# Gathering Table

a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada



**Funeral Service for** 

**Vicky Lynn Butt** 

July 21st, 1956 – April, 10th, 2023

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April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

2 p.m.

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Ann CamberMusic: Donna Ted Hamill and GT SingersReaders: Jenna Garlick, Gail Benz, Cathy Axcell

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. We're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitors Book at the back of the church. We encourage "Masks" to be worn in accordance with the most recent COVID-19 Protocols from the Diocese of Algoma.

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

### Walk in to Resurrection Promises BAS page 589

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 is committed to me in faith,

shall not die for ever.

John 11.25–26

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

John 14.1–3

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38–39

# **Welcoming Remarks**

Opening Music: O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Apostles' Creed
I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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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:** BAS page 593

<u>Presider</u>: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your

peace.

All:

Hear us, Lord.

<u>Presider:</u> May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate

of death to our joyful resurrection.

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<u>Presider</u>: Grant us grace to entrust **Vicky** to your never failing love which sustained **her** in this life. Receive **her** into the arms of your mercy, and remember **her** according to the favour you bear for your people.

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1st Reading is from the Book Proverbs

#### Proverbs 31: 10 - 29

Reader: Jenna Garlick - Daugher in Law

- <sup>10</sup> A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
- <sup>11</sup>The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
- <sup>12</sup> She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
- <sup>13</sup> She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
- <sup>14</sup> She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.
- <sup>15</sup> She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.
- <sup>16</sup> She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- <sup>17</sup> She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.
- <sup>18</sup> She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

- <sup>19</sup> She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- <sup>20</sup> She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- <sup>21</sup> She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- <sup>22</sup> She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- <sup>23</sup> Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- <sup>24</sup> She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.
- <sup>25</sup> Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
- <sup>26</sup> She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- <sup>27</sup> She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- <sup>28</sup> Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:
- <sup>29</sup> 'Many women have done excellently,

but you surpass them all.'

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 23

Reader: Gail Benz - Very dear friend

# The Divine Shepherd A Psalm of David.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

# The Second Readings is from Romans

Reader: Cathy Axcell - Cousin

**Romans 8: 35 – 39** 

<sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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<u>Presider</u>: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 11: 25 - 30

#### Jesus Thanks His Father

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

<sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

<sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

<sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

**Presider:** The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**Hymn: Give Me Jesus** 

Soloist: Jim Sutton

**Memories of Vicky** 

shared by son-in-law - Paul BeauParlant

**Homily: Rev. Ann Camber** 

**Music: Amazing Grace** 

**Prayers** 

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# Lord's Prayer

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And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

# **Commendation and Blessing**

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

"You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; 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.

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<u>Presider:</u> Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant **Vicky**Acknowledge, we pray, 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.** 

#### **Closing Music:**

**Have I Told You Lately That I Love You** 

Soloist: James Stewart

The Blessing

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*Presider:* The eternal God is your dwelling place

And underneath are the everlasting arms.

All: Blessed is the Lord,

Our strength and our salvation.

#### **Process out to the Nunc Dimittis**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

We continue our celebration for Vicky with food and fellowship at the **Goods & Co** The interment will take place at a later date.

# A thought

"My understanding of life after death is in the way you touch everyone around you".



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# **Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2023**

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4: 18 - 19