

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2021



Our beloved Dorothy and John Battiste

Dear Ones,

We've all heard pandemic horror stories of the aftermath of people gathering in person for indoor services. Much to my disappointment, longtime Arlington Street member John Battiste's funeral was arranged with a funeral home that didn't offer a Zoom option. They hired a Baptist minister to conduct John's funeral, and I very happily agreed to conduct a (masked, distanced) graveside service tomorrow afternoon at 1:45 at the beautiful military cemetery in Bourne.

But then the funeral home changed its mind, and arranged for Zoom, so we can attend virtually. We just received the link this evening. A Baptist colleague whom I don't know will be conducting the funeral. I do know there will be a time during the service for all of us who knew and loved John to share. If you can be there, the time is 10:30 a.m. (with the waiting room opening at 10:00). The Zoom link is [here](#). The meeting ID is 810 3607 1000. The Passcode is 650449.

As you might well imagine, this is not how I wish this had unfolded, but let those of us who can gather to honor John and support Dorothy, and take what we are given with the same grace and equanimity he brought to every situation. Thanks to Art Nava for finding this beautiful photo of John and Dorothy, taken at one of our fabulous Indulge galas!
John Battiste, *i-presente!*

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Did you notice the new “Live Transcript” closed captioning on your Zoom screen last Sunday morning? Thanks to Rev. Beth for pursuing this service, which we’re hoping will be much less “clunky” than Otter (and yes, you have the option to turn it off; you’ll find “hide” or “show” subtitles in the “More” menu). Thanks to Anthony Cannella for “test driving” it for us!

This Sunday, Yulia Yun opens the service on piano with *Your Song*, *Vision of Love*, *All You Need is Love*, and *The Power of Love*. Ann-Marie Iacoviello sings *Everybody*; Tevan Goldberg sings *What Wondrous Love* and *Answering the Call of Love*; Hana and Kazuhiro Omori sing *There Is A Love* and *Fly Me to the Moon*; and, for a very sweet Valentine’s Day treat, thanks to Director of Music Mark David Buckles and Tech Team Lead Art Nava, the Arlington Street Choir will Zoom in to sing *There Is More Love Somewhere!* Darrell Waters is our worship coordinator. Rev. Erica Rose Long’s sermon is called *The Transformative Power of Love*. Yulia Yun closes the service with *Seasons of Love* ... on organ!

This coming week, in addition to all our regular Zoom room gatherings, if you’ve ever wanted to read Dante’s *Inferno*, Professor Alan Helms will be leading us through hell on Wednesday, the 17th, at 12:30. Grab a copy of Dorothy Sayers’ translation and get ready for a wild ride! As always, details are at ASCBoston.org.

And on Thursday evening, the 18th, Rev. Beth and I will once again host a gathering for new friends of Arlington Street. If we haven’t had the pleasure of meeting you yet, please come! We’ll gather in the [Arlington Street Zoom room](#) at 6:00!

Thank you for being my exquisite Valentines! Here’s e.e. cummings, for each and every one of you.

i carry your heart with me(i carry it in
my heart)i am never without it(anywhere
i go you go,my dear;and whatever is done
by only me is your doing,my darling)
i fear

no fate(for you are my fate,my sweet)i want
no world(for beautiful you are my world,my true)
and it’s you are whatever a moon has always meant
and whatever a sun will always sing is you

here is the deepest secret nobody knows
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life;which grows
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)
and this is the wonder that’s keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

p.s. Please mark your calendar for 1:00 on Saturday, February 20th, in front of the church for the surprise gift hand-out (walk up or drive up, masked and distanced!) for all those who donated to All Souls: A Campaign for the Preservation of Arlington Street Church!



Thanks to Hirschel McGuinness for unearthing this historic photo!