

*A Service of Thanksgiving
for the life of*



Violet Ivy Thomson

December 7th, 1919- November 16th , 2023

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart.

John 14: 27

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Preacher: Archdeacon Deborah Kraft

Celebrant: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Kim Bienvenue

Readers:

Shanna Napier-Andrews

James Thomson-Sakhrani

Music: Sandra Cosbey

Altar Guild: Audrey Love

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July 5th, 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 Violet Thomson

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: **In The Garden**

Collect

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

Family Eulogy: *Elizabeth L. Thomson (daughter)*

Psalm 121 *Reader: Shanna Napier-Andrews
(Granddaughter)*

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

The First Reading:
 *Reader: James Thomson-Sakhrani
(Grandson)*

1 John 4: 7 - 12

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might

live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear Friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God: but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Music: **Praise my Soul the King of Heaven**

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

John 11: 17 - 27

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,

¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.'

²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

²⁴ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’

²⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’

²⁷ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: **Archdeacon Deborah Kraft**

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 **Violet** 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.

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 **Violet**. 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 luncheon following the service

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

People: Blessed is the Lord, our strength and our salvation.

Blessing

Closing Music: **We Love This Place O Lord**

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Music: **Lord Dismiss us with Thy Blessing**

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

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 **Violet** with food and fellowship in the Parish Hall. Please come share your stories and memories of Violet with her family.*

Our Sincere Thanks to

Rev Ann for her loving pastoral care of our Mother/Nana Archdeacon Deborah Kraft for the Homily, Roberta Wolfe and Sharon Corston for their invaluable assistance.

The Choir and Organist for the uplifting music (all chosen by Mom!) Audrey and Neil Love for all they have done to make this a Special service for our Mother / Nana.

THANKYOU to every one in attendance today whether in the church or online . We are grateful that you joined us to remember our Mother/ Nana with love.

Vi's Family

Elizabeth L Thomson daughter
Kishore K Sakhrani son-in-law
James Thomson- Sakhrani grandson
Debbie Sakhrani sister in law of Elizabeth

Michael A Thomson son
Sandra Thomson daughter in law
Shanna Napier-Andrews granddaughter
Matthew Napier-Andrews grandson
Trevor Napier-Andrews great-grandson
Evelyn Violet Napier-Andrews great-granddaughter
Carol Jankovic sister in law of Michael
Ljubo Jankovic brother in law of Michael

Bill McCulloch nephew, Deanne Avery partner

Murray Ross nephew

Family members attending online

Simone Thomson-Sakhrani granddaughter
Mrs. Helen Bryer Vi's twin sister North Bay
Doreen Bryer Niece North Bay
Mrs. Betty Thomson Vi's sister in law, North Bay
Jill Croteau Niece Denver
Sandra Dawson Niece Oakville
Marilyn Mitchell Niece Ajax
Ann Rae Niece Goderich

Donations “in memory of our Mother/Nana can be made to The Gathering Table food cupboard, or a charity of your choice if so desired. Envelopes are also available at the back of the church.”



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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2024

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:7-8