

**A Service of Thanksgiving
for of the life
of the late Kathleen Rew**



**4th February 2024 3:00 p.m.
St. George's Anglican Church
Courts Road, George Town,
Grand Cayman**

**Organist: Mr. Denver Bloomfield
~Officiating Clergy~
The Rev. Fr. Jerome Small
The Rev. Mary Graham**

ORDER OF SERVICE

RECEPTION OF THE BODY

PRESIDENT:

With faith in Jesus Christ we receive the body of our sister **Kathleen** for burial. Our sister was washed in Holy Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore, with confidence pray to God our Heavenly Father, the Giver of life, that He will raise her to perfection in the company of the Saints.

President: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Let us pray.

PRESIDENT:

O God of grace and glory, we remember before You this day our sister **Kathleen**. We thank You for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by Your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

SENTENCES

Jesus said. I am the resurrection, and I am the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and who ever lives and believes in me shall never die. John 11:25-26.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his compassion never fails: every morning they are renewed. Lamentations 3:22-23.

Jesus said, let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39.

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, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Romans 14:8-9.

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away: blessed be the name of the Lord.

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

CPWI 413 “Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer”

William Williams (1717-1791)

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing streams doth flow:
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside:
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on canaan's side
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

THE COLLECT:

Almighty God we remember before you today Your servant **Kathleen** and we pray, that having opened to her the gates of larger life, You will receive her more and more into Your joyful service, that with all who have served You in the past, she may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

Eulogy

Musical Selection by Bro. Dequan Smith

THE FIRST LESSON

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians, chapter thirteen, beginning at the first verse.

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give

away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

PSALM 23 (Crimond)

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 me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
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 LESSON

A reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter fourteen beginning at the first verse.

John 14: 1-6

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not 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 except through me.

CPWI 840 “Be still, for the presence of the Lord”

David J. Evans (1957-)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found —
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight —
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace —
no work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRESIDENT:

Let us with confidence and hope confess the faith into which we were baptized, as we say,

All:

**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

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty 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 Church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace.

All: Hear us Lord.

Leader: May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with Him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

All: 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.

All: Hear us Lord.

Leader: Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sin and serve You with a quiet mind.

All: Hear us Lord.

Leader: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care that casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love.

All: Hear us Lord.

Leader: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have 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.

All: Hear us Lord.

Silence

PRESIDENT:

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister **Kathleen**, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

“The King of love my Shepherd is”

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

THE COMMENDATION

PRESIDENT:

The Lord be with you.

All:

And also with you.

PRESIDENT:

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your Saints.

All:

Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

PRESIDENT:

You only are immortal, the Creator and maker of mankind, and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth we shall 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!

All:

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

PRESIDENT:

Lord, have mercy upon us;

ALL:

Christ, have mercy upon us;

PRESIDENT:

Lord, have mercy upon us;

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

PRESIDENT:

Let us commend our sister **Kathleen** to the mercy of God our Maker and Redeemer.

Deliver your servant **Kathleen**, O sovereign Lord Christ from all evil and set her free from every bond, that she may rest with Your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

PRESIDENT:

Into Your hands O merciful Saviour, we commend Your servant **Kathleen**. 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 the saints in light.

All: Amen.

Prayer for the Family

All

Gracious Creator, who has blessed us with the presence of our loved one for these past years, we thank you for the gift of her presence in this world and the opportunity to share in all that she has brought. We ask your tender love for the family here gathered and pray that they will find comfort in you and strength to embrace the wonderful love that you offer to carry them through this life. Be with them in their moments of sadness and give them a foretaste of your heavenly love, that they may find in you renewed hope and joy for the days ahead. We ask that in your mercy you will hear our prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

CPWI 26 “The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended”

John Ellerton (1826-1893)

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

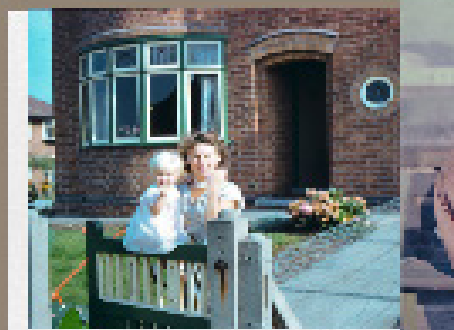
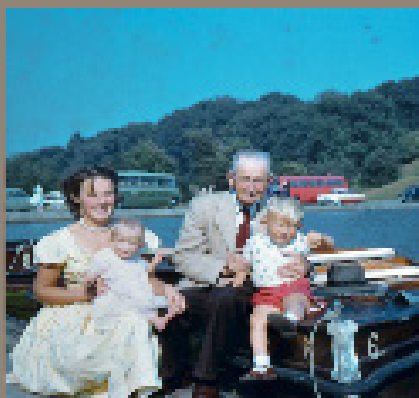
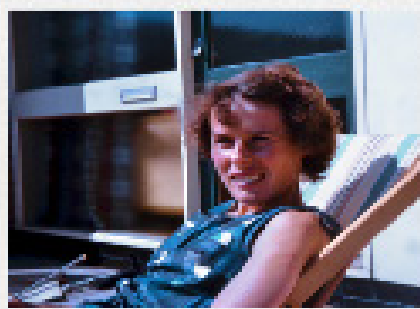
The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word
For my eyes have seen thy salvation:
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles;
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon her.



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Collection made at the service will be put towards the creation of a Cayman Islands Inclusive Choir for Seniors.

