Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Sylvia Peterson



Saturday, July 13, 2024 2:00 PM

Rector
The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Director of MusicJeff Kempskie

PRELUDE MUSIC

All are invited to stand and sing, as able.



THE COLLECT

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember this day, our sister Sylvia. We thank you for giving her to us, her family, and friends to know and love as a companion during our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The people are seated.

REFLECTIONS

Bill Peterson Kathryn Powers

THE FIRST READING 1 John 3:1-2 (adapted)

See what love the Creator 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 God. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

REFLECTIONS

Gianne Conard Claire Wallace

THE SECOND READING Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace.

REFLECTIONS

Maureen Shea Joy Pohl

MUSIC Entrée de Polimnie from Les Boréades, Act IV, Sc. IV

Jean Philippe Rameau (1683-1764) Transcribed by Flavio Regis Cunha

The people stand, as able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

At the rising sun and at its going down; We remember her.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter; We remember her.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring; We remember her.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer; We remember her.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn; We remember her.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends; We remember her.

As long as we live, she too will live, For Sylvia is now a part of us, as we remember her.

When we are weary and in need of strength; We remember her.

When we are lost and sick at heart;

We remember her.

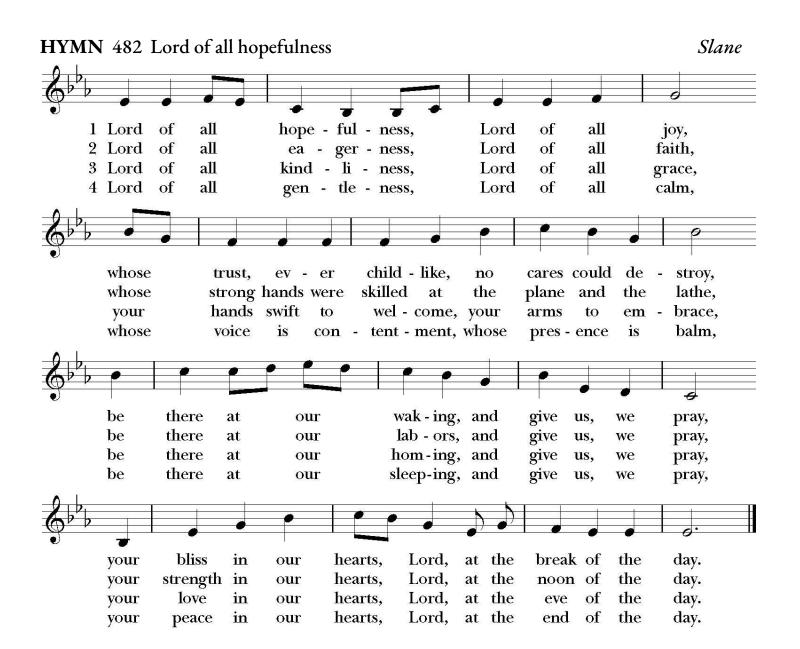
When we have decisions that are difficult to make; We remember her.

When we have joy we crave to share; We remember her.

When we have achievements that are based on hers; We remember her.

For as long as we live, she too will live, For Sylvia is now a part of us, as we remember her.

INVITATION & THANKS



THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth from this place holding all that Sylvia shared with us.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Excerpt from Piêce d'orgue, BWV 572

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

All are invited to join the family in Baxter Hall immediately following the service for a reception and opportunity to share remembrances.

Liturgical Leaders & Worship Participants

Presider The Reverend Michele Morgan

Organist & Pianist Jeff Kempskie

Readers Kenn Allen, The Reverend Michele Morgan

Video DirectorDavid DeutschTechnical DirectorCharlie Rupp

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