _____ made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for _____
 hund-reds of thou-sands still, the _____ world is _____ bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And _____
 Je - sus' sake, the _____ whole of their good lives long. And _____
 joy - ous saints who _____ love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was _____ slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the _____ green: they were all of them saints of _____
 by a fierce wild _____ beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of _____ God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
 folk like _____ me, and I mean to be one too.

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to all the world, peace and concord; and to us and every faithful servant, life everlasting; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go into the world and know how much a tired and hurting world needs your strength and gladness, for there are deeds of compassion and courage that will never be done unless you do them; and words of hope and healing that will never be spoken unless you speak them. And now let us go forth into the world in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Liturgical Leaders & Worship Participants

Presider	The Reverend Christopher Phillips
Homilist	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Director of Music & Organist	Jeff Kempskie
Soloist	Rob Hall
Readers	Elizabeth Bradley, Terry Driver, Fritz Henn, and Doris and Michelle Strange
Acolyte	Liz Layton
Verger	Josie Jordan
Altar Guild	Susan Sedgewick and Gretchen Willson
Flowers	Penny Farley
Video Director	David Deutsch
Technical Director	Charlie Rupp



Bertha M. Martin



Dr. Bertha M. Martin was born in Pulaski, Tennessee on April 5, 1926. She spent her youth in Selma, Alabama and Baltimore, Maryland and she attended Howard University (1947) as an undergraduate and Howard Dental School (1951). She also studied pediatric dentistry at the University of Michigan (1953). She practiced dentistry in Wilmington, California, Berkeley, California and Los Angeles, California. While in Los Angeles she married and welcomed her precious daughter Beryl LaVert into the world.

In 1967 she moved back to Washington, DC and is believed to be the first Black pediatric dentist in the District. For five decades she also taught part time at Howard Dental School and started the pediatric dental program at Howard. Also for five decades she has been a faithful and devoted member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church where she was the chair of the Altar Guild and the Sacristy bears her name. She also was head of the money counters, taught Sunday School and was the treasurer of the dance studio at St. Mark's. She was the person who saw what needed to be done and she brought others along for the ride. Bertha with her "puckish" way of being, could correct behavior with a smile on her face and was capable of a look chilling behavior from both children and clergy. She was also the person who stepped in and helped people when they suffered a great loss. She insisted that everyone call her "Bertha" and she was quick to make friends. Indeed if Bertha was your friend, you had a friend for life. She loved her friends deeply and nurtured the relationships.

During her childhood she spent summers in Cape May, New Jersey. She loved Cape May and spent several weeks there every summer. She also loved to travel and she took many trips to Africa and Europe. Bertha collected owls because they are wise and her collection is extensive. She was well read and loved to debate anyone on almost any topic. She also loved playing bridge and played at least a couple of times a week. Further she loved the theatre and good food, and was always looking for a new recipe or restaurant. Bertha also previously served on the Board of Trustees at Dean Junior College and Burgundy Farm Country Day School, schools that Beryl attended.

Her beloved Beryl predeceased her but she is survived by friends and relatives who love her dearly. They include: Yvonne Hamilton, Frances Bumbrey (Joe), Kim Williams, Anthony G. Martin, Cheryl M. Napper, George Keith Martin (Anita), Michael Brown (Liz), Elizabeth Bradley (Doug), Stephen "Skipper" Brown, Jr. (Caroline), Terry Driver, Adam Driver (Jennifer), Fritz Henn, Ursula Williams, Debra Jeffries Hoggard (Paul), Dale Allen, Marc Whiting, Herschell Hamilton (Majella), Jacqueline Hamilton, Rachel Hamilton (John), Sharon Brooks (Anthony), Charles Williams, Jr. and James Williams.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Beryl LaVert Martin Scholarship Fund at Bennington College (One College Drive, Bennington, VT 05201-6003, or Plannedgiving.Bennington.edu).