

Betsy Boulter Beloved Mother of Susan, Gail, Lynnell and Brent

24th February 1927 to 24th September 2021

Tuesday 5th October 2021 12:00 pm

Memorial Service St Aidan's Anglican Church Winnipeg

MEMORIAL SERVICE of CELEBRATION for the life of

BETSY BOULTER

February 24, 1927 - September 24, 2021

St Aidan's Church Winnipeg, Manitoba Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 12:00 pm

Ministers of the Service:

Rev. Deacon Margaret Friesen, St Aidan's Church C.L.A. Les Kovacs, St Aidan's Church Organist: Dale Rogalsky, St Aidan's Church Prelude Music: Garth Aubin, Grandson

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Order of Service according to the Book of Common Prayer (The congregational parts of the service are shown in **bold** print)

We stand at the procession and entrance of the ministers of the service and for The Sentences – C.L.A. Les Kovacs

We are seated for

THE INTRODUCTION

-Rev. Deacon Margaret Friesen

We stand to pray

Grant, O Lord God, that keeping in glad remembrance those who have gone before, who have stood by us and helped us, who have encouraged us by their love and strengthened us by their example, we may seize every opportunity of life and rejoice in the promise of a glorious resurrection with them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We remain standing to sing the hymn:

- 1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide; When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O thou, who changest not, abide with me.
- 3. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness; Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
- 4. Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

(Words: Rev. H.F. Lyte. Tune: W.H. Monk, "Eventide")

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

We remain standing for the collect:

Rev. Deacon Margaret Friesen: Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ, you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We sit for the First Lesson Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Read by: Alexander Pawlowsky, Grandson Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Silence

C.L.A. Les Kovacs:

- O HOW lovely are thy dwellings, / thou LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD: / my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: / even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; / they will be alway praising thee.
- 5 Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, / in whose heart are the pilgrim ways;
- 6 Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for a well; / yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.
- 7 They go from strength to strength, / and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: / hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O God, our shield, / and look upon the face of thine anointed.
- 10 For one day in thy courts / is better than a thousand elsewhere.
- 11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, / than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
- 12 For the LORD God is a light and defence; the LORD will give grace and glory; / and no good thing shall he withhold from them that lead a godly life.
- 13 O LORD God of hosts, / blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. We remain seated for the Second Lesson Ephesians 2:4-10

Read by: Gerry Aubin, Son-in-law Reader: This is the Word of the Lord People: **Thanks be to God**

Silence

We stand for the reading of the Gospel John 14:1-9

Read by: Trevor Robinson, Son-in-law
Reader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

We sit for THE HOMILY

by Rev. Deacon Margaret Friesen

We stand to say the Apostle's Creed, led by C.L.A. Les Kovacs:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Rev. Deacon Margaret Friesen: Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

We kneel or sit and say together

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant declares God's forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We stand to share the peace
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you;
People: And with thy spirit.

We remain standing to sing the hymn

- 1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
- 2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
- 3. Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight; Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight; Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower: Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

- 4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine Inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
- 5. High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Attributed to Dallan Forgaill, 8th Century Irish (trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905, and versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

-Rev. Deacon Margaret Friesen

The Church of God, of which we are members, has taken bread and wine and given thanks over them according to our Lord's command. These holy gifts have been brought to us that we too may share in the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you, and singing:

Holy, holy Lord God of hosts; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. (Merbecke) The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your tender mercy you gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; he made there by his once and for all offering of himself, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving this bread and this wine, in remembrance of the death and passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

In the same night that he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray (*sung*):

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.

We kneel or sit and join together in the Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious

Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

The Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament. Those who wish not to receive are invited to come forward for a blessing and indicate such is their desire by holding this leaflet in their hands.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We say together

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for reassuring us at this communion of your favour and goodness towards us; that we are truly members of the body of your Son; and that we are also heirs, through hope, of your eternal kingdom. We humbly beg you, heavenly Father, to keep us as faithful members of your church and to strengthen us by your Spirit so that we may fulfil those good works which you have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS

-C.L.A. Les Kovacs

After all have communicated the Officiant says
"I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours."

Let us kneel or sit to pray

We kneel or sit

Officiant: O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in him shall not die eternally: We bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear and are at rest with thee, especially our

sister Betsy; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples that we, with them, may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Advocate and Redeemer. **Amen.**

We pray together

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness, all our days; that, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with thee our God, and in perfect love with all people. Grant this, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Heavenly Father, whose Blessed Son Jesus Christ did weep at the grave of Lazarus, his friend: Look, we beseech thee, with compassion upon those who are now in sorrow and affliction; comfort them, O Lord, with thy gracious consolations; make them to know that all things work together for good to them that love thee; and grant them evermore sure trust and confidence in thy fatherly care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Give rest, O Christ to thy servant Betsy with thy Saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting; where thou, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

We remain seated/kneeling to sing Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de'part in peace, *ac'cording 'to 'thy word.

For mine eyes have 'seen thy -sal'vation,

*which thou hast prepared be'fore the 'face of - all people.

To be a light to 'lighten the 'Gentiles,

*and to be the 'glory of thy 'people 'Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and ' to the Son,

*and ' to the ' Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and 'ever' shall be, *world without' end. A'men.

MAORI BLESSING and ENGLISH BLESSING

Rev. Deacon Margaret Friesen

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon us and those whom we love and serve, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

Recessional Music: Mills Brothers: On the Banks of the Wabash (Far Away Indiana)

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE RECEPTION DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Betsy's children and grandchildren mourn her death and thank God for their time with her. She was warm and loving to her family. We are thankful for her long and happy life.

We are thankful Betsy always expressed and showed her strong love for us. Both parents taught the importance of volunteering and helping the community to make the world a better place. We are thankful for her love and fellowship—teaching us how to treat others.

The family thanks God so many could share in their mother and father's welcoming hospitality and laughter. We thank God that Betsy was able to support and encourage her grandchildren with conversation and love. We are thankful that Betsy and Aubrey raised us, their children, to be people of faith and follow Christ's teachings and his confirmation in the Church.

The family thank God that their mom and dad loved each other and are now reunited. We give thanks for Betsy, Aubrey, her parents, brothers and nephew David. May the Lord be guiding us while we mourn Betsy's departure from this earth.

She will be missed.