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JOHN 14:1 (NIV®)

# +Soli Deo Gloria+

*Celebration of the Life and  
the Sure Hope of the Resurrection given to*

**Clara Anne Gray**

June 13, 1940 – March 7, 2024

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**The Prelude**

**“In the Garden”**

**C. Austin Miles**

*Please Stand*

## **Remembrance of Baptism**

- P** In Holy Baptism, Clara was clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”
- C** **We were buried therefore with Him 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.**

# The Processional Hymn

## “How Great Thou Art”

LSB #801



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: “My God, how great Thou art!”

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### The Invocation and Opening Litany

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** In baptism we have been buried with Christ.
- C** And we shall LIVE with Him. (Jn. 6)
- P** Listen, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. (1 Cor. 15:51)
- C** The perishable shall be clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. (1 Cor. 15:53)

- P** Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? (I Cor. 15:54-55)
- C** **But thanks be to God! He GIVES us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:57)**
- P** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (Jn. 11:25-26)
- C** **I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end, He shall stand upon the earth. (Job 19:25)**
- P** He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (Rev. 21:4)
- C** **He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:20)**
- A** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

### The Prayer

- P** Let us pray, together...
- A** **O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today, Clara, our sister in Christ. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion on this pilgrimage upon earth. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us Your aid so we may continue our course on earth with confidence in You until the day You call us to heaven. Grant us a blessed reunion with those who have gone before us with faith in Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

### The Comfort of God's Word

#### Psalm 23

- P** The Lord is my shepherd,
- C** **I shall not be in want.**
- P** He makes me lie down in green pastures,
- C** **He leads me beside quiet waters,**
- P** He restores my soul.
- C** **He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

- P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
- C** **I will fear no evil,**
- P** For you are with me;
- C** **Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
- C** **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- P** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
- C** **And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**First Lesson**

**Romans 8:35-39**

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson**

**Revelation 21:2-7**

*And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.*

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## Verse

**P** Alleluia Alleluia,

For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,

**C** **piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Heb. 4:12)**

## Holy Gospel

**John 14:1-7, 15-19, 27**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”*

*“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.*

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**The Hymn**

**“The Old Rugged Cross”**

**G. Bennard**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

*Chorus 1*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown*

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary

*Chorus*

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me

*Chorus*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
It's shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share

*Chorus*

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*Please Be Seated*

**The Message**

**Pastor Mark Payne**

*Please Stand*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

## **The Prayers & The Lord's Prayer**

**P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the gate of death and the grave we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**P** Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, Your Holy Spirit that he may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**P** Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**P** Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of Your Church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**P** God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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 which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

**Soloist**

**“The Lord’s Prayer”**

**Jennifer Gilbertson**

*Please Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

**P** “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

**C** **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## The Benediction

**P** Let us go forth in peace

**C** In the peace and joy of Christ

**P** For He is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen!

## The Closing Hymn

## “I’ll Fly Away”

A. Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is o'er

I'll fly away

To a home on God's celestial shore

I'll fly away

*Chorus*

*I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away*

*When I die hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away*

When the shadows of this life have grown

I'll fly away

Like a bird from prison bars has flown

I'll fly away

*Chorus*

Just a few more weary days and then

I'll fly away

To a land where joys shall never end

I'll fly away

*Chorus*

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## Postlude

## “Amazing Grace” Jimmy Mitchell, bagpipes

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**Officiating**—Pastor Mark Payne

**Director of Music Ministry**—Stephanie Poyner

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the family invites you to join them in the  
Fellowship Hall for a meal.*

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