

Celebration of Life
Lynne Herber



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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.

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the flow'rs of spring;
bright in the spar - kling on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with harmonization in the other voices and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line being the most prominent. The second line is a variation of the first, and the third and fourth lines are also variations. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic foundation for the vocal parts.

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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 Lynne. 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 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.

Remembrance of Lynne

Simple Gifts Chuck Herber, Sax

Ecclesiastes 3

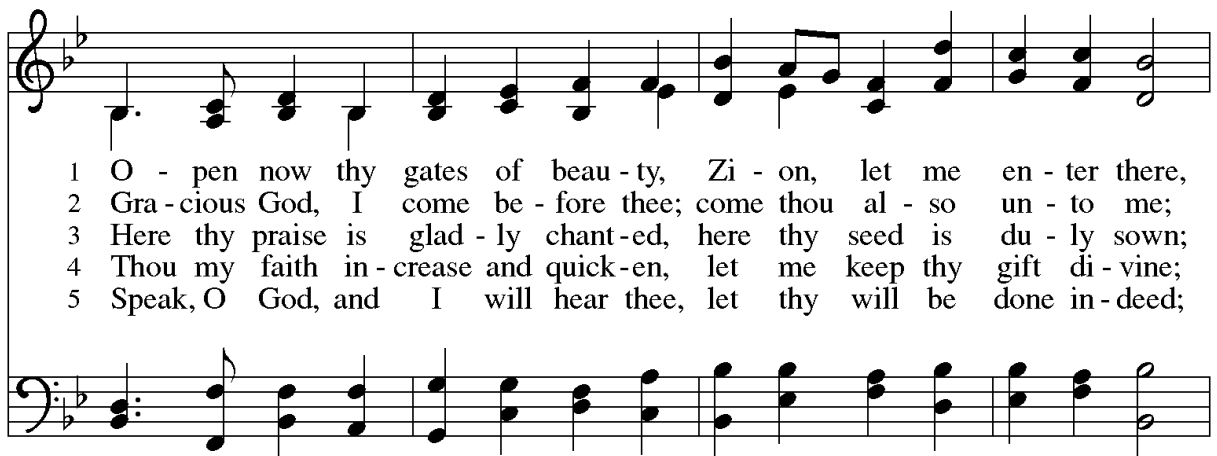
For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Matthew 25

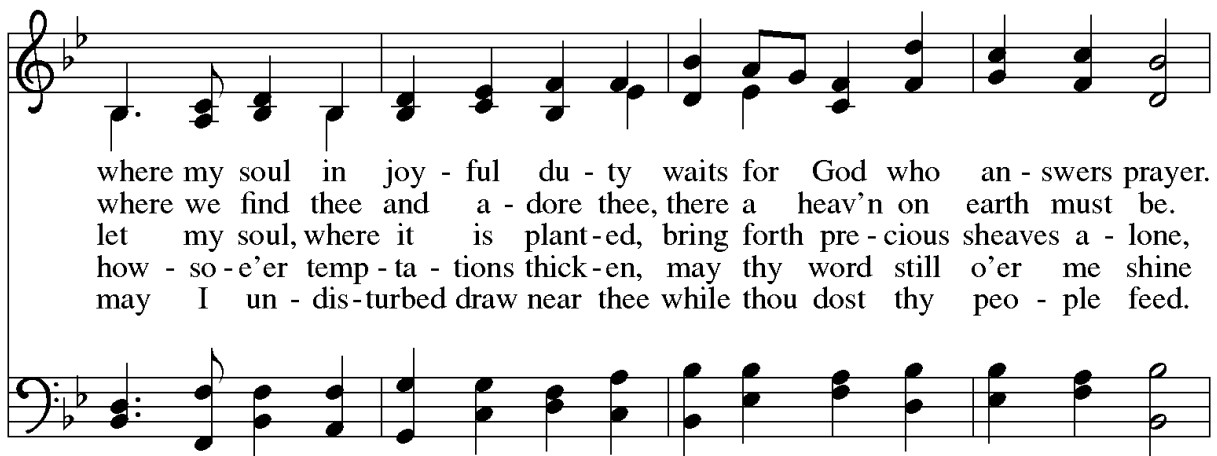
Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

