

Kindness

Naomi Shihab Nye, 1952

Before you know what kindness really is
you must lose things,
feel the future dissolve in a moment
like salt in a weakened broth.
What you held in your hand,
what you counted and carefully saved,
all this must go so you know
how desolate the landscape can be
between the regions of kindness.
How you ride and ride
thinking the bus will never stop,
the passengers eating maize and chicken
will stare out the window forever.

Before you learn the tender gravity of kindness
you must travel where the Indian in a white poncho
lies dead by the side of the road.
You must see how this could be you,
how he too was someone
who journeyed through the night with plans
and the simple breath that kept him alive.

Before you know kindness as the deepest thing inside,
you must know sorrow as the other deepest thing.
You must wake up with sorrow.
You must speak to it till your voice
catches the thread of all sorrows
and you see the size of the cloth.
Then it is only kindness that makes sense anymore,
only kindness that ties your shoes
and sends you out into the day
 to mail letters and purchase bread,
only kindness that raises its head
from the crowd of the world to say
It is I you have been looking for,
and then goes with you everywhere
like a shadow or a friend.

To the Glory of God
and in Thanksgiving
for the Life of

Susan Carole Savage

August 2, 1943 – January 26, 2021



Parish of Salt Spring Island

**A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
for
Susan Carole Savage**

**and interment of ashes
on Wednesday, February 10, 2021**



**Date of Birth: August 2, 1943
in London, England**

**Date of Death: January 26, 2021
on Salt Spring Island, BC**

**We acknowledge that we gather
on the territory of the Coast Salish people,
the SENĆOŦEN & HUL'Q'UMI'NUM'-speaking people,
where we, the settler Church, now live, work, worship, & play.
We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here,
one based in honour and respect,
and we thank them for their hospitality.**

Service held at Purdy Cunningham Memorial Cemetery

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Dismissal

Christ, the Son of righteousness shine upon you.

Scatter the darkness from before your path and make
you ready to meet Him when He comes in glory.

Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Be upon you,

Upon those whom you love,

And upon those whom you would pray for

Today and always.

Amen.



We pray that nothing good in this woman's life will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to her will be respected by those who follow; and that everything in which she was great will continue to mean much to us now that she is dead.

We ask you that she may go on living in her children, her family and her friends; in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their consciences.

We ask you that we who were close to her may now, because of her death, be even closer to each other, and that we may, in peace and friendship here on earth, always be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death.

We ask this in the name of the risen Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 them that 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.**

A moment of silence

FUNERAL LITURGY: THE COMMITTAL

(Book of Common Prayer)

Behold, I make all things new.

Welcome and Sentences from Scripture

Hymn 486: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Tune: Hyfrydol

**Loves divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy host above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

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Psalm 65:5-13

read by Rev. Chas Belknap

- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness,*
O God of our salvation,

O Hope of all the ends of the earth *
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamour of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvellous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; *
you make it very plenteous;

the river of God is full of water. *
You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.
- 10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its
increase.
- 11 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 12 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 13 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

Reading: Revelation 21:1-7 read by Rev. Canon Richard Stetson

Hymn 553: Ubi Caritas et Amor

**Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.
Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

*Translation: Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

Text: 1 John 4.16b; Eng. para. Taizé Community (France).
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

(At this time we will move to the graveside.)

Celebrant:

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal
life through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to almighty God our sister Sue,
And we commit her ashes 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.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

God of grace and glory, we thank you for Sue, who was
so near and dear to us, and who has now been taken
from us.

We thank you for the friendship she gave and for the
strength and peace she brought.

We thank you for the love she offered and received
while she was with us on earth.