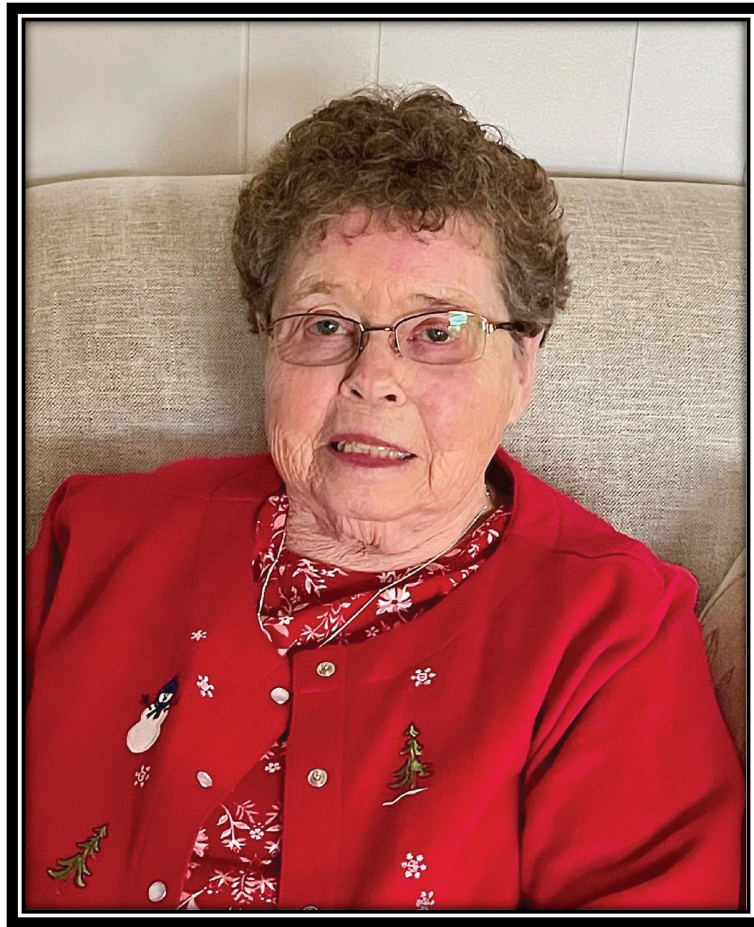


A Celebration of Life for

BARBARA REGAN WHITMAN

February 25, 1934–December 25, 2024



Saturday, January 4, 2025

11:00 am

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Hanover, Massachusetts

I will lift up my eyes to the clouds
from whence cometh my help.
I will reach towards your extended hands
and leave my problems there.
You have never failed to lead me to
making the right decision,
even though it may take more time
than I think it should.
You have taught me patience and
understanding of family relations.
Make me to have a loving heart
and always rely on your help.
Amen.

Written by Barbara A. Whitman

OPENING ANTHEM

Celebrant:

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though she die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed themselves 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 they who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

COLLECT

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 Barbara, 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray together:

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Nancy, Sandra and Joyce and each of the family members who loved Barbara. Support them in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry (John Ylvisaker)*



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when

2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to

3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to

cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to

lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a

whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your

plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of

time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to

in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



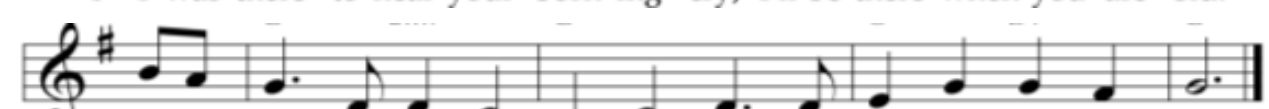
light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."

make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."

I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

FIRST READING John 14:1-6

Read by Elizabeth Galle

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in 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.

