

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
PATRICIA VLASTELICA
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ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA

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please stand as we begin the service

Opening Anthem and Prayers

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 himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
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.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death,
and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Patricia, being
raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal
glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Merciful God, you heal the broken hearted and bind up the wounds of the afflicted.
Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits, and dispel our doubts and
fears. In Christ's rising from the dead you renew our trust in you that by the power
of your love we shall one day be brought together again with Patricia. Grant this we
pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Scripture

A Reading from the Book of Job

Job 19:21-27a
Melanie Wilson, Granddaughter

- ²¹ Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me!
- ²² Why do you, like God, pursue me,
never satisfied with my flesh?
- ²³ "O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
- ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
- ²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
- ²⁶ and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
- ²⁷ whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 9:1-12

in unison

- ¹ I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- ² I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
- ³ When my enemies turned back,
they stumbled and perished before you.
- ⁴ For you have maintained my just cause;
you have sat on the throne giving righteous judgment.
- ⁵ You have rebuked the nations, you have destroyed the wicked;
you have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- ⁶ The enemies have vanished in everlasting ruins;
their cities you have rooted out;
the very memory of them has perished.
- ⁷ But the Lord sits enthroned forever,
he has established his throne for judgment.
- ⁸ He judges the world with righteousness;
he judges the peoples with equity.
- ⁹ The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

- ¹⁰ And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.
- ¹¹ Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
Declare his deeds among the peoples.
- ¹² For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

A Reading from the Revelation to John

Revelation 21:2-7
Annette Pinckney, Sister-in-law

² Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

I Come to the Garden

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1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the



1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing
2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He
3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the



1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.



And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He



tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we



tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

Title: In the Garden, Words: C. Austin Miles (1868–1946), Music: C. Austin Miles

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ

John 14:1-6

¹ Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.
² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Remembrances and Homily

The Rev. Canon Dorothy Curry, Friend
George Vlastelica, Husband
The Rev. Lori A. Walton, Rector

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Robbie Wilson
Grandson

Prayers of the People

The Rev. Canon Dorothy Curry

For our sister Patricia, 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 for Patricia, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

The Officiant says a concluding prayer.

Father of all, we pray to you for Patricia, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

The Passing of the Peace

It is tradition in the Christian faith to wish one another God's peace. The typical bidding is, "Peace be with you", to which the response is, "and also with you."

I come with joy to meet my Lord

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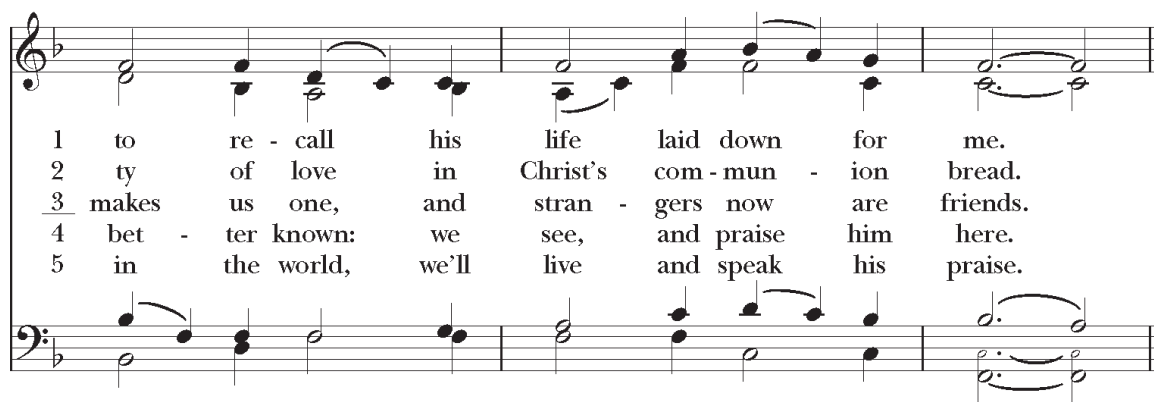
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1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

All who desire to may receive Holy Communion.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant

People

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and **People*** **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we 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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Commendation

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

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

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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 servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Patricia. 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.

The Blessing

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you forevermore. **Amen.**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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Descant

The musical score is arranged in two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system includes a descant. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment with the following lyrics:

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join the Vlastelica Family in continuing the celebration of
Pat's life with a reception on the patio.

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