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Memorial Service

The Lord Jesus Christ said:

"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies." John 11:25-26

The Apostle Paul wrote:

"I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

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

HYMN - *Abide with Me*

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.

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.

Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word;
but as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,
familiar, condescending, patient, free.
Come not to sojourn, but abide with me.

Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
but kind and good, with healing in Thy wings,
tears for all woes, a heart for every plea
come, Friend of sinners, and thus abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;
and, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
on to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

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.

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.

Henry F. Lyte 1847

Tributes and Eulogies

Vanessa Hawman
Debbie Kirsch
Dave Kirsch

Responsive Congregational Prayer

For our sister Kath, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ Who said,
"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Lord, You consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Kath, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, Your friend; comfort us now 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; give her fellowship with all Your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

She was nourished with Your Body and Blood in the Lord's Supper; 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. **Amen.**

Scriptural Readings

"And in this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all people a feast of choice pieces, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees. And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken. And it will be said in that day: 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.'" Isaiah 25:6-9

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.” Isaiah 61:1-3

“Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I hope in Him!' The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.” Lamentations 3:22-26

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. 'Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” John 14:1-6

HYMN - *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.” Psalm 90:1

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Your throne, Your saints have dwelt secure,
Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight, are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
Are carried downward by Your flood, and lost in following years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away,
They fly forgotten, as a dream, dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Isaacs Watts 1719
(Based on Psalm 90)

Sermon Dr. Peter Hammond

Prayer

Our loving heavenly Father, You Who did not spare Your beloved only Son our Lord Jesus Christ, but gave Him to redeem us by His death on the cross; comfort and support us who mourn here before You, let us not doubt Your love but bring us through our sorrow to a fuller knowledge of Your Divine wisdom and purpose and that all things work together for the good of those who love You, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ Your heart went out to the widow of Nain who had lost her only son and You restored him to her; You were deeply moved by the grief of those who mourned over Lazarus' death and You wept and restored him to life; have compassion on Your servants in our loss and grief. Be to us a very present help in trouble, give us eyes of faith that we may see that the eternal God is our refuge and that underneath are the everlasting arms; we ask it in Your Name. **Amen.**

The Committal

Almighty God our heavenly Father, with you are the souls of all who have died in the Faith of Christ, here we commit the body of our dear sister Kath, earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ Who will transform our lowly bodies, that they may be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Kath, and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make His face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up His countenance upon her and give her peace. **Amen.**

The Grace (- said together:)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Benediction

The God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.



A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23