

The Celebration of the Life
and Resurrection of
Maureen Lillian Bannister Ollestad
May 21, 2018



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

**A Celebration of the
Life and Resurrection of
MAUREEN LILLIAN OLLESTAD
2:00 pm**

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 Maureen 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.

GATHERING SONG: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (ELW 779)



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



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



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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Maureen 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; 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; Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope:
We glorify you, We praise you. We worship you.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Maureen. 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: *James Bannister and Terry Walker*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9—*Sven Ollestad*

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God.

Word of life.

PSALM: Psalm 23—*read together*

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely 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— *Jerry Bannister*

A reading from John. ¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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SERMON

ANTHEM: *On Eagle's Wings*, Richard Edmonds, Soloist

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

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.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.
Silence for reflection.

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

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: *Thine Is the Glory* (ELW 376)



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor:

Rev. Tor K. Berg

Organ / Piano:

Lucy Kay Osborne

Soloist:

Richard Edmonds

Altar Guild:

Usher:

Sound Technician:

Nancy Funsinn

Reception Coordinator:

Tom Bannister and Jacque Martin

Caterers:

Memorial Presentation:

Amanda Clear and Robert Clear

Maureen Lillian Ollestad September 16, 1960—April 1, 2018

Daughter, sister, wife, auntie, mother, and grandmother. She was all this and more, but now gone too soon.

Maureen Lillian Ollestad was born September 25, 1960 into a large family that was continuing to grow. Her mother struggled with trying to raise all of the kids and reluctantly decided to seek assistance in raising some of her children. In 1965, at age 5 she and her brother Maurice (Sonny) moved in with Bob and Marjory Bannister. A temporary situation that was to last more than 50 years.

Growing up in Kenmore, Washington Maureen attended Northshore Schools. She met Lars Ollestad at a family function and they were married August 22, 1987. Lars has always been an avid outdoorsman and Maureen joyously joined in with the camping, fishing, and boating trips. Just this past year she and Lars, and one of her dogs, hooked up the trailer and make a road trip to Disneyland for their 30th anniversary.

An animal lover Maureen always surrounded herself with dogs and cats. She worked for an optometrist for a few years, but mostly enjoyed being a stay at home mom with her son and later her grandson. Life was not always easy for Maureen, and the passing of Jacob in 2008 was especially hard, but through it all she managed to stay upbeat. Never a complainer she was always thoughtful and kind to everyone.

Maureen passed away early Easter morning at Evergreen Hospital surrounded by family and friends. She is survived by her husband Lars, daughter-in-law Amanda, and grandson Robert. A kind and gentle soul, Maureen will be missed.

Memorials may be made in Maureen's name to:
First Lutheran Church Endowment Fund
or mailed to American Cancer Society
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