

**A Service of Celebration
For the life of
Dorothy Antonelli
(August 9th, 1926 – December 13th 2009)**

**Saturday, December 19th, 2009, 1:00 pm
The Anglican Parish of All Saints By-The-Sea, Saltspring Island, BC
Celebrant: The Rev. Richard Stetston, Rector
Assisting Clergy: the Rev. Dr. Blair Haggart**

The Order of Service – The Book of Alternative Services

Words of Welcome

Celebrant 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.**

Hymn – Holy, Holy, Holy!

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

(The Book of Common Praise)

(The Responses – Led by the Priest)

In the midst of life we are in death;
From whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
Who by our sins are justly displeased

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

Lord you know the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not your ears to our prayers,
But spare us, O Lord.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

O worthy and eternal Judge,
Do not let the pains of death
Turn us away from you at our last hour.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the maker and redeemer of all,
Grant us, with your servant Dorothy
And all the faithful departed,
The sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
And glorious resurrection;
That in the last day,
When you gather up all things in Christ,
We may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-1, Read by Linda Rozak
A Reading from Ecclesiastes

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn – The Lord’s My Shepherd

**The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for His own name’s sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff my comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished me
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God’s house forevermore,
My dwelling place shall be.**

The Second Reading: St. John 14:1-7 Read by Lea Jahour

A reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus said, "let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going. Thomas said to him, Lord, we don't know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him".

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Words of Tribute – Mr. Gary Antonelli

The Homily: The Reverend Dr. Blair Haggart

Hymn – The Prayer of St. Francis

**Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring you love;
Where there is injury, your healing pow'r,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, - only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul - .**

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

The Apostle's Creed (Said Together)

I believe in God 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.

The Prayers of the People – Led by Judy Antonelli

Leader: Loving God, you have knit 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 Dorothy, and all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, die to sin and be raised to newness of life in your kingdom, and may we with Christ, 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 all members of Dorothy's family, especially her children Judy, Linda, Garry, David, and all who will miss her, such a sure confidence in your loving care, that resting completely 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 the 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.**

Leader: Grant us grace to trust Dorothy to your never-failing love, which sustained her in this life, and which she shared with so many of us. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favour you bear for your people.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant 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".

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant 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 for ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Silence

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and says.

All We break the bread of life,
And that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of love,
you have fed us at the table of your kingdom.
Teach us to trust, without fear,
in your eternal goodness and mercy.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Commendation Prayers – Led by the priest (Please stand)

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to the earth shall we return.
For so you did 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, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to you servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

(The priest, facing the body, says)

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend your servant Dorothy.
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,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

(Here follows a time of silence)

Priest: Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.

People: **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

Priest: May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, by
the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: **Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn - Mary's Boy Child

**Long time ago in Bethlehem
So the Holy Bible say
Mary's Boy Child, Jesus Christ
Was born on Christmas Day**

*Hark now, hear the angels say
New king born today
And man will live forever more,
Because of Christmas Day*

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night
They saw a bright new shining star
And heard a choir from heaven sing
The music came from afar**

Refrain

**Now Joseph and his wife Mary
Came to Bethlehem that night
They found no place to bear her Child
Not a single room was in sight
By and by they found a little nook
In a stable all forlorn
And in a manger cold and dark
Mary's little Boy Child was born**

Refrain:

**Trumpets sound and angels sing
Listen to what they say
That man will live forevermore
Because of Christmas Day**

(Tune by Jester Harrison)

Immediately following, a burial service will take place at the cemetery. The family has asked that you join them for a reception afterwards in the Parish Hall.