The Homily Pr Kyle

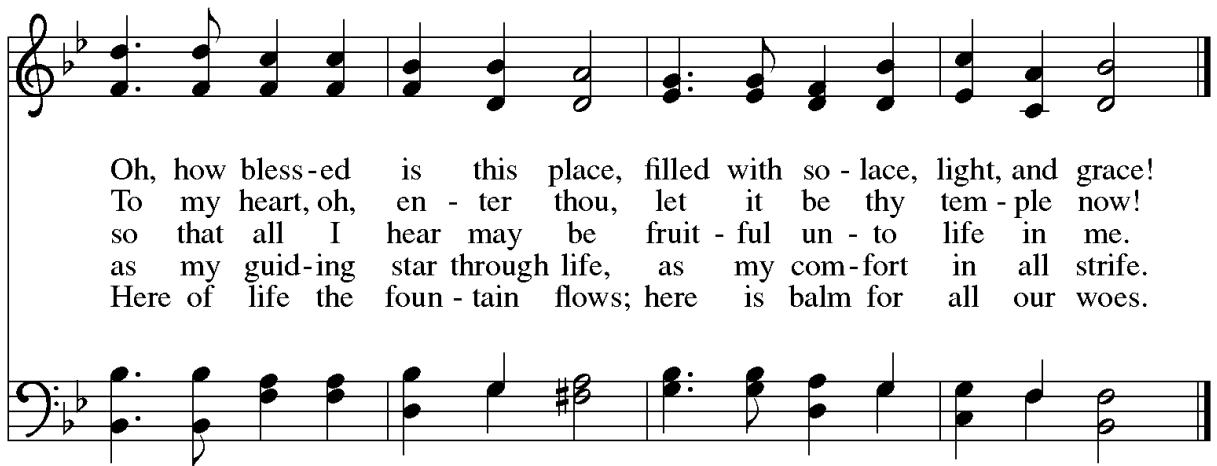
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

The Creed

P We confess the faith of the church throughout the ages, the faith Lynne 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 Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

**ALL 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**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Ave Maria F. Schubert

Con te partiró (Time to Say Goodbye)

Chuck Herber, Sax

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 Lynne. 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.**

Lynne always ended her nights by singing her beloved dog Joe to sleep. Please join us in singing her to sleep with her favorite song to sing to Joe, You Are My Sunshine.

**You are my sunshine
My only sunshine
You make me happy
When skies are gray
You'll never know, dear
How much I love you
Please don't take
My sunshine away**

The Reverend Phillip Heinze
The Reverend Kyle Rouze
Intern Pastor Thomas Johnston
Debbie Villavicencio, organ/piano

Martha Lynne Herber (nee St. John), called Lynne, was born in Arizona December 30, 1939 to William and Juanita St. John, the oldest of 5 children. The family moved to Dallas when she was 14, where she attended South Oak Cliff High School. Upon graduating from high school she went to the University of Texas (Austin) to pursue a degree in Education. That plan was derailed in November of 1958 when she met John Herber on a blind date. They were married on August 8, 1959 and were married for 54 years until John's death in 2014. They lived in Austin until John graduated, when they moved to the Seattle Washington area so John could work at Boeing. While there they had three children – Rebecca Joanne, Charles Walter, and Paul Gregory. They moved to Hurst Texas in 1966 so John could work at Bell Helicopter. Lynne quickly became active at Calvary Lutheran Church where she led Sunday School sings accompanied by her playing guitar and sang in the choir. As her children grew she became the adult leader of Joanne's Blue Bird and later Camp Fire Group, the Wan Ka Kani Troop. She also became the Den Mother for Chuck and Paul's Cub Scout Pack, Pack 322. Both groups with her leadership were the driving forces behind getting the property to the East of her house designated a wilderness park and donated to the City of Hurst as the Wan-Ka-Kani Park. Chuck and Paul worked on aspects of the Park for their Eagle Scout projects. She and John loved to camp and enjoyed introducing their children to the beautiful natural places in Texas and the surrounding states. She became an expert seamstress, making custom wedding dresses and other clothing as well as lovely quilts. She was later President of her local chapter of the American Sewing Guild. In the 1970's she took up belly dancing for exercise and went on to dance publicly and teach classes in that art. She delivered food for Meals on Wheels, often delivering companionship in addition to food. She and John loved to travel, going to England (twice), France, Germany, Mexico, Canada, and Alaska, among other places. In 1986 they went on vacation to Lake City Colorado and Wupperman's Campground on the shores of Lake San Cristobal, beginning an annual pilgrimage

there every September for 6 weeks at a time. She was never happier than in a group – she could always find someone to talk to. She loved cooking, sewing, reading, and bird watching. She was extremely supportive and proud of her children and her grandson. She was extremely generous, giving willingly of her time and bounty. She and John loved animals, having various dogs and cats through the years and then later sharing their travels with their dogs – first Alex and then Sally. After John was gone she got Joe whom she proceeded to spoil tremendously. She is survived by her daughter Joanne and her husband Bruce, her son Chuck and his partner Lorraine, her son Paul and his partner Stevi, her grandson Spencer and his partner Savanna, her sister Cheryl and her husband Don and their family, her sister Alice and her husband Bill and their family, her brother Wain and his wife Kay, her brother Dale and his family, her beloved dog Joe, her family by marriage, and all her many friends. In lieu of flowers the family asks you make a donation to your local Meals on Wheels.