# FUNERAL LITURGY FOR BEVERLY ANN ANTIS NOVEMBER 10, 1948 - JANUARY 7, 2018

Welcome to worship this afternoon. As we gather, we hope and pray that you experience comfort in the presence of Christ and one another.

The congregation is invited to participate fully in this service, praying the responses marked in bold print.

The hymns are found in the blue <u>Presbyterian Hymnal</u> or printed within this bulletin.

#### **GATHERING**

#### **PRELUDE**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel Arr. Nelson Dr. Cassandra Eisenreich, Flutist, Katie Amerson, Piano

Sweet Slumbers Arr. Mock

Dr. Cassandra Eisenreich, Flutist, Lars Morrison, Recorder

At The River Arr. Copland

Dr. Christopher Scott, vocal Soloist, Paula Kubik, Pianist

#### WELCOME

The congregation may stand.

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism,
Beverly was clothed with Christ.
In the day of Christ's coming,
she shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

# We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

# We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

# We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

#### Amen.



# **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory,

we remember before you today our sister Beverly.

We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.

In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.

Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

#### REMEMBRANCE BY ANN MORRISON

**CHOIR ANTHEM** 

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Slippery Rock University and community choir

Dr. Stephen Barr, Conductor

-Melchoir Vulpius

## **WORD**

#### FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** 

New Year

-John Rutter

Slippery Rock University and community choir Dr. Stephen Barr, Conductor

#### SECOND LESSON Isaiah 60: 1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

**GRADUAL HYMN** 

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn #5

**GOSPEL** John 1: 1-4, 10-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>0</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

**SERMON** 

The congregation may stand.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Hymn #309

#### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ.

Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

## hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

# And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The congregation is seated.

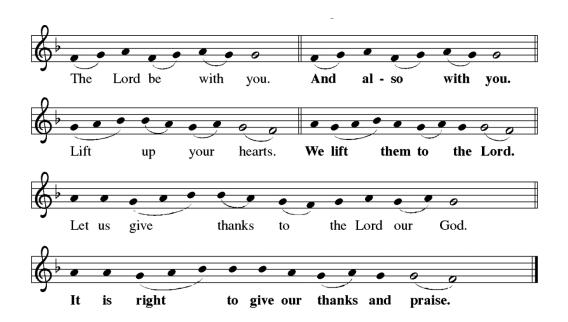
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# **MEAL**

The congregation may stand.

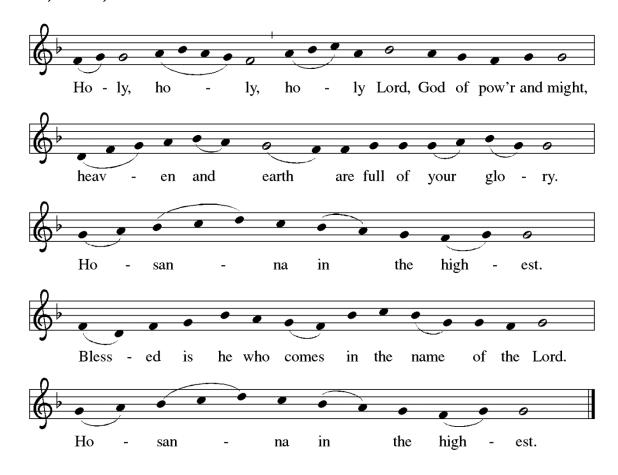
# **DIALOGUE**

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.



It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places... (*The presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding*)... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you. He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

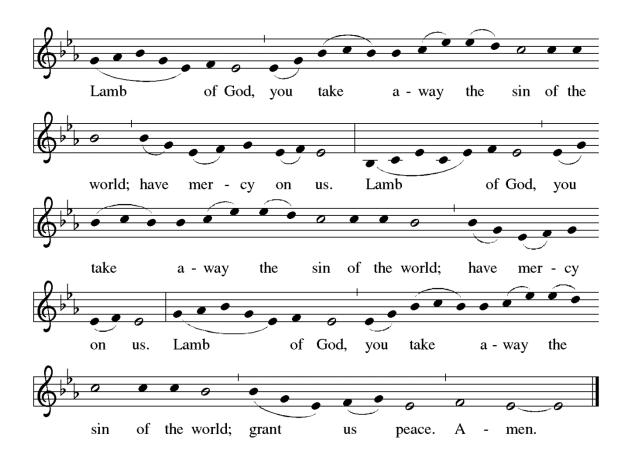
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus said, "Come to me, and never be hungry. Believe in me and you will not thirst."

# LAMB OF GOD



The congregation is seated.

# **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

#### **CHOIR ANTHEMS**

Huron Carol

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Arr. Quartel -Charles Wesley

Slippery Rock University and community choir Dr. Stephen Barr, Conductor

After all have communed, the congregation may stand at the invitation of the presiding minister.

# **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **SENDING**

#### **COMMENDATION**

Let us commend Beverly to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Beverly Ann. 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.

#### **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

A Clare Benediction

-John Rutter

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#### **BLESSING**

Amen.

**HYMN TO CLOSE** 

"Here I Am, Lord."

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#### **DISMISSAL**

Let us go in peace.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Thank you to all the performers, friends, choristers, and Ministers who participated in the planning, preparation and blessings of our service for Beverly Ann Antis.

Ann and Lars Morrison

Dr. Cassandra Eisenreich, Flutist
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Katie Amerson, Pianist
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Reverend Kimberly van Driel
Reverend Dr. James E. Swanson
Slippery Rock University and community Choir

Thank you also to the members of Covenant Presbyterian Church who lovingly prepared and served our reception following the service today.