



*A Service  
of Remembrance*

*A Celebration of Life in Christ*  
**Barbara Ann Nicolaus**  
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*“Be still and know that I am God”*

Psalm 46:10

## CHRIST OUR VICTOR!

*The Christian funeral rites recall Christ's victory over death. As Christians, we bury our loved ones in the hope of the resurrection. We commend them to the tender mercy of Jesus Christ who shares his victory over death with those who follow him. At the same time, we seek strength ourselves as we face the mystery of death and find in Christ's life joy in the midst of sorrow.*

### OPENING

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Barbara, to give thanks for his life, to commend her to our merciful Redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

In the waters of baptism, Barbara died with Christ and rose with him to new life. St. Paul says: "All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with Christ by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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." May she now share with him eternal glory.

Pastor: Let us pray...God our Father, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life,

**People: We glorify you!**

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for our sins, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life,

**People: We praise you!**

Pastor: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope,

**People: We worship you!**

Pastor: To you, O blessed Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, forever and ever.

People: Amen!

### ENTRANCE HYMN – AMAZING GRACE - LSB 744

Amazing grace--how sweet the sound--  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun

### COLLECT PRAYER

Pastor: Lord God, Almighty Father, You make the cross of your Son the sign of Your forgiveness and marked us as Yours in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Now that You have freed our sister, Barbara, from this mortal life and made her one with your saints in heaven, give us Your joy as we celebrate her victory through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

*(please be seated)*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### FIRST READING ISAIAH 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### HOLY GOSPEL MARK 10:13-16

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: A reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**HOMILY**

**BE STILL**

*(A Reflection on Psalm 46:10)*

**SONG – I WILL RISE**

**SOLOIST: KATIE WIERSCHEM**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**All:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*After each petition, P: Lord, in your mercy; C: hear our prayer*

**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.

## COMMENDATION

Pastor: Let us commend our sister, Barbara, to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, Jesus, 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.

**People: Amen.**

## BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: May almighty God bless you, the Father, the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## CLOSING HYMN -ON EAGLE'S WINGS - LSB 727

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You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge  
My rock, in whom I trust!"

### *Chorus*

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you  
And famine will bring you no fear  
Under His wings, your refuge  
His faithfulness, your shield

*(chorus)*

You need not fear the terror of the night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day  
Though thousands fall about you  
Near you it shall not come

*(chorus)*

For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways  
Upon their hands they will bear you up  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone

*(chorus)*

*As coffin is processed out, family follows and Pastor reads Psalm 23*

### **PSALM 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

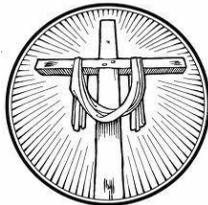
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.

**Officiant:** Rev. Christopher Davis

**Music:** Rachel Demmon

*Following the Service please join the family  
in the Crossing for food and sharing memories.*



*Thank you to the Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home*

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