

*A Celebration of Life Memorial for*



*Shelia Ann Elizabeth Douglas  
April 14, 1940 - December 4, 2025*

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

**Celebrant and Preacher:** Rev. Ann Camber

**Crucifer and Lay Reader:** Brenda O'Neill

**Readers:** Makaela Douglas, Rowan Smiljanic, Skye  
Smiljanic, Rebecca Paisley, Alanna Paisley

**Music:** Donna and Ted Hamill, GT Choir

**Altar Guild:** Lisa Long

**June 20th, 2026**

**11 a.m.**

*Prelude:*      ***Donna Hamill***

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**Processional**

*Please stand as you are able  
with Scripture Lead by Crucifer*

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*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.  
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.

*All: Amen.*

***Welcome***

*Please be seated for the welcome*

Opening Hymn: **CP 532**

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**Eulogy:**

*By: **Dennis Smiljanik**  
Son in law of Sheila*

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*Please stand as you are able*

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 **Sheila** 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.**

### **POEMS**

**I'm Free**

*Shannon Lee Mourley version  
Read by: **Makaela Douglas***

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, To love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way  
I've now found peace at the end of the day.

If parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen your palm with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

## **Footprints In The Sand**

*Carolyn Joyce Carty*  
*Read by: **Rowan Smiljanic***

One night a women had a dream.  
She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the  
Lord.

Across the dark sky flashed scenes from her life.  
For each scene she noticed two sets of footprints in the

sand, one belonging to me and one to my Lord. When the last scene of my life flashed before me I looked back at the footprints in the sand: one belonging to her and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand.

She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints.

She also noticed that it happened at the lowest and saddest times of her life.

This bothered her and she questioned the Lord about it.

“Lord, You said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I just don't understand why, when I need you most, you would leave me.”

The Lord replied,

“My daughter, my precious child, I love you and I would leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”

## **Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep**

*Mary Elizabeth Frye*

*Read by: Skye Smiljanic*

Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sun on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight,  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**Old Testament Reading**    *Reader: Rebecca Paisley*

**Wisdom 3: 1 – 6**

### **The Destiny of the Righteous**

**3** But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

**2** In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,

**3** and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

**4** For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

**5** Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great  
good,

because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
<sup>6</sup> like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

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

**New Testament Reading:**

*Reader: Alanna Paisley*

**1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – 18**

**The Coming of the Lord**

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope

. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

<sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

<sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Gradual:        **CP**

**Abide With Me**

*Please stand as you are able*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
John

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

**John 6: 37 – 39**

*Lay Reader*

<sup>37</sup> Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,  
and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away;

<sup>38</sup> for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own  
will, but the will of him who sent me.

<sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should  
lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on  
the last day.

This is The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily:        **Rev. Ann Camber**

*Please stand as you are able*

**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.**

*Please be seated or kneel as you are able*

**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 him 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 **Sheila** to your never-failing love which sustained **her** in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember **her** according to the favour you bear for your people.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **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.**

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

*Grace will be said before we go into the Parish Hall.*

**Hymn: In The Garden**

***The Nunc Dimittis is said/sung 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 **Sheila** with food and fellowship in the Parish Hall here at Gathering Table. Interment for Sheila and David was held earlier today at Riverside Cemetery.*

Donations to Alzheimer's Society, or Sunnybrook Trauma Centre or TBRHSC, 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.

**Family of Sheila Douglas**

**Children:**

Catriona, husband Ernie,  
Ian, wife Debbie,  
Davina,  
Christina, husband Dennis.

**Grandchildren:**

Andrew Agnes, Christopher, Matthew Robyn,  
Makaela Adam, Adam Vanessa, Devon Sage, Rowan and  
Skye.

**Great Grandchildren:**

Alanna, Rebecca, Abbigayle, Lilly, Norah and Jackson.

**Sisters:**

Heather, husband Colin  
Clover, husband Colin



*The family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and the support you have shown by being here today.*

*You are warmly invited to join the family in the Church Hall following the service.*



**Sheila and her 3 sisters  
Scotland 1950**



Sheila and her sister Fiona  
Scotland 1955



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