

Celebration of Life



For

The Reverend Gail Marguerite Clifton

April 16, 1944 - December 27, 2023

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

Celebrants: The Ven. Dr. Deborah Kraft
and The Reverend Ann Camber

Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Kim Bienvenue

Music: Guest organist: Sandra Cosbey,
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Altar Guild: Sarah Pyne

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.

January 19th, 2024

Funeral Liturgy –

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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 from: The Reverend Ann Camber

Opening Hymn: **CP 485** *Tune Hyfrydol*
Love's Devine all Love's Excelling

Letter from:

The Most Reverend Anne Germond

Read by The Venerable Dr. Deborah H. Kraft

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Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who by our sins are justly angered.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

Lord you know the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayers,
but spare us, O Lord.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

O worthy and eternal Judge,
do not let the pains of death
turn us away from you at our last hour.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

The Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, with your servant **Gail** 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.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Reading:

Job 19: 21 – 27a

- 21 Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me!
- 22 Why do you, like God, pursue me,
never satisfied with my flesh?
- 23 'O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
- 24 O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!
- 25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
- 26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,

27 whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

**The New Testament Reading:
Romans 8: 14 – 19, 34 – 35, 37 -39**

- 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
- 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’
- 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.
- 18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.
- 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;
- 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.
- 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

- 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
39 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 Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 10: 11 - 16

- 11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.
- 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.
- 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

- 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.
And I lay down my life for the sheep.
- 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I
must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.
So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: **The Reverend Ann Camber**

The Apostles' Creed

Lay Reader

Lay Reader: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as
we say,

**All: 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

Lay Reader: 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.

***People:* Hear us, Lord.**

Lay Reader: 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 her pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

***People:* Hear us, Lord.**

Lay Reader: 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.

***People:* Hear us, Lord.**

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

***People:* Hear us, Lord.**

Lay Reader: 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.

***People:* Hear us, Lord.**

Lay Reader: 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.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Lay Reader: Grant us grace to entrust **Gail** 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.

People: Hear us, Lord.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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Hymn: **CP 381**

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

The Preparation of the Gifts

Prayer over the Gifts.

Celebrant: God of mercy, accept the worship we offer you this day. Increase, we pray, our faith, deepen our hope, and confirm us in your eternal love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **People: Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Chant

Responses Sung

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Lift up your hearts.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them upon the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose victorious rising from the dead has given to us the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the
Lord:**

Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word

spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **ALL: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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.

Celebrant: This is the bread which has come down from heaven.

All: **Those who eat this bread will live for ever.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

Communion Music

CP 57 **Thou Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray**

CP 649 **Breathe on Me Breath of God**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of love, you have fed us at the table of your kingdom. Teach us to trust, without fear, in your eternal goodness and mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Commendation

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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.

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

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we
commend your servant **Gail**. 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.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn: **CP 425**
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***The Nunc Dimittis is said as we leave followed by
the family***

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 **Gail** with food and fellowship in the Parish Hall. Any donation would be appreciated by the family to Gathering Table, or a charity of your choice.

Family Members:

Gail Pell – spouse

Janette Brunelle – sister in law

*Maureen Abbot (Ross) – goddaughter of
Rev. Gail and Gail*

Committal 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 2024

"God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 11