

A Celebration of the Life of Stefanie Mae Shuman

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St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

Los Osos, California



Prelude:

“Soon and Very Soon”

Andraé Crouch Arr. Jack Schrader
2001 Bud John Songs, Inc./Crouch Music (ASCAP)

♪ **Opening Hymn 662**

Abide with Me

Blue Hymnal

Officiant: We have come here today to remember before God our sister Stefanie, to give thanks for her life; to commend her to God our merciful redeemer and judge; to commit her cremains to the ground and to comfort one another in our grief.

May God be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray

Silence

O God of grace and glory, we remember Stefanie before you
and thank you for giving her to us,
to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.
In your boundless compassion, console those who mourn.
Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of Christ
so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are
gathered into the company of all your saints;
by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15

God did not make death,
and does not delight in the death of the living.
For God created all things so that they might exist;
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,
and there is no destructive poison in them,
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.
For righteousness is immortal.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Thanks be to God

♪ Hymn

"I will come to you"

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Cantor: Alan Kiste

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice,
be still and know that I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light
Come and rest in me.

♩ REFRAIN

(G) (C/G) (D/F#) (Em7) (C) (Dsus4) (D)
Bb Eb/Bb F/A Gm7 Eb Fsus4 F

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by _ name. ____

(G) (C/G) (D/F#) (Em) (Em7/D) (C) (Dsus4) (D)
Bb Eb/Bb F/A Gm Gm7/F Eb Fsus4 F

Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; ____ I love _ you and you are

(G) (D/G) (C/G) (D/G)
Bb F/Bb Eb/Bb F/Bb

mine. _____

I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will run free
And all will know my name.

Refrain

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now walk and live!

Refrain

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Music: David Haas; harm. by David Haas and Kate Cuddy.
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1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Thanks be to God

♪ **How Beautiful upon the Mountains**

John Carter c. Hinshaw Music 1977

The St. Benedict's Singers

John 20:11-18

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to John

People: *Glory to You, Jesus Christ.*

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?

For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Redeemer.

People: *Praise to You, Jesus Christ.*

The Homily

Rev. Dr Caroline Hall

Remembrances of Stef

The Prayers

Let us pray to God our Creator saying, Holy One hear us.

Loving God, you have called your people together in the mystical body of Jesus Christ our Savior. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. *Holy One hear us.*

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die daily to sin and rise to newness of life, and that we, with our Redeemer, may pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection. *Holy One hear us.*

Grant to us who are still on our earthly pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Spirit may lead us to holiness and righteousness all our days. *Holy One hear us.*

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sin and serve you with a quiet mind. *Holy One hear us.*

Grant that Stefanie, increasing in the knowledge and love of you, may go from strength to strength in a new life of perfect service. *Holy One hear us.*

Grant to Curt, Emily, Ellen and all who mourn, a sure confidence in your tender mercy, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love. *Holy One hear us.*

Give courage to all who are bereaved, that in the days ahead they may hold fast to the comfort of a holy hope, and joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. *Holy One hear us.*

Help us entrust Stefanie to your never-failing care and love. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor you bear for all your people. *Holy One hear us.*

Creator 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 gracious power work in them the divine purpose of your perfect will, through Jesus Christ who rose from the dead that we might share your life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

To maintain safe social distancing, please simply greet others verbally or with a bow or nod.

♪ Hymn 400 **All Creatures of our God and King** Blue Hymnal

The Holy Eucharist

EOW 3

Celebrant May God 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 God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey.

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics "might," are placed below the treble staff, and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord," are placed below the treble staff.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics "God of power and might," are placed below the treble staff, and "hea - ven and earth are" are placed below the treble staff.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the melody and bass line. The lyrics "full," are placed below the treble staff, "full of your glo - ry." are placed below the treble staff, and "Ho -" is placed below the treble staff.

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.

From Deutsche Messe, Franz P. Schubert arr. Richard Proulx

Celebrant: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All *Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!*

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed virgin Mary, blessed Benedict, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

All *Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of
unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All *Eternal Spirit,
Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love Maker,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Fa-
ther and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The Hallowing of your Name echo through the universe!
The Way of your Justice be followed by the people of the world!
Your Heavenly Will be done by all created beings!
Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom sustain*

our hope and come on earth!
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
 now and forever. Amen.

New Zealand Prayer Book

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.
 A period of silence is kept.

WLP 876

Antiphon

Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord — Je - sus — in the break - ing —

Fine Verses

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
 ia, for though — ma - ny we share one — bread.

C. 1986 Jack Warren Burnam

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is God's table and all are welcome here.

If God is calling you, you are welcome to receive communion, If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. As your group is called forward, please spread out to widen the circle and increase safe social distancing.

♪ **“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”**

Mark Hayes Tune: EBENEZER by Thomas J. Williams
quoting “Moonlight” Sonata op. 27, no. 2
By Ludwig van Beethoven

♪ Hymn 335

I will raise him up

Blue Hymnal

Post-Communion Prayer

*Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us
with the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ,
giving us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.
We pray that this Sacrament may be
for us a comfort in affliction, and a sign of our inheritance
in that place where there is no death, neither sorrow nor
crying, but the joy of true homecoming,
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.*

♪ **Nun komm der Heiden Heiland**

J.S. Bach

Arranged for piano by Ferruccio Budoni
Pianist: Ann Lucas

The Commendation

Officiant: Let us commend Stef to the mercy of God

God our Creator and Redeemer:
by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory.
Confident of his victory and claiming his promises,
we entrust Stefanie to your mercy
in the name of Jesus who died and is alive, and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit now and for ever, *Amen.*

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

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Please join us as we walk to the St Francis Garden to scatter some of Stef's ashes.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend Stefanie to her loving God and
we commit her remains to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to
dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine up-
on her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon
her and give her peace. *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.*

Magnificat Randy Gill
The St. Benedict's Singers

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Thank you for coming. Please join the family for refreshments on the veranda.
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