

# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



**Catharine Howell Zander**

*September 1, 1947 – August 15, 2020*

Saturday, August 29, 2020

11:00 a.m.

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**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**      *Going Home* (theme from the “New World Symphony”)  
Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*      Hymn 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, fom *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

## OPENING ANTHEMS

*Said by the Celebrant*

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 has committed himself 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 none 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.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

## COLLECTS FOR BURIAL & FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death,  
and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant, Cathy, being  
raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his  
eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever  
and ever. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with this family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

## **2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9**

*Read by David Zander*

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

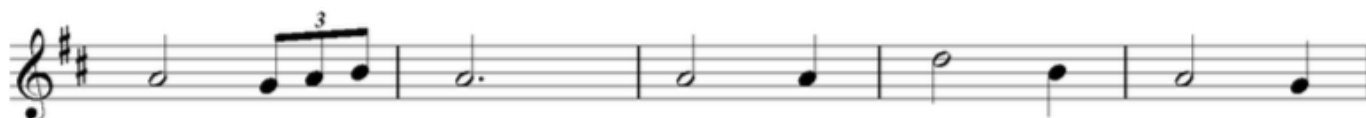
So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
 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  
 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-lestial feed-eth.  
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody; harm. *Hymnal 1982*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**John 5:24-27**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## REMEMBRANCES

Robin Ann Scholl  
Paul Zander

## THE HOMILY

The Rev. Claire Dietrich Ranna

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Celebrant then says,*

For our sister Cathy, 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 us who mourn for Cathy, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

Our sister Cathy, was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

*The Celebrant concludes*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Cathy, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

## **THE COMMENDATION**

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,  
*People* **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* For you only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to the earth we shall return. For so you ordained when you created me, saying, "Dust you are, and to dust you shall return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Cathy. 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. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

### CLOSING HYMN

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound*

Hymn 671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, John Rees (19th cent.) Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919) Copyright ©1974 by Abingdon Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Amazing Grace*

John Newton (1725-1807)

Tune: *New Britain*

Tesser Call, bagpipes

## OBITUARY

Catharine (Howell) Zander, age 72, long-time resident of Los Altos, CA, passed away at home on 15 August 2020 from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). She is survived by Paul Albert Zander, her husband of 51 years; her children Virginia (Craig) Joplin and David Zander; and grandson Julian Anderson.

Cathy was born to Thomas and Mary (Simmons) Howell in Cleveland, OH on Labor Day, 1947. The irony was her dad's complaint that he couldn't take an extra day off work for the birth because it was already a holiday. She was the oldest of four siblings: Mariette (Howell) St-Germain, A. Allen Howell, Robert Howell, all of whom survive her. On 16 August 1969, she married her best friend, Paul Zander in Cleveland. One year later, the couple moved to Los Altos, CA and became active members of the community.

Cathy was a profuse artist and art teacher working with all forms of media: clothing, jewelry, holiday decorations, watercolors, acrylics, and sculpture. Her works can be viewed on [cathyzander.com](http://cathyzander.com) and occasionally in the gallery at the Pacific Art League where she taught for many years. Cathy would proudly boast that she held many part-time jobs: creating and selling her own art, teaching at the Pacific Art League and Palo Alto Adult Education, working at the Junior League's "The Shop," Board Member for Silicon Valley Open Studios, and many more paid and volunteer positions.

Regarding memorial gifts: To donate to the ALS Association, go to [alsagoldenwest.org](http://alsagoldenwest.org) and click on Donate. Cathy was an active member of more art clubs than I can list. Her artist friends are encouraged to donate the groups you were both in.

Funeral and burial in Cathy's family plot in Cleveland will be at a later date.

**SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Claire Dietrich Ranna

**Organist:** Eric Tuan

**Singers:** Loretta Guarino Reid and Harish Ramadas

**Bagpipes:** Tesser Call



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