

*A Celebration of Life*

*Betty Catherine Thomas*



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**P** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

### Blessed Assurance



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Betty. We 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 all who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

### **The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm – spoken in unison**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not 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 forever.

**In the Garden**

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am his own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling.

**Isaiah 46**

<sup>3</sup> "Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob,  
all the remnant of the people of Israel,  
you whom I have upheld since your birth,  
and have carried since you were born.

<sup>4</sup> Even to your old age and gray hairs  
I am he I am he who will sustain you.  
I have made you and I will carry you;  
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

**Philippians 4:13**

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4**

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary

troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

## The Homily

The Reverend Phillip Heinze

### On a Hill Far Away *The Old Rugged Cross*



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,  
2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross so de - spised by the world,  
3 In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
a won - drous beau - ty I see;  
its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,  
for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
to . . . bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
to . . . par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my



tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged



cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

## The Creed

**P** We confess the faith of the church throughout the ages, the faith Betty lived and the faith in which she died.

**C** 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 into hell. 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

### Sharing of the Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you**

**P** Lift up your hearts

**C** **We lift them to the Lord**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

## Words of Institution

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray

**C 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, forever and ever.  
Amen**

### **The Holy Communion**

This is my body given for you.

This is my blood shed for you.

### **The Post Communion Blessing**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
in His grace.

**C Amen.**

### **The Commendation**

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Betty.  
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.

**C Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs  
receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem. May a choir of  
angels welcome you, and, where Lazarus is poor no more, may you have  
everlasting rest.**

## 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 meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896



The Reverend Phillip Heinze  
The Reverend Kyle Rouze  
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