

Celebration of the Life of
Kathleen J. Lungert

September 27, 1929 ~ January 11, 2024



March 9, 2024 at 10am
St. Michael's Episcopal Church
2140 Mission Avenue
Carmichael, California 95608

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PRELUDE Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though she die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed herself 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 herself,
and none becomes her own master when she 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.

OPENING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#8 Morning Has Broken

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister, Kathy. 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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Please be seated.*

A reading from the book of Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 106 responsively by half verse.

- 1 Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- 2 Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or declare all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.

- 4 Remember me, O Lord, when you show favour to your people;
help me when you deliver them;
5 That I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

A reading from the first letter of John (3:1-2)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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THE GOSPEL John 14:1-6

Deacon 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

REMEMBERANCES

Gary Lunger
Sharon Lunger

HOMILY

The Rev. Mary Claugus

APOSTLES' CREED *Please stand as you are able*

Deacon In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE DEPARTED

Deacon For our sister Kathy, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Leader Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Kathy 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.**

Father of all mercies, giver of all comfort, Kathy's life was knit together with the Daughters of the King, as we worked to fulfill your will on earth through prayer, service and evangelism. Thank you for the time we shared with her as sisters in the Order of the Daughters of the King. Bestow your gracious mercy and strength on all who mourn her passing. Let us cast every care on you that we may know the consolation of your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of love, our sister Kathy, worked faithfully for the extension of your kingdom. Together with Daughters who have gone before, may she enter into the land of light and joy, and the fellowship of all the saints.

Let us observe a moment of silence for our dear sister, Kathy.

Dear Heavenly Father, we bless you for all those who have departed this life in your faith and fear, especially your Daughter Kathy, who daily prayed for others and served cheerfully in fulfillment of her vows. May her faith and example inspire other women and girls to greater and more faithful service for you. Grant that the light of your presence and the glory of the life beyond be her great and everlasting reward. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Kathy, 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 PEACE AND OFFERTORY

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and gifts of our lives and labor to God.

OFFERTORY SOLO Largo from Cello Sonata in g minor, Op 19 by Chopin

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We believe that the real presence of Jesus is in the bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive. The host is given to hands that are opened for this receiving. Fold your hands across your chest if you prefer to receive a blessing. Gluten free hosts are available.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharist Prayer A, BCP*

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Living God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or stand as you are able

Holy and gracious Father: 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. He 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND INVITATION

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who want to know and love Christ, all are invited to come and meet Jesus here. The Gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION SOLO Going Home by Dvorak

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please kneel or stand as you are able

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

**Almighty God,
we thank you that in your great love
you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink
of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,
and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.**

**Grant that this Sacrament
may be to us
a comfort in affliction,
and a pledge of our inheritance
in that kingdom where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying,
but the fullness of joy with all your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION

Please kneel or stand as you are able

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

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: **Praise God and Christ our Savior.**

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 Kathy. 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 AND DISMISSAL

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and may The Divine Mystery, Who is beyond our ability to know, but Who made us, Who loves us and Who travels the way with us, Bless you and Keep you in Peace. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN LEVAS—#181 Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace!_ how sweet the sound, That
 2. 'Twas grace that taught_ my heart to fear, And
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 5. When we've been there_ ten thou - sand years, Bright



1. saved a wretch like me!_____ I once was lost, but
 2. grace my fears re - lieved;_____ How pre - cious did that
 3. word my hope se - cures;_____ He will my shield and
 4. have al - read - y come;_____ 'Tis grace that brought me
 5. shin - ing as the sun,_____ We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind, but now_ I see._____
 2. grace ap - pear The hour I first_ be - lieved!_____
 3. por - tion be As long as life_ en - dures._____
 4. safe thus far, And grace will lead_ me home._____
 5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first_ be - gun._____

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POSTLUDE Turn, Turn, Turn by The Byrd's

Kathleen J. Lunger

September 27, 1929 ~ January 11, 2024

Carmichael, California - Kathleen (Kathy) Lunger (nee Washington) passed away peacefully on January 11, 2024 at the age of 94. She was born in Yreka, California on September 27, 1929 and is preceded in death by her husband, George, Lt Col., USAF(Ret). She is survived by her daughter Sharon, son Gary (Cindy), grandchildren, Jenna, Megan and Chris, her brother Ron (Judi), and sister Dorothy (Bob). Kathy dedicated her life to her family, church, and the communities wherever she lived. As an Air Force wife, she traveled the globe with her husband and children, living in Germany and Japan. She was an active member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church and the Daughters of the King. For many years she was a Red Cross Volunteer (Gray Lady), as well as a volunteer at Casa De Los Ninos Garden Restaurant, Loaves & Fishes, River City Food Bank, and Hospice. She enjoyed antiquing with the Gypsy Traders Antique Club, as well as sewing, quilting, needlepoint, cooking and gardening. The family would like to thank Vitas Hospice for their excellent care and support. A Memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March, 9 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2140 Mission Ave. Carmichael. Prior to the memorial service, a family service will be held at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, River City Food Bank, Loaves and Fishes, or Siskiyou County Historical Society.

About this Service

In The Episcopal Church the liturgy for the dead is an Easter Liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. This service, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” This joy, however, does not eliminate human grief. The very love we have for each other brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.



The Paschal Candle

The paschal candle is decorated with the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, a cross, and sometimes other symbols of the Resurrection. The candle is lit from new fire and carried into the darkened church during the Great Vigil of Easter. It is lit throughout the Easter season, and at Baptisms and Burials to remind us of 'The light of Christ' and His words, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."



Memorial Gifts

In thanksgiving for Kathy's life, donations can be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, River City Food Bank, Loaves and Fishes, or Siskiyou County Historical Society.



Flowers

The flowers for this service are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Kathy's life by her family.



Please join the family for a reception immediately following the service in the Parish Hall.



Ministers of the Service

The Rev. Mary Claugus, The Rev. Rodney Davis
Sue Corbin Altar Guild
Allison Flower-Arledge Flowers
Sr. Tina Francesca Ferriot Acolyte
Sue Corbin & Renée Pierce Readers
Kate Muris & Mary Ellen Ferguson Eucharistic Ministers
John Cozza Music
Dave & Dancy Dobrenick and Harriette & Jack Carr Ushers
John Quené Videographer
Marcie Larkey Reception Coordinator