

Celebration of Life for



Janis Diane Medwid (Proudfoot)

January 31st, 1947- February 17th, 2024

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.

Land Acknowledgement- Doug Semple

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Frances Bennett-Sutton

Lectors: David Reid, Greg Medwid

Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and Singers

Altar Guild: Elaine McKinnon

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

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February 27th, 2024

11:00 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 Janis Medwid

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: **This is my Father's World**

Collect

O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, with your
servant **Janis** 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 First Reading

Reader: David Reid

Job 19: 1, 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^[b] 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!

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

Psalm 139

Reader: David Reid

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
12 even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
- 13 For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.
¹⁹ O that you would kill the wicked, O God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—
²⁰ those who speak of you maliciously,
and lift themselves up against you for evil!
²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
²² I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.
²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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

Second Reading:

Reader: Greg Medwid (son of Janis)

2 Corinthians 5: 1 - 9

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,
we have a building from God, a house not made with
hands, eternal in the heavens.

² For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our
heavenly dwelling—

³ if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked.

⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—

⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight.

⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Gradual: **Jesus Loves Me**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Lay Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 11: 25 – 30

Lay Reader Frances Bennett-Sutton

Jesus Thanks His Father

²⁵ 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;

²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

²⁷ 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.

²⁸ ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ 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.’

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Eulogy: Geoff Medwid (son of Janis)

Homily:

Rev. Ann Camber

Apostles' Creed -

Celebrant: 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: *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.

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 him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: Grant us grace to entrust **Janis** 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

Celebrant: 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.

The Dismissal

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

Closing Music: **Onward Christian Soldiers**

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.

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

Grace will be said for the

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Nunc Dimittis is sung as the family leaves for the Parish Hall, please join them.

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 **Janis** with food and fellowship in the Parish Hall here at Gathering Table.*

Please come share your stories of Janis with her family.

Interment will take place later this afternoon at Mountain View Cemetery.

A thought:

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

Family of Janis Medwid

Sons:

Greg and Barbara

Children: Jessica (Dustie) and Nikki (Tony)

Geoff and Katariina

Children: Robert, Peter and Lillianna

Sister:

Dr. Michelle Proudfoot

Donations to Gathering Table, or a charity of your choice
would be appreciated by the family. They can be left in the
Treasurer Chest at the back of the church. Envelopes are
also available beside the Treasurer Chest.



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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2024

"God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 11