

*In Memoriam*  
**Rosemary Joan Coleman-Watts**  
**October 19, 1939 – February 13, 2023**



**Memorial Service and Celebration of Life**  
**Saturday, March 4, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.**

*Officiants: The Rev. Daniel Fournier  
and The Rev. Joan Scandrett  
Organist: Susanne Reul-Zastre*

## Order of Service

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

*I am the resurrection and I am life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me will live, even if they die. And everyone who has life, and is committed to me in faith, shall not die for ever.*

*(John 11: 25-26)*

*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)*

*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)*

### **Words of Welcome:** The Rev. Daniel Fournier

*(Please be seated)*

### **Opening Prayer:**

God our Comforter,  
you are a refuge and a strength for us,  
a helper close at hand in times of distress.  
Help us so to hear the words of our faith  
that our fear is dispelled,  
our loneliness eased and our hope reawakened.  
May your Holy Spirit lift us  
above our natural sorrow,  
to the peace and light of your constant love;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen.**

**Remembering Rofey:**

*Given by Megan Pratt, Rob Watts, Jennifer Watts, and  
Christopher Pratt*

**Opening Hymn: CP 486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

*(tune: Hyfrydol) (Please stand)*

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

**First Reading:** 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 (Please be seated)

Reader: Sally Tuckey

*A reading from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians.*

*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 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.*

*Word of God, Word of Life.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 121** *(said antiphonally)*

*I lift up my eyes to the hills,  
    **from where will my help come?**  
My help comes from the LORD,  
    **who made heaven and earth.**  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
    **he who keeps you will not slumber.**  
He who keeps Israel  
    **will neither slumber nor sleep.**  
The LORD is your keeper;  
    **the LORD is your shade at your right hand.**  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
    **nor the moon by night.**  
The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
    **he will keep your life.**  
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
    **from this time on and forevermore.***

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 5: 1-12a (Please stand)*

*Reader: Chris Coleman*

*God be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

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

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

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;  
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.  
Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."*

*The Gospel of Christ.*

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

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

**Hymn: And Did Those Feet in Ancient Times**

*(tune: Jerusalem) (Please stand)*

**And did those feet in ancient time  
walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
on England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
among these dark satanic mills?**

**Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
till we have built Jerusalem  
in England's green and pleasant land.**

**The Apostle's Creed:** *(Remain standing)*

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)*

Let us pray.

God of all, we thank you for Rofey, and for all by which she is remembered: for all that she was to those who loved her, for the gifts and talents she freely gave, and for all in her life that reflected love, kindness and laughter. We pray that what was good in her 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.**

God, whose love holds in its embrace  
Your children in this world and the next;  
Look with compassion on all who mourn.  
Unite us to you, that in our oneness with you,  
We may always be united to our loved ones.  
Give us the courage to entrust Rofey to you in death,  
As in life you entrusted her to us. Give us hope and peace  
through him who died, and was buried and rose again for us,  
Christ Jesus, our Saviour. **Amen.**

God of all comfort, 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.**

**Hymn: CP 24 Abide with Me**

*(tune: Eventide) (Please stand)*

**Abide with me: fast falls the even-tide;  
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see:  
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**



**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless:  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting?  
Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

**The Prayer Over the Gifts:**

God of mercy, accept the worship we offer you this day.  
Increase, we pray, our faith, deepen our hope, and confirm us  
in your eternal love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our risen Saviour. **Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
Creator of heaven and earth;  
We give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
Whose victorious rising from the dead  
Has given to us the hope of resurrection  
And the promise of eternal life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels  
And all who have served you in every age,  
We raise our voices  
To proclaim the glory of your name.

*(From Common Praise # 735):*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, God our Creator,  
For the goodness and love  
You have made known to us in creation;  
In calling Israel to be your people;  
In your Word spoken through the prophets;  
And above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
To be incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
To be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
And made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
Out of error into truth,  
Out of sin into righteousness,  
Out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
To suffering and death,  
A death he freely accepted,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
And when he had given thanks to you,  
He broke it, and gave it to his disciples,

And said, "Take, eat:  
This is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
And when he had given thanks,  
He gave it to them,  
And said, "Drink this, all of you:  
This is my blood of the new covenant,  
Which is shed for you and for many  
For the forgiveness of sins,  
Whenever you drink it,  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice  
Of praise and thanksgiving  
To you, God of all;  
Presenting to you, from your creation,  
This bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God,  
To send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
That they may be the sacrament  
Of the body of Christ  
And his blood of the new covenant,  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
That we, made acceptable in him,  
May be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fulness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,  
And make them new,  
And bring us to that city of light  
Where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty God,  
now and for ever

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**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 Breaking of Bread:**

This is the bread which has come down from heaven.

**Those who eat this bread will live for ever.**

**Lamb of God:** *(From Common Praise # 747)*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,**

**Give us your peace,**

**Give us your peace.**

**The Invitation to the Table:**

The table of bread and wine is now ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus,  
and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,  
with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth,  
in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table,

you who have much faith

and you who would like to have more;

you who have been here often

and you who have not been for a while;

you who have tried to follow Jesus,

and you who have failed;

Come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*At this time, we are only sharing bread for communion. Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as each section is invited to come forward to the Altar Rail. Please exit to the chapel side and return to your seat.*

*If you would prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest will signal the priest to give you a blessing instead.*

**NOTE:** *Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

*Please remain seated as we sing the hymn after communion.*

**Hymn after Communion: CP 29 The Day Thou Gavest**

*(tune: St. Clement)*

**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  
Thy faithful '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 forever,  
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

**The 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, Rosemary Joan Watts.  
In the sure and certain hope  
That, together with all who have died in Christ  
She will rise with him on the last day.  
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.  
**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.*

Rest eternal grant to her, O God.

**All: And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

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.**

**Closing Hymn: CP 381 Praise, My Soul**

*(tune: Praise My Soul)*

**Praise my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Ever-more his praises sing.  
Praise him, praise him, praise the Everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our forebears in distress;  
Praise him, still the same for ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy flows.**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
Blows the wind and it is gone;  
But, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
Praise him, praise him, praise the high eternal one.**

**Angels help us to adore him;  
You behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.**

Postlude

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*Following this service, the family invites you to join them in the church hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*