ST. HELEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

2:00 pm Saturday, January 24, 2026

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA MARY WALKER

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Welcome. We are glad to have you join us today for the celebration of the life and memory of Barbara Walker, beloved mother, sister, and friend.

In the Anglican tradition, funeral liturgies are also Easter liturgies, as we find all our meaning when confronting the loss of a loved one in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief un-Christian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered in the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES*

One: 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.

Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died, and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead the living.

PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: O whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE COLLECT*

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And with thy spirit.**

One: Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN **MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE** **INSERT**

FIRST READING **ECCLESIASTES 3**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers form their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is, and God seeks out what has gone by. Moreover I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, wickedness was there, and in the place of righteousness, wickedness was there as well. I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for he has appointed a time for every matter, and for every work. I said in my heart with regard to human beings that God is testing them to show that they are but animals. For the fate of humans and the fate of animals is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and humans have no advantage over the animals; for all is vanity. All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knows whether the human spirit goes upward and the spirit of animals goes downward to the earth? So I saw that there is nothing better than that all should enjoy their work, for that is their lot; who can bring them to see what will be after them?

One: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. **People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN **WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER** **INSERT**

THE GOSPEL* **JOHN 21:4-14**

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Many: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so

many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

One: The Gospel of Christ. **Many: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

EULOGIES *Kirsten Hannah & Anika Martens*

SERMON *The Rev. Adam Yates*

THE APOSTLES' CREED*

All: 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 thenc 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 stand, sit, or kneel as is your custom for prayer.

One: The Lord be with you;

Many: And with thy spirit.

One: Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Many: Christ have mercy upon us.

One: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Many: **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.**

One: O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us;

Many: **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech the, O Lord.**

One: Graciously look upon our afflictions, O Lord;

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

One: Make thy servants to be numbered with thy Saints;

Many: **In glory everlasting.**

One: Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course and kept the faith; and committing our sister Barbara to thy gracious keeping, we pray that we with her, and with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Many: Amen**

One: O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness, all our days; that, when we shall be gathered unto our mothers and fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with thee our God, and in perfect charity with all your children. Grant this, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Many: Amen**

One: Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy Saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting; where thou, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Many: Amen**

One: Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. **Many: Amen**

BLESSING*

One: The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. **Many: Amen**

POSTLUDE

You are invited to follow the procession to the memorial garden for the interment of ashes.

AT THE GRAVESIDE

One: In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased? Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal.

The celebrant places the ashes into the ground, casting earth upon them and saying,

One: Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to receive unto himself the soul of our dear sister here departed: we therefore commit her to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our mortal body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the might working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

Many: Amen.

One: I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

One: O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us (by his holy Apostle Saint Paul) not to be sorry, as those without hope, for them that sleep in Jesus: We meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is this our sister Barbara doth; and that, at the Resurrection in the last day, we with her may receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer.

Many: Amen.

One: May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Many: Amen.

One: Go forth in the name of Christ.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The family wish to express their appreciation and thanks to everyone for their sympathy, kindness and support at this time of loss.

Everyone is warmly invited to Tea in the church hall following the internment service.

IN MEMORIAM: BARBARA M. WALKER

M.Ed., MBA, ARCT, CPCC

Born in Elnora, AB, Barbara was raised on her grandfather's fruit ranch at Oyama, BC in the Okanagan Valley. She graduated from Vernon Senior High School and earned an Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto before attending UBC in Education. As a life-long educator, Barbara served the Vancouver School Board as an elementary and secondary teacher, district consultant, and administrator from 1962 to 1995. She was then appointed Head of Crofton House School from 1995 to 2000. Personal interests included classical music, horses, travelling, writing, life coaching, and her beloved girls. Barbara is survived by daughters, Kirsten Hannah (Robert) and Anika Martens (Steven), and grandsons, Robert and Jonathan Hannah, and Reeve and Garron Martens. She is also survived by sister, Elizabeth Truant of Trail, BC, three nieces and their families, and predeceased by her brother, Gerald in 2018.

BARBARA'S SCHOOL SERVICE

Sir Wilfred Grenfell Elementary
Queen Elizabeth Elementary
Department of National Defense (DND)
Vancouver Technical
Vancouver School Board
(District Learning Assistance Consultant)
John Oliver Secondary
Killarney Secondary
Gladstone Secondary
Windermere Secondary
David Thompson Secondary
Crofton House School

IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Readers:	Jonathan Hannah & Heather Robbie
Eulogy:	Kirsten Hannah & Anika Martens
Musician:	Dale Thrones
Deacon:	The Rev. Jeffrey Preiss
Priest:	The Rev. Adam Yates