

Celebration of the Life of

BEVERLY DEKKER-DAVIDSON

1948 — 2022



St Dunstan's Episcopal Church
Tuesday, July 12, 2022
11 o'clock

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude La fille aux cheveux de lin
Before Thy Throne I Now Appear

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

All stand at the tolling of the bell.

Scripture Anthem

Priest I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die.
And everyone who has life, and has committed themselves to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in ourselves,
and none become their own master when they die.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

The Collect

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Beverly. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

Ecclesiastes 3:1—9

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.
What gain have the workers from their toil?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

music, Albert Hay Malotte

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

John 14:1—6 *All stand.*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places.

If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

Remembrances

Larry Davidson, Stephanie Schaeffer,
Holly Ganz, Jackie Wendland

The Homily

The Rev. Laurel Coote

After the homily a brief silence is kept.

Hymn You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

Michael Joncas (b. 1951)

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain

“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,

The first system of the refrain features a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are “And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,”. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand in treble clef and a left hand in bass clef, both with two sharps. The right hand plays a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics “bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the”. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support, featuring chords and moving lines in both hands.

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

The third system concludes the refrain with the lyrics “sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”. The vocal line ends with a final note, and the piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained note in the left hand.

The Prayers *All stand.*

Leader For Beverly, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,
“I am Resurrection and I am life.”

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress;
draw near to us who mourn, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People Hear us, Lord.

Leader You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People Hear us, Lord.

Leader You raised the dead to life; give Beverly eternal life.

People Hear us, Lord.

Leader You promised paradise to the thief who repented;
bring Beverly to the joys of heaven.

People Hear us, Lord.

Leader Beverly was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;
give her fellowship with all your saints.

People Hear us, Lord.

Leader She was nourished with your Body and Blood;
grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People Hear us, Lord.

Leader Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of Beverly,
let our faith be our consolation and eternal life our hope.

People Hear us, Lord.

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Beverly, who was reborn by
water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your
victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father’s
love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where
you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Commendation

Priest **G**ive rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints.

People **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Priest You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; 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!

People **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Priest Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Beverly.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, 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.**

Solo In Paradisum

Gregorian Chant

Into paradise may the angels lead you.
At your coming may the martyrs receive you,
and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.
May the choirs of angels welcome you,
and with Lazarus, who once was poor,
may you have peace everlasting.

Priest Let us pray.

People **O**ur 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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest **R**est eternal grant to her, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon her.
May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant:
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which
is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever
and ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fugue in E-flat

J.S. Bach

Clergy

The Rev. Laurel Coote

Reader

Larry Davidson

Eulogists

Larry Davidson, Stephanie Schaeffer,
Holly Ganz, Jackie Wendland

Soloist

Tim Krol

Organist

Rodney Gehrke

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