

In Memoriam
Eva Marie Kras
(Née: Simonsen)
September 1, 1934 – September 18, 2022



Memorial Service and Celebration of Life
Saturday, September 24, 2022 - 1 pm.

Officiant: The Rev. Daniel Fournier
Assisted by The Rev. Joan Scandrett
Organist: David Palmer
Soloist: Jennifer Turner

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)

Remembering Eva:

Eulogy given by Simon Kras and Melina Kras-Claydon.

Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising *(Thaxted)*

(Please Stand)

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendour
in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you,
our God most high;
but hidden from all nature
the eternal seed is sown
though small in mortal stature,
to heaven's garden grown;
for Christ your gift from heaven
from death has set us free,
and we through him
are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
This song of praise we sing.,
May we who know your favour
Our humble service bring;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

Opening Prayer:

Leader: God be with you.

All: ***And also with you.***

Leader: Let us pray:

Caring God, creator and giver of all life, source of love and joy, we come into your presence to celebrate life, especially the life of Eva Kras. God, as a mother comforts her children, so you comfort us, and we embrace that comfort as we come into your presence to grieve the loss of Eva.

As we gather in the shadow of her death, may we see and feel the light and peace of your love and care, revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.

First Reading: *Romans 14: 7-17 (Please be Seated)*

Read by Thomas Claydon

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Reader: *Word of God, Word of Life.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23:

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff
they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Gospel Hymn: How Great Thou Art

**O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**(Refrain) Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)**

***But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)***

***When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! (Refrain)***

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 6-11 (Please Stand)

The Rev. Joan Scandrett

God be with you.

All: And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'
The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: *The Rev. Daniel Fournier (please be seated)*

Solo: *Ave Maria (Schubert) Performed by Jennifer Turner*

The Apostle's Creed *(Please Stand)*

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.**

The Prayers *(Please be seated)*

Priest: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us pray,

God of all, we thank you for Eva, 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 Eva'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.**

Chant: Bless the Lord, My Soul (Taize)

(Remain Standing) This chant is repeated numerous times.

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
And bless God's Holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
Who leads me into life.**

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, Eva Marie Kras.
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 Eva 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.

All: **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.

All: **Amen.**

The Blessing

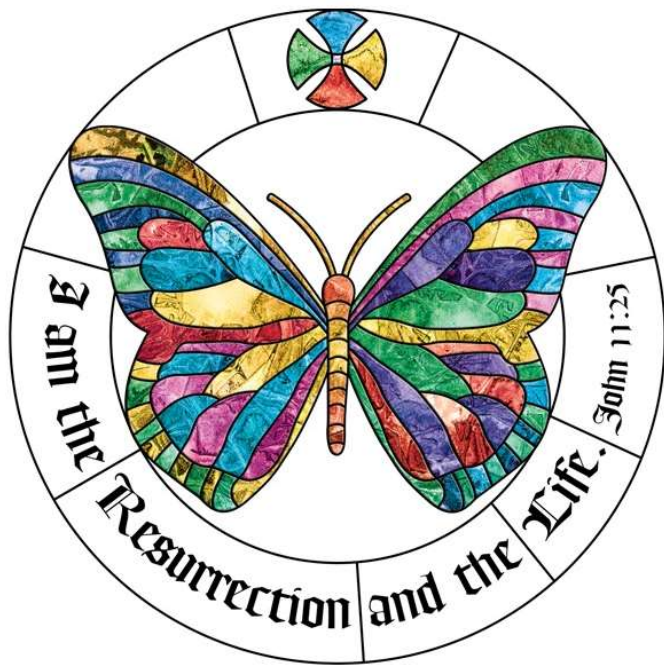
May God give *you*
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.

Amen.

Hymn: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection (Londonderry Air)

***We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.***

***We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.***



*Please join the family for refreshments in the hall,
as we continue in celebrating Eva’s life.*