

*A Service of Thanksgiving  
for the life of*



*Dorothy Mabel Nesbitt*

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1928 - August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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:** The Rev'd Canon Ed Swayze

**Celebrant:** The Rev'd Ann Camber

**Lay Reader:** Kim Bienvenue

**Readers:** Marg Boone

**Altar Guild:** Erminie Reid

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***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*

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**August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Dorothy Nesbitt

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.**

Hymn:    **CP 352**        **Amazing Grace**

### **Collect**

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy  
you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.

Show compassion to your people in their sorrow. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us, conquered death and by rising again, restored life. May we then go forward eagerly to meet him, and after our life on earth be reunited with our brothers and sisters where every tear will be wiped away. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord **Amen**.

**Words of Thanksgiving (Family Eulogy):**

Alan Nesbitt

**The First Reading:            1 John 4: 7 - 18**

*Reader: Marg Boone*

**God Is Love**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God

lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love

Hymn:    **CP 531**  
**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke 1: 46 – 55 (The Magnificat)

Reader: ***The Rev'd Ann Camber***

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

**Mary's Song**

And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

The Gospel of Christ

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

Homily:        **Canon Ed**

**Apostles' Creed**

Celebrant:    I believe in God,

**All: 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.**

**Instrumental: ‘ CP 573 Jerusalem**

## **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 her 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 ***Dorothy*** 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.**

Hymn: CP 522 Rock of Ages

**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 **Dorothy**. 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:**

## **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Music: The Nunc Dimittis**

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

***Our Sincere Thanks to***

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.

**Dorothy's Family**

Jamey (Lori)

Bruce (Pat)

Alan (Kathy)

Grandchildren:

Kali Branget (Dylan)

Ryan (Andrew)

Sister-in-law – Shirley

Donations “in memory of Dorothy can be made to 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