

**Celebration of the  
Life and Resurrection of  
Patricia Marie Miller  
May 14, 2022**



**February 2, 1934—December 1, 2021**

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## PRELUDE:

## 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 Pat, 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 HYMN: *Blessed Assurance* (ELW 638)



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

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 worship you.**

**We praise you.**

**We glorify you.**

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Pat. 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:** *We take time to tell Pat's story, remembering her for her life and the gifts she gave us.*

## WORD

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

**PSALM: Psalm 23 - to be read together.**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.

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

<sup>4</sup>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.

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

<sup>6</sup>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.

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:13-17**

<sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**GOSPEL READING: John 6:37-40**

<sup>37</sup>Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup>for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I

should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: *Now Thank We All Our God* (ELW 840)



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voice - es,  
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joice - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## 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.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us out in peace.*

### **COMMENDATION**

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

*Silence for reflection.*

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

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: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (ELW 836)



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## POSTLUDE:



**Patricia Marie Stonack Berto**  
**February 12, 1934–December 1, 2021**

Patricia Marie Berto was born in Leavenworth, KS on February 12, 1934 and passed away in Vancouver on Dec 1, 2022. She was raised with her sister, Carol (Robin) Hill by their parents, Milt and Ruth (Flinner) Stonack, in Kansas, Kent, and Bothell. She was preceded in death by her husband Jim Berto.

Together they raised three children: Chris (Steve) Kramer, living in Vancouver WA, Jim (Kim) Berto, living in Langley WA, and Terry (John) Roth, living in Redmond WA. She was blessed with six grandchildren: Jeremey (Maggie) Kramer (children Zoey and Teddy), Joshua (Kaitlin) Kramer (children Luke and Joelle), Jim Berto, John (Chanel) Roth (children Nella, Leola, and Amélie), Amy (Culley) Lehman (daughter Kinley), Bailey Roth and Jillian Roth.

As a young girl, Pat loved playing on her grandfather's farm in Kansas. During WWII her family moved from Kent to Bothell to work in the shipyards in Kirkland, and Pat was a latchkey child. Pat loved being a cheerleader for Bothell High School, where she met Jim. They married soon after and travelled via the Air Force. While in the Philippines, Pat volunteered at the hospital to help the soldiers injured in Viet Nam. She was involved in her children's activities, being a room mom and helping with Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. She yelled and cheered at many baseball and soccer games, and knitted hats while attending the Seahawks games.

Upon retirement, Jim and Pat traveled more, first with a motor home, then with a fifth wheel, then a model home in Tucson where they became "Snowbirds".

Playing Aggravation was a morning routine and she had a bag of change for cards. Her loyal group of high school friends, referred to as "The Women" would meet regularly for a girl trip. The lifelong friends and family were always in her heart and she loved seeing them. Her smile and laugh will remain in all our hearts.



Miss me but let me go  
by [Christina Rossetti](#)

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little—but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me—but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good  
deeds.  
Miss Me—But Let me Go!

## **Assisting with Today's Service**

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Tor K. Berg

Organ/Piano: Lucy Kay Osborne

Funeral Coordinator: Donna Hillard

Sound Tech: David Osborne