

*In Memoriam*  
**Marina Jemima Westhaver**  
*September 22, 1935 – March 25, 2021*



Memorial Service and Celebration of Life  
St. Luke's Anglican Church - Victoria, BC  
2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2021  
Officiant: The Rev. Daniel Fournier  
Organist: Susanne Reul-Zastre  
Soloist: Erika Simpson

*“I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”*

*John 11: 25-26*



Welcome to St. Luke's Church, and to Marina's Service.

A funeral service is an opportunity for loved ones and community to join together in God's presence to share thanksgiving for the life we remember, support one another in our sense of loss, and reach out faith to the “sure and certain hope” we have in the resurrection to eternal life in Christ. We commend this faith to all who face the finality of death and bereavement. Essentially the Christian faith assures us that brokenness and pain we experience in this world does not define us. Rather, we are defined as humans by the faith and hope and love which can be found in the teachings and life of Jesus Christ, whose resurrection assured victory over death.

Whatever your faith background, we hope you will feel welcome and at home in these pews. Please join in all the parts of this service printed in **bold type**.

## **Order of Service**

*Organ Prelude (please be seated)*

*Scripture Sentences (please stand)*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though we were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye 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.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

*Words of Welcome:* The Rev. Daniel Fournier

*Remembering Marina: Eulogy given by Peter Westhaver*

**Hymn: In the Garden** *(please stand)*

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.

*Refrain*

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. *Refrain*

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling. *Refrain*

Words: Charles Austin Miles (1912)

*Opening Collect*

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Your Son, by dying for us, conquered death and by rising again, restored to us eternal life: may we then go forward eagerly to meet our Redeemer and, after our life on earth, be reunited with all our brothers and sisters in that place where every tear is wiped away and all things are made new; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

*First Reading:* 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18

*(Read by Colleen McNamee)*

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians:

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 91 (sung): On Eagles' Wings*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust."

*Refrain:*

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His Wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

For to His angels He's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

*Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8*  
(Read by Mena Westhaver)

A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel Reading: Matthew 10: 40-42 (please stand)*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier*

**Solo: *Some Things Are Meant to Be from "Little Women"***

*Sung by Erika Simpson*

*The Apostle's Creed (please stand)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**Born of the Virgin Mary,**

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**Was crucified, dead, and buried:**

**He descended into hell;**

**The third day he rose again from the dead;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father**

**Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the  
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;**

**The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;**

**The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

The Prayers (*please be seated*)

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy Spirit.**

Let us pray.

*(please kneel or sit according to your custom)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

Lord have mercy upon 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 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.**

*Priest:* O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us;

*People:* **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

*Priest:* Graciously look upon our afflictions, O Lord;

*People:* **Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.**

*Priest:* Make thy servants to be numbered with thy Saints;

*People:* **In glory everlasting.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us all with the gift of this earthly life and has given to our loved one, Marina; her span of years and gifts of character. God, we thank you now for her life and all she has been for us,

for every memory of love and joy,  
for every good deed done by her  
and every sorrow shared with us.

We thank you for entrusting her to us in life,  
and for caring for her in death.

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.

We pray that nothing good in Marina'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 loved ones and  
friends; in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their  
consciences.

We ask you that we who were close to Marina 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 pray for ourselves, who are severely tested by her death,  
that we do not try to minimize this loss, or seek refuge from it in  
words alone, and also that we do not brood over it so that it  
overwhelms us and isolates us from others.

May God grant us courage and confidence in the new life of  
Christ. We ask this in the name of the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love but see no  
longer. Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon  
them; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in  
them the good purpose of your perfect will, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



*The Commendation (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 earth shall we return.

For so did you 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 your servant with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Priest:* Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Marina Jemima Westhaver. 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*

*Priest:* The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of Christ Jesus our risen Saviour. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace** (*please stand*)

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come,  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

*All are invited to join the family at the cemetery for a Service of Interment.*

**At St. Luke's Cemetery: Service of Committal**

My friends, hear these words from scripture. May they give you comfort and peace:

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die.*

*The steadfast love of God never ceases, and God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness.*

Let us pray:

Caring God, you are revealed to us in the sights, sounds, and smells of creation, which surrounds us and gives us life. Help us now, in this time of solemnity and this time of grief, to rely upon you. Bless us with the comfort of your presence as we prepare to place the earthly remains of Marina to their final resting place. Support us in this time and let the warmth of your love enfold us and give us peace. **Amen.**

**Act of Committal**

With sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, and with thanksgiving for this life lived, and the love shared, we commit the ashes of Marina Jemima Westhaver to their final resting place: Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

May God bless her and keep her; may God's face shine upon her and be gracious to her. May the light of God's countenance be upon her and grant her peace for evermore. **Amen.**

**Prayer**

God of hope,  
grant that we, with all who have believed in you,  
may be united in the full knowledge of your love  
and the unclouded vision of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All 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 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,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen**

Support us, O Lord,  
all the day long of this troublous life,  
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
the busy world is hushed,  
the fever of life is over  
and our work is done.  
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,  
a holy rest, and peace at the last;  
through Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

The Dismissal

God be in our head, and in our understanding; God be in our eyes, and in our looking; God be in our mouth, and in our speaking; God be in our heart, and in our thinking; God be at our end, and at our departing. **Amen**