

St. Luke's ~ San Lucas Episcopal Church

November 2, 2024

A Celebration of Life of



Teresa Ann Kieser

August 17, 1951—September 12, 2024

Obituary



Teresa Ann Kieser passed away, very suddenly and unexpectedly, on September 12, 2024.

She was born on August 17th, 1951, in Portland, Oregon, the youngest child and only daughter of Ernest Zelinka and Lillian Berg Zelinka. She grew up in a house on the corner of NE 68th and Glisan and graduated from James Madison High School in 1969.

She decided to attend Oregon State University that fall, where she met her future husband Pete during a freshman function called the Paw Paw Pick. They didn't get serious right away, but they did become good friends.

When Pete lost his scholarship due to poor grades and partying, he joined the Navy and became one of Teresa's many pen pals. Later that year, Pete's ship sailed to Seattle from Hawaii to attend Sea Fair, and Teresa rode up to meet him on a Greyhound bus. They realized no one rides a Greyhound just to see a friend, and that they weren't just good friends, but deeply in love as well.

After Pete's discharge, they got married, worked at a variety of poorly paid jobs, and finally applied together for the position of Police Dispatcher (as the job was then) for the Portland Bureau of Emergency Communications, which had been recently civilianized.

They worked at the BOEC for another 30 years, though Teresa took 9 years off in the middle to have her last child, and get a Bachelor of Liturgical Music degree from Marylhurst College.

When she realized there were no paid jobs available as a church music director, she

came back to 911, re-trained and re-certified, and finished her working career there. She raised three children while working at a job that had very little time or sympathy for family issues and made it look easy, though it wasn't.

Teresa had a beautiful mezzo-soprano voice, and often broke into song to harmonize with music on the radio or television (often ad jingles, which drove Pete nuts). She liked all kinds of music, especially Broadway show tunes, Irish and British folk music, and American Indian flute music. Today's psalm, Old 100th, was sung by her at her Batchelor Recital at Marylhurst.

Just before Pete's retirement, her youngest son Trevor enlisted in the Navy. She became active in a group called Navy for Moms, sponsored by the Navy for the mothers of recently enlisted sailors. She made a number of on-line friendships then that continued until her passing, well after most of the kids had gotten out and started family lives.

She also got into card making, to support a wartime charity called Operation Write Home. The members made batches of cards to send to units overseas so the unit members could send nice handmade cards home to their families with a note about how they were doing. After OWH ceased operations, she moved on to other groups and made even more friends and cards.

She liked to travel. Though we didn't go as often as we wanted, we did get two wonderful trips to Hawaii by ourselves, a 4th of July at Pearl Harbor thanks to our friend Jim, a trip to Iceland over Easter 2017 to see Trevor and Julie, and a trip to Denmark two years later to attend their wedding. We had tickets to visit them this Thanksgiving to see our first grandchild. He was born exactly one month after she passed away.

She loved all her friends, in-person and online. She loved card making and giving just the right card to just the right person. She loved her family: her brothers Ron and Greg, sister-in-law Chris, her children Grace, Dana (who sadly pre-deceased her), and Trevor, and Pete, her husband of 52 years.

We all expected her to be around for a much longer time, but as our friends Rob and Margaret Liebertz wrote: "She was too kind and lived with such joy, that she was obviously needed elsewhere."

We will all remember that kindness and joy, and will try to live up to it.

In this bulletin, the lines in **bolded italics** are spoken by the People.
Please silence your phone and devices.

Prelude

Adagio Cantabile

WELCOMING WORDS

Opening Hymn

May Choir of Angels Lead You

H356

All stand

The extended family members will process in as the opening hymn is sang.

1 May choirs of an - gels lead you to Par - a - dise on high,
2 And at your com - ing thith - er may you be brought by them
3 As an - gels gave poor Laz - arus from all his ills re - lease,
where dwell the white-robed mar - tyrs who now no more can die.
in - to the ho - ly ci - ty, God's true Je - ru - sa - lem.
so may they give you wel - come to ev - er - last - ing peace.

Words: Latin; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, melody Melchior Vulpus (1560?-1616);
harm. after Melchior Vulpus (1560?-1616)

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OPENING ANTHEM

I am resurrection and I am life says the Lord.
Those who believe in me,
even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and
believes in me will never die.

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last will stand upon the earth;
and though worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God,
whom I shall see and my eyes behold,
Who is my friend and not a stranger. (Job 19:25-27)

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 die,
we belong to the Lord.

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister ***Teresa Ann Kieser***. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon .

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Paraphrase of Psalm 100

Jubilate Deo

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
* 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
 5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - joice.
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
 5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100
 Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.;
 harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them as their God;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

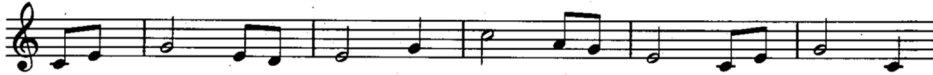
And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."
Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to
me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The Word of the Lord.


Thanks be to God.

Acclamation hymn


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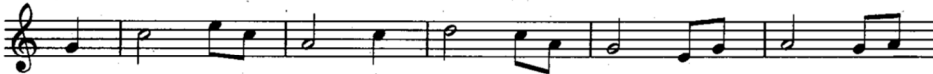
1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me




is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream. _____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way. _____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise. _____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
There would I find a set - tled rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23
 Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody

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Gospel Reading (*The people stand.*)

John 11: 32-34

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Jesus Reyes

Apostles' Creed *(The people stand.)*

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

Celebrant and People

***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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.
Hear us, Lord.

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.
Hear us, Lord.

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
Hear us, Lord.

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

A brief silence is kept. Then the Officiant concludes with this prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister **Teresa**, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

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1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk hymn; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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.*

Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for you, the People of God.

***All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. If you prefer a blessing,
please cross your arms across your chest to signal the Celebrant.***
*Please come forward as directed by the Ushers to receive the Sacrament.
(Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)
If you desire wine, the Lay Eucharist Ministers will have the Chalice available
for drinking from the cup or intinction.*

Communion Hymn

Panis Angelicus

by César Franck

Performed by Megan Pittman, Soprano

Panis Angelicus
Fit panis hominum
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum
O res mirabilis
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, pauper servus et humilis
Pauper, pauper servus et humilis

Panis Angelicus
Fit panis hominum
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum
O res mirabilis
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, pauper servus et humilis
Pauper, pauper servus, servus et humilis
Pauper, pauper servus, servus et humilis

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

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

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.

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, **Teresa Ann**. 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.**

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon her.

May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Teresa's Family

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Recessional Hymn	Amazing Grace	H671
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1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, . bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, John Rees (19th cent.)

Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921);
 harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919)

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Then the celebrant or another minister may dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Contemplation on Abide in Me

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Officiant & Preacher: **The Rev. Jesús Reyes**
Deacon: **The Rev. Lynette Poulton Kamakura**
Lay Eucharistic Ministers & Lector: **Kathy Gallaher**
Music Director: **Jordan Nylander**
Altar Guild: **Sandra Kimura, Carol Hiltz & Guild members**
Videographers: **Bob Lawson, Mike Morrison & Len Bauhs**

SPECIAL THANKS

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