

# A Celebration of Life



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**January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1935 - August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

***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.***

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

**Lay Reader:** Frances Bennett-Sutton

**Readers:** David Reid, Sandy Shaw

**Music:** Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers

**Altar Guild:** Erminie Reid

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

**September 29<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 Elizabeth**

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: **The Lord is my Shepherd Psalm 23**

### **Collect**

O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, with your  
servant ***Elizabeth*** 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 121**

### **Assurance of God's Protection - A Song of Ascents.**

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- <sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.

**First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-3**     *Reader: David Reid*

### **The Good News of Deliverance**

**61** The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;

he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup> to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

**Second Reading is from 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – 18**

*Reader: Sandy Shaw, brother of Elizabeth*

**The Coming of the Lord**

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

<sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

<sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

<sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Lay Reader:           The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

Celebrant:       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

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

**John 14:1-6**

**Jesus the Way to the Father**

<sup>1</sup> 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup> 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?

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ

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

**Memories of Elizabeth and poem.**

*By Jim Whalley*

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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*(Lay Reader)*

*Celebrant:* *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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.

**All: Hear us, Lord.**



*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

**All: Hear us, Lord.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* Grant us grace to entrust **Elizabeth** 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.

**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:           **Abide with me**  
**The Dismissal**

Celebrant::       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**

**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 ***Elizabeth*** 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.**

***Nunc Dimittis is said – the family will follow the lay reader and priest to the back of the church then make their way to the parish hall***

**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.**

***A thought:***

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

**A social will be held in the parish hall immediately after the  
service, committal will follow later at Riverside cemetery.**



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