

LITURGY OF BURIAL AND WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
FOR
MARIAN BOLTZ
AUGUST 26, 1927-DECEMBER 21, 2020

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1 P.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The congregation may stand as able.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.
We were buried therefore with him
by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

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.

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Loves Me"

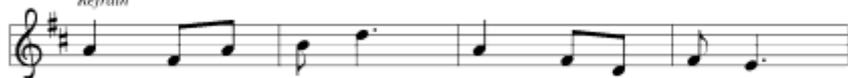


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Marian. 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 by 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.

FIRST LESSON Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

PSALM 23 *read in unison*

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul,
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall 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 and my cup is running over.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:31-35; 37-39

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let us say together:

Alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead. To him be glory forever and ever, Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 1:1-5; 14-18

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to John, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Abide with Me” *next page*

Abide with Me

1 A - bid - e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid - e.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness,
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bid - e with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bid - e with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bid - e with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid - e with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bid - e with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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

Let us pray to the Lord, who is merciful and full of compassion:

The congregation may kneel.

After each portion of the prayers, the pastor bids:

God of mercy,

The congregation responds:

Hear our prayer.

The pastor concludes the prayers:

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

COMMENDATION

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Marian. 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 all your saints in light. Amen.

COMMITTAL PRAYERS

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Participating in worship today:

**The Rev. Kimberly van Driel, Pastor
Kevin and Linda Mathias, Zoom Musicians**

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