A Celebration of the Life of The Reverend Canon Judy Mae Allen



October 2nd, 1947 - October 7th, 2024

St. James Cathedral

Saturday October 19th 2:00 pm

+ ORDER OF SERVICE +

RECEPTION OF THE BODY

The ministers meet the body at the door of the Church:

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our sister Judy. Our sister was washed in Holy Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore, with confidence, pray to God our Heavenly Father, the Giver of life, that He will raise her to perfection in the company of the Saints. On the day of her baptism, Judy put on Christ. On the day of Christ's coming, may she be clothed with glory. Amen.

Minister: Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Judy. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and 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.

People: Amen.

FUNERAL SENTENCES

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and I am Life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. *John 11:25-26*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His compassion never fails: every morning they are renewed. *Lamentations 3:22-23*

Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. *John 14:1*

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans* 8:38-39

If we live, we live in the Lord and if we die, we die to the Lord: so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. *Romans* 14:8-9

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away: Blessed be the Name of the Lord. *Job 1:21*

The eternal God is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deuteronomy 33:27*

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy

Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME

EULOGY......The Right Reverend Peter Fenty

HYMN: "The Strife is O'er"

Tune: Victory

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung: Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed; let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heaven's high portals fell. Let songs of praise his triumph tell: Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again, glorious in majesty to reign; O let us swell the joyful strain: Alleluia! Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!

THE COLLECT

Presider: Let us pray:

Almighty God, we remember before you today your servant Judy and we pray that, having opened to her the gates of larger life, you will receive her more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have served you in the past, she may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; Who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON......Ecclesiastes 3:1-13Bishop Eustace Vassel

PSALM 27 CHOIR

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom then shall I fear? •

The Lord is the strength of my life;

of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,

came upon me to eat up my flesh, •

they stumbled and fell.

Though a host encamp against me,

my heart shall not be afraid, •

and though there rise up war against me,

yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord

and that alone I seek: ◆

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord

all the days of my life,

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord •

and to seek his will in his temple.

For in the day of trouble

he shall hide me in his shelter; •

in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me

and set me high upon a rock.

And now shall he lift up my head •

above my enemies round about me;

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation

with great gladness; • I will sing and make music to the Lord. Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; ◆ have mercy upon me and answer me. My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' ◆ Your face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not your face from me, ◆ nor cast your servant away in displeasure. You have been my helper; • leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. Though my father and my mother forsake me, • the Lord will take me up. Teach me your way, O Lord; ◆ lead me on a level path, because of those who lie in wait for me. Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries, • for false witnesses have risen up against me, and those who breathe out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord • in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord: be strong and he shall comfort your heart; • wait patiently for the Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON......Revelation 7:9-17......Ty Kaloczi

Tune: St Columba

HYMN: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me; and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

THE HOLY GOSPEL......John 20:1-9.....Deacon Claudette Taylor

THE CREED

Presider: Let us with confidence and hope confess the faith into which we were

baptized, as we say, I believe in God,

All: 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.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: Give to

your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection

die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with Him pass through the

grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by

faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People: Hear us, Lord

Leader: Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be

cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that,

casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your

love.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have

strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Silence may be kept

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Judy, 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 GREETING OF PEACE

Presider: We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one

Body and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

People: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up our

common life.

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN: "When Peace Like a River"

When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain

It is well, with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control: That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And has shed his own blood for my soul. **Refrain**

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Presider: God of mercy, accept the worship we offer you this day. Increase, we pray,

our faith, deepen our hope, and confirm us in your eternal love. We ask this in the

Tune: It is well

name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Music of the Mass: Requiem, Op. 9 – Maurice Duruflé

Presider: The Lord be with you.People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;

we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,

whose victorious rising from the dead has given to us the hope of resurrection

and the promise of eternal life.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age,

we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, People:

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.

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love

you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people;

in your Word spoken through the prophets;

and above all in the Word made flesh,

Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us

out of error into truth,

out of sin into righteousness,

out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,

a death he freely accepted,

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, Father, according to his command,

People: We remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

to you, Lord of all;

presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All:

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider: This is the bread which has come down from heaven.

People: Those who eat this bread will live forever.

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant them rest. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant them rest.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant them rest eternal.

Tune: In the garden

THE COMMUNION

HYMN: "I Come to the Garden Alone"

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

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 tarry there, None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing. **Refrain**

I'd stay in the garden with Him Tho' the night around me be falling; But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. **Refrain**

MOTET Requiem, Op. 9; VII. Lux Aeterna – Maurice Duruflé;

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum: quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

[May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, with thy saints for evermore, for thou art gracious. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.]

Tune: Faithfulness

Tune: O Store Gud

HYMN: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain

HYMN: "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hand hath made; I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee: How great thou art, How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee: How great thou art, How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,

I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

Tune: New Britain

HYMN: "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found: was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

People:

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 fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

+ THE COMMENDATION +

The celebrant and other ministers take their place at the body.

THE KONTAKION

Setting by Rupert Lang

Choir

Give rest unto your servant with your saints, O God, give rest, give rest,

Where there is neither pain nor sorrow, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

For you, God, only are immortal, the creator and the maker of all,

And we are mortal, formed of the earth,

And to the earth we shall return.

Give rest...

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!"
Give rest...

Give lest...

Bishop: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour we commend your servant Judy.

Acknowledge, we pray, 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, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace and into the glorious company of the saints in light, where you

live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit in glory everlasting.

People: Amen.

Bishop: Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord.

People: And let light perpetual shine upon her.

The Presider gives a blessing

Presider: May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great

shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you

and remain with you always.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Nun Danket

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Postlude: Prelude in f-sharp minor, BuxWV 146 – Dietrich Buxtehude

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We, the family of the late Judy Allen, wish to express sincere appreciation to the many friends who have shared warm expressions of love during this time. We are grateful for the cards, messages, calls, flowers and all other expressions of sympathy. We request your continuous prayers for strength, peace and comfort as we move forward. Special thanks to Bishop Peter Fenty, Rev. Julie Meakin, and The Rev. Canon David Brinton, OGS for their continued support and guidance throughout this difficult time. May God continue to bless you all.

~The Family

Liturgical Ministers

Presider The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil

Homilist The Reverend Canon David Brinton, OGS
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Ty Kaloczi

Eulogy The Right Reverend Peter Fenty

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Ty Kaloczi

Justin Spalding

Bishop Eustace Vassell

Mark Lecky Matthew Lecky

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Alex Lecky

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Please join us for a reception from 4 – 6 pm at Snell Hall, St. James Cathedral