

*In Memoriam*  
***Helen Mary Parker***  
**(Née: Duggan)**  
**September 19, 1928 – July 13, 2022**



**Memorial Service and Celebration of Life**  
**Saturday, September 3, 2022 - 1 pm.**

*Officiant: The Rev. Daniel Fournier*  
*Assisted by The Rev. Joan Scandrett*  
*Organist: Susanne Reul-Zastre*

## Order of Service

### **Scripture Sentences** *(Please stand)*

*The steadfast love of God never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3: 22-23)*

*Let not your hearts be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In 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? And when 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.*

*(John 14: 1-3)*

*I am sure 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.*

*(Romans 8. 38–39)*

**Words of Welcome:** The Rev. Daniel Fournier  
*(Please be seated)*

**Hymn: This Is God's Wondrous World.** (TERRA BEATA)  
*(Please stand)*

**This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.**

**This is God's wondrous world, I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is God's wondrous world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.**

**This is God's wondrous world. God shines in all that's fair,  
In the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.**

**This is God's wondrous world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong.  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, O let the heavens ring!  
God reigns, let earth be glad.**

***Opening Prayer:***

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,  
grant us *with Helen* and all the faithful departed  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious  
resurrection: that, in the last day,  
when you gather up all things in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

***First Reading:*** *Philippians 4: 8-9 (Please be seated)*

*A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians*

*Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,  
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if  
there is anything worthy of praise, think about these  
things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and  
received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will  
be with you.*

*Word of God, Word of Life.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:** John 6: 35-40 (Please stand)

*The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.*

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

*Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'*

*The Gospel of Christ.*

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

**Reflection:** *The Rev. Daniel Fournier*

## **The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God,

**All: 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.**

***Hymn: Take my Life and Let it Be (MOZART)***  
(Please Stand)

**Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise,**

**Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,**

**Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,**

**Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,**

**Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,**

**The Prayers** (*Please be seated*)

God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Let us pray,

God of all, we thank you for Helen, who was near and dear to us, and who we miss now and always. We thank you for the love and friendship she offered and received while she was with us on earth. We pray that what was good in Helen's life will not be lost but will continue to 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. We pray that those who were close to her may now be even closer to one another, and that we all may live in peace and friendship on earth, ever conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death. May God grant us courage and hope in the time ahead. All this we pray in the name of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Consoling God, giver of all comfort, deal graciously, we pray, with all who are grieving; that, casting their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love, through Christ Jesus. **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 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.**

***The Final Commendation (Please Stand)***

Before we go our separate ways,  
Let us take leave of our sister.  
May our farewell express our affection for her;  
May it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.  
One day we shall joyfully greet her again  
When the love of Christ, which conquers all things,  
Destroys even death itself.  
And so we pray:

Into your merciful care, Loving God,  
we commend our loved one, Helen Mary Parker.  
In the sure and certain hope  
That, together with all who have died in Christ  
She will rise with him on the last day.  
We give you thanks for the blessings  
Which you bestowed upon Helen in this life:  
They are signs to us of your goodness  
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful God,  
turn towards us and listen to our prayers:  
open the gates of paradise to your servant  
and help us to remain  
to comfort one another with assurances of faith,  
until we all meet in Christ  
and are with you and our sister forever.

**Amen.**

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

*Here follows a time of silence.*

*Priest:* Rest eternal grant to her, O God.

*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***

May God give you  
his comfort and his peace,  
his light and his joy,  
in this world and the next;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**



**Hymn: We are Marching / Siyahamba (South African)**

**We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching,  
we are marching, oooo,  
we are marching in the light of (the light of) God.  
We are marching, marching,  
we are marching, oooo,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**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 surround us and give 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 Helen 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 Helen Mary Parker 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.**

