



**A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
in Loving Memory of and
Thanksgiving for the Life of
Betty Louise Dunford Williams
18 October 1933—4 July 2026**

**Friday 10 July 2026
11:00 a.m.**

Presider
The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe
Organist
Mr. Don Anderson

The Congregation stands as the liturgical procession enters the Church.

Opening Sentences

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and is committed to me in faith, shall not die for ever. John 11.25–26

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 when 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. John 14.1–3

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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. Romans 8.38–39

Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted . Matthew 5:4

Welcome

Hymn 352—Amazing Grace

**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.**

**'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**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.**

Gathering Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Show compassion to your people in their sorrow. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us, conquered death and by rising again, restored life. May we then go forward eagerly to meet him, and after our life on earth be reunited with our brothers and sisters where every tear will be wiped away. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord.

People **Amen.**

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Read by the Rev. Steve Smith

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

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 for ever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

Read by the Rev. Keith Dobyns

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I speak in tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation stands.

Gospel

John 14:1-6

Presider

May God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Presider

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. 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, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place 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."

People

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Congregation sits at the conclusion of the prayer that begins the Homily.

Reflection

A silence for reflection is observed after the Reflection

Solo

Ave Maria

Sung by Johanne Williams

The Congregation stands with the Presider to confess the Creed.

Apostles' Creed

Presider

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All

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 to the dead. 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.

Prayers

Father of all, we pray to you for Betty whom we love but see no longer. Grant her your peace; let light perpetual shine upon her; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in her the good purpose of your perfect will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort, deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of grace and glory, we thank you for Betty, who was so near and dear to us, and who has now been taken from us. We thank you for the friendship she gave, and for the strength and peace she brought. We thank you for the love she offered and received while she was with us on earth. We pray that nothing good in her life will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to her will be respected by those who follow; and that everything in which she was great will continue to mean much to us now that she is dead. We ask you that she may go on living in her children, her family and her friends; in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their consciences. We ask you that we who were close to her may now, because of her death, be even closer to each other, and that we may, in peace and friendship here on earth, always be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus, the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Hymn

Lord of the Dance

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain

**Dance then wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he;
I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone
But I am the Dance And I still go on. *Refrain***

**They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the life that'll never never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the Dance said He. *Refrain***

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of mercy, accept the worship we offer you this day.
Increase, we pray, our faith, deepen our hope,
and confirm us in your eternal love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
whose victorious rising from the dead has given to us the hope of resurrection
and the promise of eternal life.
Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break the bread of life and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation sits.

Communion

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion by approaching the Presider in a single file for the Bread and then moving to either side to the Chalice Administrator to receive the Wine.

Those desiring gluten-free wafers may request them from the Presider.

Those with mobility challenges may indicate their wish to have Communion brought to them.

Hymn: 60—I Come With Joy

I come with joy a child of God
Forgiven loved and free
The life of Jesus to recall
In love laid down for me

I come with Christians far and near
To find as all are fed
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share
Each proud division ends
The love that made us makes us one
And strangers now are friends
The Spirit of the risen Christ

Unseen but ever near
Is in such friendship better known
Alive among us here

Together met together bound
By all that God has done
We'll go with joy to give the world
The love that makes us one

The Congregation stands when the Presider approaches the Altar.

Prayer after Communion

Presider God of love, you have fed us at the table of your kingdom. Teach us to trust,
without fear, in your eternal goodness and mercy.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

The Commendation

Presider Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.
You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.
For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
"You are dust, and to dust you shall return."
All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Presider Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Betty Louise.
Acknowledge, we pray, 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.

All **Amen.**

Blessing

The Presider blesses the Congregation, who answer, Amen.

Hymn 423—How Great Thou Art

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.**

Chorus

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art how great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Chorus***

**But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Chorus***

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow, in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God how great Thou art!" *Chorus***

Betty lived a life filled with love, generosity, unwavering strength and a joyful spirit. Born in Peterborough, Betty was one of 11 children and was always there to help any of them who needed her as she did for her two sons. She worked 40 years as a jeweller at Charlotte Jewellers since she was 16. Her deep-rooted faith, tireless work ethic, focus on family and newfound youth through her recently born grandchild, Adriana, will be most remembered by those close with her. She loved the theatre and a good laugh. She seemed to always get things done but made endless time to talk with anyone who called on her.

Following today's service there will be a burial at Rosemount Memorial Gardens, Peterborough. Family and friends are invited to The Publican House Bar & Grill for reception on the 2nd floor, 300 Charlotte St., Peterborough. Free parking is available directly across the street in the Comstock-Kaye parking lot.

