



## A Celebration of the Life of Marlene Martin Whitson McCormick

September 8, 1941 ~ May 18, 2024

Almighty God,  
our Father in heaven,  
Before whom live all who die in the Lord:  
Receive our Sister Marlene into the courts  
Of your heavenly dwelling place.  
Let her heart and soul now ring out  
In joy to you, O Lord, the living God,  
and the God of those who live.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

A Memorial Service for  
Marlene Martin Whitson McCormick



Grace Episcopal Church  
Sunday, July 7, 2024 ~ 2:00 PM

**Prelude**

Thomas Mellan

**Processional Hymn 686**

Nettleton

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

## Opening Anthem

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die.  
And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray:

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Marlene, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated for the readings)*

## The Liturgy of the Word

**First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9**

Michelle Sommers

Lector: A Reading from the prophet Isaiah:

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 46** *Deus noster refugium*

Dawn Mellon

1 God is our refuge and strength, \* a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.

- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
 God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \*  
 what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \* he breaks the bow, and  
 shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \* I will be exalted among the nations;  
 I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Second Lesson: Romans 8:35, 37-39**

Hakim Williams

Lector: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Family Remarks**

Nathaniel Olmos

**Sequence Hymn 335**

*I Am the Bread of Life*

"I am the bread of life"

**Gospel: John 5:24-27**

The Rev. Susan Scranton

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life."

"Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. "

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton

## The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say:

**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.**

## Prayers of the People

Intercessor: For our sister Marlene, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Intercessor: Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Marlene, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

**People: Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant:

Father of all, we pray to you for Marlene, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**AMEN.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem**

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Marty Haugen

Grace Parish Choir

Arr. by Mark Hayes

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed,

not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

Proulx

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

*(Please kneel as able.)*

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Savior 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 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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Proulx

**Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## Communion of the People

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*~ All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion ~*

*(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

*~ If you would like communion to be brought to you in your seat,  
please notify an usher.*

Communion Hymn 325

Let Us Break Bread

“Let us break bread together”



## Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Commendation

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

**People: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we 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.

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

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Marlene. 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. **AMEN.**

**Blessing** \_\_\_\_\_ The Rev. Susan L. Scranton

**Closing Hymn 390** \_\_\_\_\_ *Lobe den Herren*

"Praise to the Lord"

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional** \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Henry

"Amazing Grace"

(The bagpiper will lead the family out, congregation will follow.)

Please join us for a reception in Baxter Hall immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, you may donate in memory of Marlene McCormick to  
Priceless Pets - A no-kill pet rescue in San Gabriel Valley  
[@pricelesspetrescue.org](http://pricelesspetrescue.org).

**Participants in this service:**

Celebrant.....The Rev. Susan L. Scranton  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers ..... Miles Bresee, Patricia Meyer  
Lectors ..... Michelle Sommers, Dawn Mellon, Hakim Williams, Miles Bresee  
Acolytes ..... McKenna Parra  
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Choir..... Janet Kawamoto, Laurel McKenzie, Bobbi Patterson, Nancy Rice,  
Stacey Aldrete, Ruth Aldrete, Donna McAlmond,  
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Organist..... Thomas Mellan  
Glendora High School Bagpiper ..... Paul Henry  
GEC Stream Team..... Ethan Seielstad, Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson  
Flowers ..... Chela Perez  
Altar Guild..... Janese Grady, Patricia Meyer, Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge  
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