

Anne Marie Conover

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THE PRELUDE

A Scottish Blessing

David Blackwell

Please stand as able.

THE RECEPTION OF THE REMAINS

Priest Blessed be God: + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

Priest We receive the remains of our sister, Anne, with confidence in God, the giver of life, who raised the Lord Jesus from the Dead.

With this water we call to mind Anne's Holy Baptism. As Christ went through the deep waters of death for us, so may he bring Anne and all the redeemed to the fullness of the resurrection.

THE PROCESSION AND SENTENCES

Priest I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord; whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die. And everyone who has life, and has committed themselves to me in faith shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and non becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

THE INTRODUCTION

Priest We have come here today to remember before God our dear sister, Anne, to give thanks for her life; to commend her to God her merciful Redeemer and Judge; to commit her remains to the earth, and to comfort one another in our grief, in the hope that is ours through the death and Resurrection of Christ our Lord.

THE COLLECT

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray:

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered; Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Anne and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of St Michael and all your saints; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Elizabeth Henry and Kristy Kiper

Reader A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

THE SECOND READING: Matthew 5:1-12

Marjie Blevins

Reader A Reading from Matthew.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON (*Please be seated.*)

The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD

THE EULOGY

Julie Sheffield

THE INTERCESSIONS (*Kneel as able or be seated.*)

For our sister, Anne, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, 'I am Resurrection and I am Life'.

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to all who mourn for Anne, and dry the tears of those who weep.

You, yourself, wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

Anne was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister and let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding; Deal graciously with Mark, Catherine, Xander, Shirley, and all Anne's loved ones and friends in their grief. Wrap them all in the mantle of your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days ahead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Please stand as able.

Hymnal 645

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

THE COMMENDATION

Go forth upon your journey, Christian soul! Go from this world! Go in the name of God the Omnipotent Father who created you! Go in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Son of the living God, who bled for you! Go in the name of the Holy Spirit, who has been poured out on you! And may your place today be found in peace. And may your dwelling be the Holy Mount of Simon, through the same, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Anne. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock. 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; + in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Kneel as able or be seated.

THE COLLECT

written by Fr. Bede Jarret

We seem to give Anne back to you, O God, who have her to us. Yet as you did not lose her in giving, so we do not lose her by her return. Not as the world gives, do you give, O lover of souls. What you give, you never take away, for what is yours is ours also if we are yours. And life is eternal and love is immortal, and death is only an horizon, and an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight. Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further; cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly; draw us closer to yourself that we may know ourselves to be nearer to Anne and all our loved ones who are with you. And while you prepare a place for us, prepare us also for that happy place, that where you are we may be also for evermore. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BENEDICTION

written by J.H. Card. Newman

May the Lord support us all the day long of this troublous life, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in his mercy, may he give Anne and us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The congregation processes to the Garden of Remembrance for internment.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur -
 2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has
 3. Life e - ter - nal! heaven re - joic - es: Je - sus lives, who
 4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders crowd on faith; what

rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts, for a - ges plead - ing,
 once was dead. Join we now the death - less voic - es;
 joy un - known, when, a - midst earth's clos - ing thun - ders,

to the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
 nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 child of God, lift up your head! Pa - triarchs from the
 saints shall stand be - fore the throne! O to en - ter

clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease; in
 Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits. Ev -
 dis - tant a - ges, saints all long - ing for their heaven, proph -
 that bright por - tal, see that glow - ing fir - ma - ment; know,

God's like - ness we, a - wak - ing, know the ev - er - last - ing peace.
 ery hum - ble spir - it shares it; Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
 ets, psalm - ists, seers, and sa - ges, all a - wait the glo - ry given.
 with thee, O God Im - mor - tal, "Je - sus Christ whom thou has sent!"

WORDS: William J. Irons, 1873 (1 Cor. 15:20)

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. by Edward Hodges, 1864

HYMN TO JOY

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THE COMMITTAL

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulcher in the garden; Bless, we pray, this grave, and grant that she whose body is to be buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to your heavenly kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his in-dwelling Spirit. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister, Anne; Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. *Amen.*

THE BENEDICTION

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever more, world without end. *Amen.*

Priest Saints of God, come to Anne's aid!

All **Hasten to meet her, Angels of the Lord!**

Priest Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord,

All **And May Perpetual Light shine on her for ever, for you are rich in mercy.**

Priest May Anne's soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace,

All **And Rise in Glory!**

Officiant - The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD

Organist - Ray Urwin

Mark Scott with his children, Catherine and Xander, and his mother, Shirley Inman, thank you for your presence today. Though the loss of Anne is tremendous, they are sustained by the outpouring of love and support since her passing in their season loss.

They especially thank the community of the Port Streets and the parishioners of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

Light refreshments will be served on the patio (weather permitting) or in Saint Michael's room immediately after the services.

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Known for a quick wit, an unwavering Episcopalian faith, and, foremost, a deep devotion to her family, Anne Marie Conover passed away on September 26, 2023. Anne leaves her loving husband, Mark Scott; their two children, Cat - Catherine Annerl (21) and Xander - Alexander Annerl (14); and her mother-in-law, Shirley Inman. Only recently diagnosed with cancer, her loss will be deeply felt by her extended family, friends, and colleagues from her worlds of dance, education, and her parish home, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Corona del Mar, California. Anne was born on September 22, 1955, at Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital in Inglewood, CA to parents Guy and Mae Conover. She attended Villa Park High School, Class of 1973. Fiercely independent and artistic, she graduated six months early to begin her education and career in dance. A gifted ballerina, Anne earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from California State University at Long Beach in 1982. Pivoting career direction, she earned a California Teachers Credential from CSULB in 1984. During her years as an enthusiastic and gifted kindergarten teacher in the Orange Unified School District, Anne was introduced to Mark Scott. Long-time residents of Newport Beach, the couple celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this June. Their two children were the focus of her days. She believed strongly in their individual talents and abilities, and she loved every season of their growth. Anne was as proud of her Scottish heritage as she was of being a Native Californian. At any moment, she could provide the local history, geography, and socio-political status of Orange County. She never missed a vote - local, state, or national - she believed in the rights of all people, especially women, teachers, and the marginalized. Anne had little patience for those who did not vote. Anne was known for her deep Christian faith and inspirational leadership. She will be remembered as a pillar of strength at St. Michaels, and for her gifts in children's ministry. She discovered the Godly Play Foundation over ten years ago and was instrumental to its success at St. Michaels. She often remarked how she loved to prepare Sundays' story for the children, as it was her most meditative and mystical time with God. Anne will be remembered for whimsy and wisdom; her core strength, independence and intelligence; her desire to not only teach, but to learn. In particular, God graced Anne with rare, mesmerizing violet blue eyes: these, her most beautiful feature, will be missed by everyone. May knowing her deep faith in God sustain the grieving. In lieu of flowers, please celebrate her life by contributing to the Godly Play Program at her parish: <https://bit.ly/anneconover>





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