

A Celebration of Life
Edna Jean Millard



June 8, 1959 – June 12, 2022

*Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
Proverbs 31:25-26*

June 25, 2022
Calvary Lutheran Church
Richland Hills, TX

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.

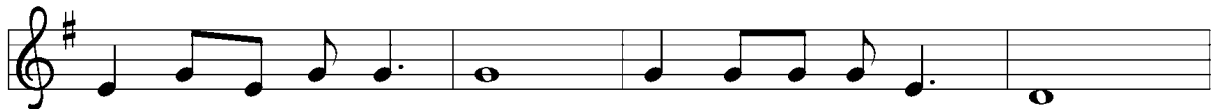
C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

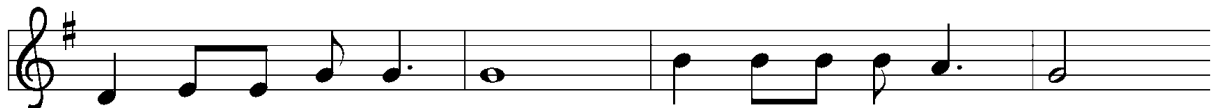
This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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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 Let us pray.

C **Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The 23rd 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.

Remembrances of Edna

Ty Millard – husband
Alisa Barrientos – daughter
Andrea Millard – daughter

Way Over Yonder – Carole King

Soloist – Lynzy Slezak

Isaiah 25

⁶On 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.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 14th chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

P The Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

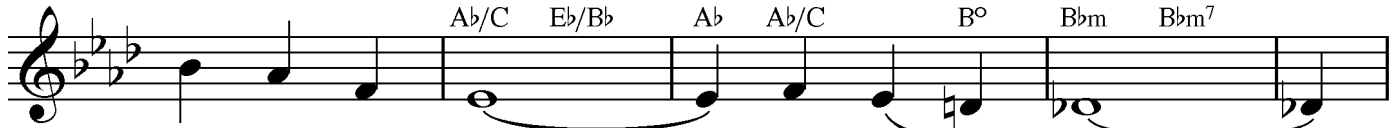
The Homily

The Reverend Phillip Heinze

Because He Lives



1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by;
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;



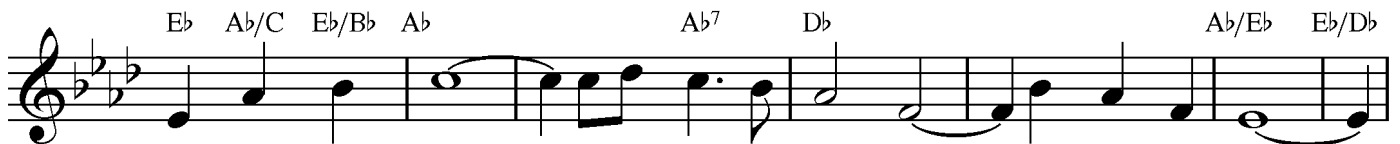
he came to love, heal, and for - give;
 and feel the pride and joy he gives,
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;



he lived and died to buy my par - don,
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance
 and then as death gives way to vic - t'ry



an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he lives.



Be - cause he lives I can face to - mor - row; be - cause he lives



all fear is gone; be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,



and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

The Creed

- P We confess the faith of the church throughout the ages, the faith Edna 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

- 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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

The Post Communion Blessing

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

C Amen.

The Commendation

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

Our Lips Are Sealed – The Go Go's

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The Reverend Phillip Heinze
The Reverend Kyle Rouze
Debbie Villavicencio, organ/piano

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Edna Jean Millard was born June 8, 1959 as Edna Jean Rawson, an only child to Bettie and William Henry Rawson, Jr. Her parents were both pharmacists who owned and operated an independent pharmacy and pharmacy distribution company. She lived in San Antonio, Texas most of her childhood and graduated from St. Gerards High School in 1977. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1982 with a Bachelor's of Science in Pharmacy. She remained in Texas with her husband, Tyrone, and two daughters, Alisa and Andrea.

As a retail pharmacist Edna served the greater Fort Worth area including Fort Worth, Arlington, North Richland Hills, Benbrook and Hudson Oaks. For every ailment, she was the first one in the family to be inundated with questions. When a family member or friend asked for medical advice, she often quipped "will I get paid for this?" Edna was known for her dry sense of humor and wit. She had the ability to disarm a group with laughter once they realized she was joking. She was a bookworm and a history buff, particularly with English history.

Throughout the 2000s she was a diligent supporter of her daughters' band and theater extracurriculars. She was also a Girl Scout troop leader in her daughters' girl scout troops. She enjoyed baking and had a trademark red velvet cake with buttercream frosting she would make for birthdays. Every Christmas, with the help of her daughters, she would fill tins with cookies for family and friends. She called her kitchen the "Millard Cafe," for every friend of her daughters would be greeted with snacks and meals.

In 2013, Edna quit the corporate pharmaceutical world for a chance to do something that relied less on patient quotas and a bottom line. At age 55, she enrolled in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and graduated in 2016 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. While attending school she worked as a clinical pharmacist at Lake Granbury Medical Center until retiring in January of 2019.

In August of 2021, Edna was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer. She went through chemotherapy and a pancreatic enzyme treatment, respectively, until she had a pulmonary embolism in April 2022. After the embolism she faced a gradual decline and sought hospice care. Her family took care of her wellbeing until she passed away at home on June 12, 2022.

The fridge at the back of her house was full of magnets, little mementos for each place she traveled which included New Orleans, San Francisco, Mesa Verde, and Ireland. She leapt at any opportunity to plan a trip. She is on a different trip now, one full of mystery. As J.M. Baire's Peter Pan says "To die [is] an awfully big adventure." Her family believes she will have the other side mapped out by the time they get there. Her light will not be forgotten.