

# *A Celebration of Life*



**Jean Ann Skaf**

October 31, 1965– April, 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

***Gathering Table a Faith Community  
in the Anglican Church of Canada***

***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.***

**Presider and Preacher:** Rev. Ann Camber

**Honorary Assistant:** Rev. Gail Clifton

**Music:** Nancy Polhill

**Readers:**

**Rev. Kevin Peltomaki** (*friend of family*)

**Brian Smith** (*friend of family*)

**Rima White** (*Jeanie niece*)

**Eulogy:** Jennifer Coquhoun (*daughter*)

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**11 a.m.**

***The Resurrection Promises***

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*

Welcome to the family and friends of Jeanie

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Music: Be Thou My Vision

### **Collect**

O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, with your  
servant **Jeanie** and all the faithful departed, the sure  
benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious  
resurrection; that in the last day,

when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Psalm 23**

*Reader: Rev. Kevin Peltomaki – friend of family*

The Divine Shepherd

### **A Psalm of David.**

- <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup>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 First Reading**

*Reader: Brian Smith - friend of family*

## **Job 19: 1, 21 – 27a**

1 Then Job answered:

<sup>21</sup> Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,  
for the hand of God has touched me!

<sup>2</sup> Why do you, like God, pursue me,  
never satisfied with my flesh?

<sup>23</sup> ‘O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock for ever!

<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he<sup>[b]</sup> will stand upon the earth;

<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,

<sup>27</sup> whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Reader: Rim White – niece of Jeanie*

## **Romans 8: 35 - 39**

<sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will  
hardship, 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 conquerors 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Presider:* 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.

<sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

*Presider:*      The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Memories of Jeanie**

*By her daughter Jennifer*

Homily:              **Rev. Ann Camber**

**Apostles’ Creed -**

I believe in God,

**the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

*Presider: 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.**

*Presider:* 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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*Presider:* Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

**All: Hear us, Lord.**

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you with a quiet mind.

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Presider: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

**All: Hear us, Lord.**

Presider: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

**All: Hear us, Lord.**

Presider: Grant us grace to entrust **Jeanie** 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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**All: Hear us, Lord.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

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.**

Music:           **The King of Love, My Shepherd Is**

## **The Dismissal**

*Presider:*       The eternal God is your dwelling place  
                  And underneath are the everlasting arms.

***All:*               Blessed is the Lord,  
                      Our strength and our salvation.**

## **Commendation and Blessing**

*Process out of the church*

*Pallbearers and family*

Danny Assad  
Jordan Miller  
Naji Mounayer

Mike Assad  
Christopher Torma  
Rocky Rizzo

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.

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

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,  
we commend your servant **Jeanie**

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.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***Followed by the family as the Nunc Dimittis is said***

**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 will continue our celebration for **Jeanie** with food and fellowship at **the Delta Waterfront Hotel** Interment will take place at Our Lady of Charity Mausoleum – St. Andrew’s Cemetery*

***A thought:***

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