

**Service of Celebration of the
Life and Resurrection of
Martha June Knowles
April 15, 1927—August 12, 2016**



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

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Martha Knowles
Tuesday, August 16, 2016**

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Martha, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Martha was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, She shall be clothed with glory.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life,
We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life,
We praise you.

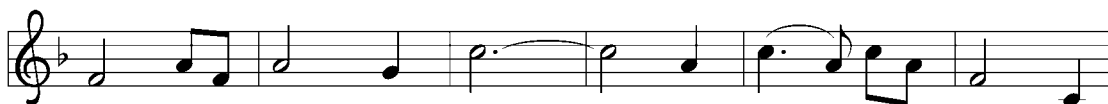
Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope,
We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*



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



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Martha. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

PSALM 23 (*read in unison*)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff —

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.

GOSPEL READING: *John 14:1-6*

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. 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.

Word of God.

Word of Life.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain 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 in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Martha to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence for reflection

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Martha.

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.

BLESSING *Benediction*

May the silence of the hills,
the joy of the winds,
the peace of the fields,
the music of the birds,
the fire of the sun,
the strength of the trees
and the faith of a little child,
in all of which is God,
go with you and be with you today and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN: *How Great Thou Art* (Next page)

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art



- 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!

Martha June Knowles was born on April 15, 1927 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. At age 12 her parents, John and Pernilla Bergh, moved she and her sister Gay to Bothell, Washington where they settled on Norway Hill. She worked for a time at the Kenmore Drive-In movie theater. She attended the University of Washington and graduated second in her class with a bachelor's degree in Home Economics.

She was hired at Bothell High School as a Home Economics teacher where she caught the eye of the basketball coach. She married Bob Knowles and they had two sons, Patrick and Robert. She continued to teach Home Economics at Inglemoor High School. The family enjoyed camping and fishing trips to Canada. It was known that she always caught the "big one!"

After a long battle with Alzheimer's she went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 12, 2016.

She is survived by her sister, Gay Barton; her two sons, Patrick and Robert; and grandchildren, Peter, Lyndsey and Ashley.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org. Memorials may also be made to the First Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.





Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor:	Rev. Tor K. Berg
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