SECOND READING Romans 14: 7-9

Read by Keith Conforti

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**Behold, he who keeps watch over
Israel shall neither slumber nor
sleep;**

The LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

**So that the sun shall not strike you
by day, nor the moon by night.**

The LORD shall preserve you from all
evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

**The LORD shall watch over your
going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.**

EULOGY/REMEMBRANCE

Offered by Jason Conforti

Offered by Laurie Wissoker

HYMN *Love Grows Here* by Don Besig

Take a look around you, tell me what you see;
People here to worship the Lord, just like you and me.
Some have come in gladness, some have come with fear;
But all have come because they know that love grows here!

Yes, love grows here, and all of us can share
the wonder and joy that it can bring.
For God is near, teaching us to care, and
showing our hearts how to sing.

Some of us are lonely, some have many friends;
Some lives just beginning, some are near the end.
Yet we come together knowing He is near,
Once again reminding us that love grows here!

Yes, love grows here, and all of us can share the wonder and joy that it can bring.
For God is near, teaching us to care, and showing our hearts how to sing.

Love grows here.
Yes, love grows here.

GOSPEL READING John 6:37-40

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

“But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

Celebrant:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our sister, Barbara, 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 Barbara 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.

Barbara 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 Barbara; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Hear us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Barbara, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. She made an indelible mark on our lives and in the life of St. Andrew's Parish. 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

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE Walk in Love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.

Gifts of Bread and Wine are brought forward.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Where the Stable Light Shines!* by Joel Raney & John Parker

Dark the night falls, cold the wind blows,
swift the rain flows near the old stall.
Bright the star grows over the manger.
Safe from all danger warm lamp light glows.
Jesus is born where the stable light shines.

Angels rejoicing beaming in splendor.
Praises in grandeur now they are voicing.
Shepherds are kneeling, anthems are peeling.
Worship revealing Jesus is born.
Jesus is born where the stable light shines.

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
Jesus is born where the stable light shines.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *S130 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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". The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody. There are several measures with rests in the vocal line, indicating where the voice is silent.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM *Lamb of God Agnus Dei (Schubert) (S 164)*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION

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

All are welcome at God's table. We have communion wafers and home-made communion bread. The communion bread is gluten free. If you would like to come forward to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the celebrant would be delighted to bless you.

COMMUNION: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

HYMN *Let there be peace on earth* (MHSO 151)

Let there be peace on earth and let it be -
Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the
gin with me; Let there be peace on
mo - ment now. With ev' - ry step I
earth, the peace that was meant to be, With
take, let this be my sol - emn vow: To
God as cre - a - tor, bro - thers and sis - ters are
we, Let us walk with each o - ther
in per - fect har - mo - ny.
Coda
take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e -
ter - nal - ly. Let there be peace on
earth and let it be - gin with me.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray, saying together:

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 Barbara and all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN: *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,
with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain
Till we meet, till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,
meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet, till we
meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

THE COMMENDATION

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Barbara 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 Barbara 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 Barbara.

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.*

HYMN *Hallelujah Chorus – sung by all (Sheet music provided)*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant:

The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

Crucifers:

Cheri Dauphinee
Jesse Avellino

Torch Bearers:

Ben Hyland
Chuck Fiorentino

Music Director:

Sean Glennon

Guest Organist:

Jonathan Wessler

Trumpeter:

Patrick Stout

Pianist:

HuiMin Wang

Eulogy/Remembrances:

Jason Conforti
Laurie Wissoker

Readers:

Elizabeth Galle
Keith Conforti

Greeters/Ushers:

James Laprade
Stephen Boutin

Audio Visual Support:

Steve Ryerson



A life well lived is a precious gift
Of hope and strength and grace,
From someone who has made our world
A brighter, better place
It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
With smiles and sometimes tears,
With friendships formed and good times shared
And laughter through the years.
A life well lived is a legacy
Of joy and pride and pleasure,
A living, lasting memory
Our grateful hearts will treasure.

*Barbara's family thanks everyone for their love and support,
and for celebrating her life here today.*

*Immediately following the service, you are cordially invited to join the family in the
parish hall for refreshments and
sharing recollections and anecdotes about Barbara's life.*