

Celebration of Life *Sherri Anne Schmidt*

May 29, 1971 to January 31, 2024



Saturday, March 23, 2024
Two O'clock in the afternoon

Rev. Jennifer Shadle, Celebrant

Ascension Episcopal Church
located at the corner of W. 18th and Greenwood, Pueblo, CO 81003

Celebration of Life

Music on CD

Prelude

"Verset de Procession dur I'Adoro Te"

Leon Boellmann

All stand the following anthems are said.

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.

The Celebrant then says.

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

(After a brief silent reflection, the Celebrant prays)

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

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Sherri's loved ones in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(The people sit.)

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3

Reader A Reading from

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 broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
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.

After the Reading, the Reader says.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106:1-5

Reader The Psalm appointed for today is

The Reader will instruct congregation to read in unison or pray responsively by verse.

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your
people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

New Testament Reading

II Corinthians 4:16-18

Reader A Reading from

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

After the Reading, the Reader says.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

Reader The Psalm appointed for today is

The Reader will instruct congregation to read in unison or pray responsively by verse.

- 1 I will sing of mercy and justice; *
to you, O Lord, will I sing praises.
- 2 I will strive to follow a blameless course;
oh, when will you come to me? *
I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.
- 3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; *
I hate the doers of evil deeds;
they shall not remain with me.
- 4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; *
I will not know evil.
- 5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; *
those who have a haughty look and a proud
heart I cannot abide.
- 6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may
dwell with me, *
and only those who lead a blameless life shall
be my servants.
- 7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, *
and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.
- 8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, *
that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the Lord.

Then all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 10:29-37

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Obituary

John Bonnell

Family Remembrances

Grace Schmidt

Homily

The Rev. Jennifer Shadle

The Celebrant says.

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

The Celebrant and People say.

The Apostle's Creed

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.

The Celebrant says.

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant and People

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.

Collect

The Celebrant says this Collect.

Let us pray.

Deliver your servant, Sherri, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set her free from every bond; that she may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hebrew Prayer *(read in Hebrew and English)*

Ellen Ritt and Aaron Johnson

English translation

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name
in the world which God created, according to plan.
May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime
and the life of all Israel — speedily, imminently,
To which we say: **Amen.**

Blessed be God's great name to all eternity.

Blessed, praised, honored, exalted,
extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded
be the name of the Holy Blessed One,
beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing, praise, and comfort.
To which we say: **Amen.**

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel.

To which we say: **Amen.**

May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and to all Israel.

To which we say: **Amen.**

"Be present, Spirit of God within us, Your dwelling place and home, That this house maybe one where all darkness is penetrated by your light, all troubles calmed by your peace, all evil redeemed by your love, all pain transformed in your suffering. and all dying glorified in your risen life."

The Prayers *(The people kneel or stand.)*

Leader For our sister, Sherri 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 Sherri 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 to our sister eternal life.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Our sister 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 our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant Father of all, we pray to you for Sherri 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.**

COMMENDATION

The Celebrant takes their place at the body and says.

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

Celebrant 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.**

The Celebrant, facing the body, says.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Sherri. 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.**

Blessing

CD Music

The Celebrant says.

Let us go in peace. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

"Antiphon V"

Marcel Dupre

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

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