

Celebration of Life



*For
Tanja Frederica Sulko*

September 27th, 1963 - January 25th, 2024

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber
Lay Reader: Frances Bennett-Sutton
Lector: Frances Bennett-Sutton
Music: Richard Pepper
Music for Solo: Rachel Sutton
Eucharistic Assistants:
Jim Sutton and Frances Bennett-Sutton
Altar Guild: Audrey Love

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

April 27th , 2024

11 a.m.

Welcome: Robyn Sulkko and Rev. Ann Camber

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

Funeral Liturgy

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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.

All: And also with you.

Music: **If I Had A Hammer**

The Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

First Reading:

Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 8

Everything Has Its Time

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
7 a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
8 a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

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

Psalm 121:

Read responsively by verse

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
² **My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**
³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
⁴ **indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
⁵ The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ **the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
⁷ The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
⁸ **the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.**

Second Reading:

1 John 3: 14-16

¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because

we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

¹⁵ Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

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

Gradual: **Blowin' in the Wind**

The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

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

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

Matthew 5: 3 – 12

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.

- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of
me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in
heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.

The Gospel of Christ.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Eulogy: **Robyn Sulkko**

Solo: **Rainbow Connection** **Robyn Sulkko**
Music: **Rachel Sutton** *Ukelele*

Homily: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Hear O Israel *Lay Reader*

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,**

**with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

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.

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.

Lay Reader: Grant us grace to entrust **Tanja** 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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Music: **Amazing Grace**

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. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 power and might
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest

Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord
Blessed is He who comes

in the name of the Lord

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest**

Steve Bell

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.**

Communion Music:

Hang on Little Tomato *by Pink Martini*

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.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,
Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely More than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Music: **We Shall Overcome**

The Commendation

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 **Tanja**. 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.

*We will continue our celebration for **Tanja** at the Current River Community Centre, 450 Dewe Ave.*

Closing Music Video:

**Coronation Street Theme –
You Tube.**

Family will leave

Family

Mom – Luise Sulkko (deceased)

Dad – Ray Sulkko (deceased)

Brother - Robert Sulkko (Anita) – Robyn's Uncle

Daughter – Robyn Sulkko

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