

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR Polly Marshall

who was born on *January 5, 1931*
and entered eternal rest on *February 11, 2023*

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God. *2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

C: Thanks be to God.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P: When Polly was baptized in Christ Jesus, she was baptized into his death. She was buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, Polly too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. *Romans 6:3-5*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Softly and Tenderly.....RECLAIM No. 177

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Polly. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage here on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

FAMILY EUOLOGY.....Katie Sumeay

SPECIAL MUSIC: Abide With Me.....Megan Marshall

FIRST READING: Revelation 21:1-4.....Krista Bye

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 46

R: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

R: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

R: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

C: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

R: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

C: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

R: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

C: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

R: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SECOND READING: James 1:2-12

²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. ⁹Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. ¹²Blessed is the

man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-6

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 14th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And if 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. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN: Rock of Ages.....RECLAIM No. 226

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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 into hell. 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Nearer, My God, to Thee.....Kirsra Sumeay

PRAYERS

P: 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 whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: 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. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Grant to all who mourn this day a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: 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 Polly and all those they love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of grace, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray:

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* TABLE PRAYER

COMMENDATION

P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Polly Marshall. 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.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: What a Friend We Have in Jesus.....RECLAIM No. 223

POSTLUDE