



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

KARLA LYNN KOON

May 2, 1972 – May 12, 2025



June 20, 2025

1:00 PM

Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.

Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy.

THE BURIAL RITE

PRELUDE

Give me Jesus

Eurydice Osterman

Improvisation on "Precious Lord, take my hand"

Please stand, as able.

ANTHEMS

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 possession.

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

THE COLLECT

The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 493

Presider The Lord be with you.

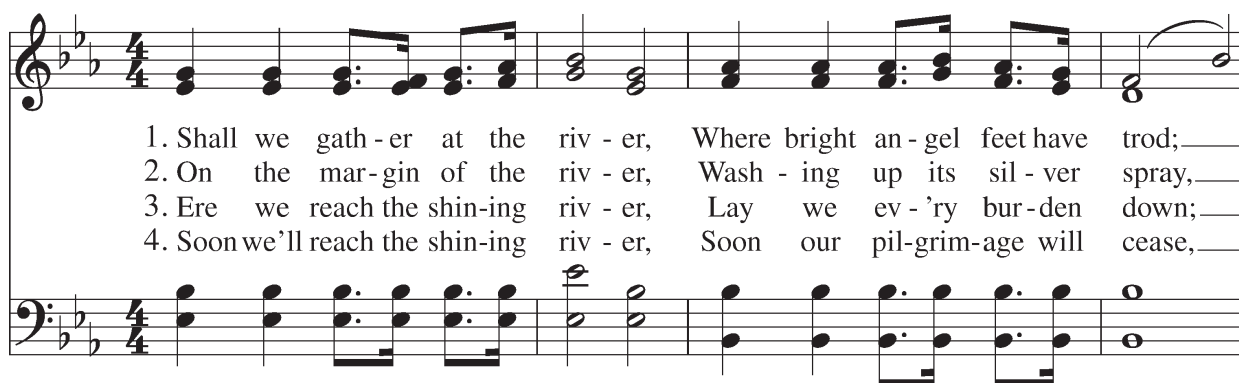
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

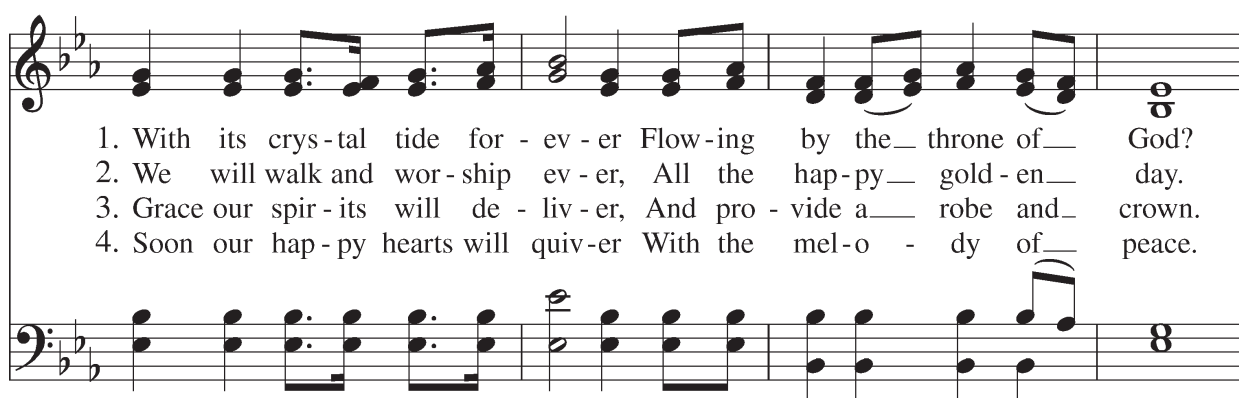
O GOD of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Karla. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

