

Memorial Service & Committal in Celebration of the Lives of

DOROTHY AND JAMES NIELSEN

1925 — 2020

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October 7, 2023

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

Scripture Anthem

Priest 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 has committed himself 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 becomes 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 brother and sister, James and Dorothy. We thank you for giving them to us and their family and friends, to know and to love as companions 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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift 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.

2 Corinthians 4:16—5:9

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

John 14:1-6

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

People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Prayers

Led by The Rev. Laurel Coote

Leader For James and Dorothy, 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 James and Dorothy eternal life.

People Hear us, Lord.

Leader You promised paradise to the thief who repented;
bring James and Dorothy to the joys of heaven.

People Hear us, Lord.

Leader James and Dorothy were washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;
give them fellowship with all your saints.

People Hear us, Lord.

Leader They were nourished with your Body and Blood;
grant them a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People Hear us, Lord.

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

People Hear us, Lord.

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother and sister, James and Dorothy, who were reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that their 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 Committal

Priest **E**veryone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life
to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus
Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother and sister, James and
Dorothy. And we commit their remains to their resting place; earth to earth,
ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless them and keep them, the Lord make his face to shine upon them
and be gracious to them, the Lord lift up his countenance upon them
and give them peace. **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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 them, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May their souls, 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.

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