OPENING HYMN *Shall we gather at the river*



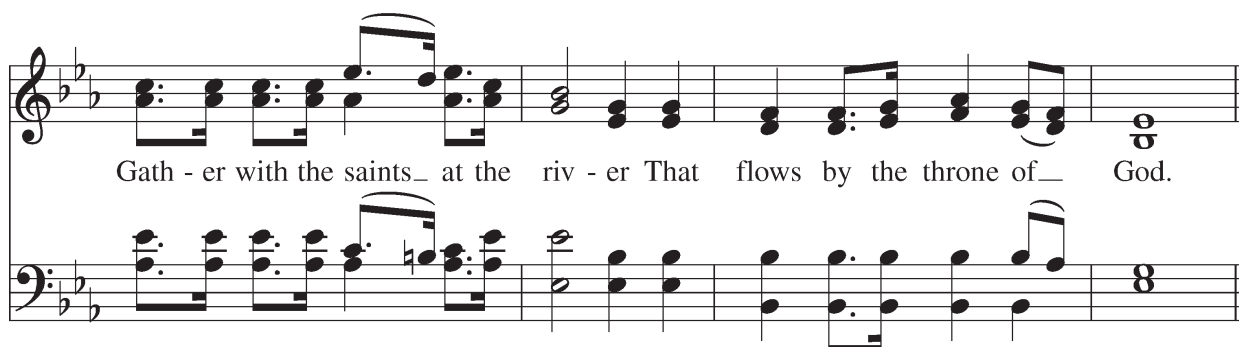
1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, —
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, —



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33

read by Mary Brown

THE steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Reader Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 23 (King James Version)

Please join in reading the Psalm aloud, starting after the first asterisk.

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. ♦

ISAW the holy city, the 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,

See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then 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 water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Lord of all hopefulness*

Slane



1. Lord	of	all	hope - ful - ness,	Lord	of	all	joy,
2. Lord	of	all	ea - ger - ness,	Lord	of	all	faith,
3. Lord	of	all	kind - lin - ess,	Lord	of	all	grace,
4. Lord	of	all	gen - tle - ness,	Lord	of	all	calm,



whose	trust,	ev - er	child - like,	no	cares	could	de - stroy,			
whose	strong	hands	were	skilled	at	the	plane	and	the	lathe,
your	hands	swift	to	wel - come,	your	arms	to	em - brace,		
whose	voice	is	con - tent - ment,	whose	pre - sence	is	balm,			



be	there	at	our	wak - ing,	and	give	us,	we	pray,
be	there	at	our	la - bors,	and	give	us,	we	pray,
be	there	at	our	hom - ing,	and	give	us,	we	pray,
be	there	at	our	sleep - ing,	and	give	us,	we	pray,



your	bliss	in	our	hearts,	Lord,	at	the	break	of	the	day.
your	strength	in	our	hearts,	Lord,	at	the	noon	of	the	day.
your	love	in	our	hearts,	Lord,	at	the	eve	of	the	day.
your	peace	in	our	hearts,	Lord,	at	the	end	of	the	day.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 11:21-27*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

MARTHA said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

The Reverend Canon Richard C. Weyls

Following the homily, the assembly is invited into a period of silence, reflecting on the scriptures and sermon.

Please stand, as able, when the Presider stands to introduce the Creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(spoken by all in unison)*

**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 OF THE PEOPLE

led by Michael Perera

Leader For our sister Karla let us pray to God our Creator saying: Hear our prayer.

Leader God, your will for us is abundant life; receive Karla now into the fullness of life in your presence.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith; shed the brightness of your light on Karla, who also sought understanding.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader You are greater than all our ideas and images of you; draw Karla into the mystery of your being.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We know you as perfect Mercy and Love; welcome Karla in the grace of that love and mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We praise you as the giver of life; gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader The Church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit; and so we commend Karla to you, giving thanks for the gift of her life.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader May the Holy One, to whom all the desires of our hearts are known before we ask, hear our prayers for Karla, and for all who mourn, and grant us newness of life, and peace.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All stand, as able.

OFFERTORY HYMN *There is a balm in Gilead*

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound-ed whole,



there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to heal the sin - sick soul.

9

Verse 1



Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and think my work's in vain,



but then the Ho - ly Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.

18

Verse 2



If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,



you can tell the love of Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

Refrain

Words: Negro spiritual

Music: *Balm in Gilead*, Negro spiritual

Please stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All 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, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

THE LORD'S 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion. All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

Please follow the directions of the Liturgical Ministers. Bread and wine are distributed at standing stations at the head of the center aisle. The bread will be placed into your outstretched palm taking care not to touch your hand. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask for one at the time of Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.

Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as you pass by the chalice. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.



1. ♪ I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall not hun-ger; he who be-
2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and they who
3. Un - less you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and
4. ♪ I am the re - sur - rec - tion, I am the life. They who be-
5. Yes, Lord, we be - lieve that you are the Christ, the



lieves in me shall not thirst. ♪ No one can come to me un - less the Fa-ther draws them.
 eat of this bread, ♪ they shall live for ev - er, they shall live for ev - er.
 drink of his blood, you shall not have life with - in you, you shall not have life with - in you,
 lieve in me ♪ ev - en if they die, they shall live for ev - er.
 Son of God, ♪ who has come in - to the world.



And I will raise___ them up, and I will raise___ them up, and I will



raise___ them up___ on the last___ day._____

All stand, as able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Almighty God,

All we thank you that in your great love
 you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink
 of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,
 and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.
 Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction,
 and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom
 where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying,
 but the fullness of joy with all your saints;
 through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION

The ministers stand at the Paschal Candle, the symbol of our risen life in Christ.

Presider Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

All where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Presider You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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.

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

Presider Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Karla. 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.

All Amen.

BLESSING *The Presider asks God's blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN *Give thanks for life ♦ sung by all*



1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days, mor - tal, we
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light caught from the
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead, thanks for the
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain ly - ing in



pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet sing to God our
Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who touched the truth, who
love by which our life is fed, a love not changed by
dark - ness does its life re - tain, in res - ur - rec - tion



hope, our love, our praise,
burned for what is right, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
time or death or dread,
to grow green a - gain.

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please remain standing as the ministers and family process to the Chapel of the Resurrection.

VOLUNTARY Fuga: Allegro moderato, from Organ Sonata in C, Op. 65, No. 2

Immediately following this liturgy, the family will process to the Chapel of the Resurrection for a private committal of ashes. All are invited to gather in Bloedel Parish Hall for a reception. The family will join the reception after the committal of ashes. Bloedel Hall is on the first floor, accessible via the stairs on the west end of the nave, or via the elevator in the southwest corner of the nave.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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KARLA LYNN KOON

May 2, 1972 – May 12, 2025

KARLA passed away at the age of 53 due to complications from ovarian cancer.

Karla was born in Santa Clara, California to David Lester and Kathryn Ann Koon. Karla grew up in San Jose, California, where she started dancing at a young age. She developed her early skills in ballet, jazz and tap by taking classes at The Joy of Dancing studio. Through these classes, Karla gravitated towards ballet. That focus on ballet led her to the Los Gatos Academy of Dance and to perform with the San Jose Dance Theater. She performed in San Jose until she graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School. Karla went on to the University of California - Santa Barbara and earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Dance.

Community involvement meant a great deal to Karla. In 1994, she moved to Seattle and simultaneously began working in the performing arts field and at Catholic Community Services. Karla spent over 28 years at Catholic Community Services – holding various roles from a Homecare Assistant to Director of HR Operations & Administration. While working at Catholic Community Services, Karla also spent over 20 years teaching dance to her students at Allegro Performing Arts Academy. Karla loved her students and used teaching and choreography to help them find their love of dance.



After the passing of her parents, Karla began her spiritual journey and found her home at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Seattle. Her continuing love of service sparked her desire to get involved with the ministry and to eventually become a seminary student at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. On her path to becoming a priest, Karla was ordained on May 9, 2025, and became The Reverend Karla Koon. On May 23, 2025, Karla was posthumously awarded her MDiv degree by the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

Karla will be greatly missed by her brother David, her sister-in-law Sylvia and their entire extended family. She will also be missed in the San Jose and Seattle dance communities, the Catholic Community Services organization, the Seattle Episcopal communities of Saint Andrew's and Saint

Mark's, Saint James in Fremont, CA, and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, CA.

In lieu of flowers, Karla asked that donations be made to any of the following:

- American Cancer Society
- The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia's Student Scholarship Fund
- The clergy/pastor discretionary fund at your faith/worshiping community



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