



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Lake Jackson, Texas

A Celebration
in
Thanksgiving for the Life
of



Kay Kavanaugh McKneely
November 1, 1934 – May 10, 2025

May 15, 2025

11:00 a.m.

This service today is an Easter liturgy. This rite finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life...nor any thing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. The living need our support and consolation. The whole congregation has an important part in giving this help and can do so by participating fully in the service, joining in those parts which are marked for the “People.”

You will find the entire service printed in this bulletin.

Prelude

Bonnie McDaniel, Organist

Welcome

Prelude

Amazing Grace

Jon Cox, Bagpipes

I Can Only Imagine

Bart Millard

Anna Lehnhoff, Soloist

Accompanied by Amado Garcia

The Service Begins *(all stand)*

All stand while the following anthems are said by the Celebrant.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.

For if we live, we live unto the Lord;
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

When all are in place, the Celebrant may address the congregation, acknowledging briefly the purpose of their gathering, and bidding their prayers for the deceased and the bereaved.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says the following Collect.

Celebrant O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Kay, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Eulogy

Cason Hammond

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9 *(sit)*

Denis James

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

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

Tony Janeshek

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle: II Corinthians 4:16-5:9

Kim Lehnhoff

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.

After the reading

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

All Will Be Well

written by Zack Kibodeaux

and Greg Essington

Anna Lehnhoff, Soloist

Accompanied by Amado Garcia

The Gospel: John 14:1-6

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel passage is read.

Jesus said to his disciples, “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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Homily (*sit*)

The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

Apostles' Creed

Celebrant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The Celebrant says each petition and the People respond with “Amen”.

The Celebrant says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace.

Amen.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. ***Amen.***

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. ***Amen.***

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. ***Amen.***

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. ***Amen.***

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. ***Amen.***

Help us, we pray, 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. ***Amen.***

Grant us grace to entrust Kay to thy never-failing love; receive her into the arms of thy mercy, and remember her according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. ***Amen.***

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with blessed Kay and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace (*stand*)

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory *On That Day* by Lavender, Robinson, Farren,
 Anna Lehnhoff, Soloist Thompson, and Hendroff
 Accompanied by Amado Garcia

(Offerings of bread and wine are brought forward)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Here may be added

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People kneel or stand

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Communion Hymns:

- **Hymn 335** (*Blue Hymnal*) (*all sing*) *I Am The Bread Of Life*
- **Hymn 490** (*Blue Hymnal*) (*all sing*) *I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light*

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the steps.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant(s) with thy saints,
***where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, “Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant(s) with thy saints,
***where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we have commended thy servant Kay. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 562 (*Blue Hymnal*) (*all sing*)

Onward Christian Soldiers

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional

Scotland The Brave

Jon Cox, Bagpipes

Postlude



Now, please join the family for a light reception in the Parish Hall.

*In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to
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Order of Procession

Acolytes

Margaret Jones

Mary Young

Chalicers

Gary Jones

Angela McCabe

Celebrant

The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

Ushers

Jim Cutshall

Steve Freeman

David Kautz

James Kimbrough

Mark Lehnhoff

John Pitts

Ron Weeks

Readers

Kim Lehnhoff

Denis James

Tony Janeshek

Music

Bonnie McDaniel, Organist

Anna Lehnhoff, Soloist

Amado Garcia, Accompanist

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Kay Kavanaugh McKneely, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully at the age of 90 in Angleton, Texas, as the result of a stroke.

Born in Beaumont, Texas on November 1, 1934, Kay was two years old when her family returned to their homestead near Gilliam, Louisiana, where she grew up with a deep love for horseback riding and the great outdoors. Some of her fondest early memories were from attending Camp Fern in Marshall, Texas during the summers, where she made lifelong friends. She graduated from Vivian High School in Vivian, Louisiana, before attending Louisiana Tech University.

While at Louisiana Tech, Kay met the love of her life, Roy McKneely. They wed in 1955, and celebrated 70 wonderful years of marriage this April. After Roy's service in the army, which included a year living together in Orléans, France, they settled in Lake Jackson, Texas and raised their three children: Fran, Phillip and Keeth. Kay was generous to her friends and community, serving as a Charter Member of the Brazosport Junior Service League when it began in 1970, and loving to cook and bake for others. Chicken spaghetti, pecan pies and chocolate sheet cakes were among her specialties.

After having children, Kay worked for three years as a secretary at Dow Chemical before discovering her true passion at the age of 36: GOLF. With characteristic determination and discipline, she quickly learned the game. She often joked that once she started playing golf, her house cleaning became a lot more efficient so she could hurry out to the golf course! Her sense of camaraderie and competitive spirit made her a cherished member of the Riverside Country Club Ladies Golf Association, where she made many friends and was the Club Champion nine times. She played regularly until 2011, when back surgery significantly impacted her mobility and forced her to stop playing in her late 70s.

She was a faithful member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Lake Jackson for over 65 years. There, she spent many years manicuring the church's flower beds, was a founding member of the Garden Guild and participated in a Bible study.

Kay also loved to play bridge with friends, and she was an avid reader and kept up with current events until her stroke. She was lovely company – thoughtful, warm and welcoming, with a great sense of humor. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and community.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.R. and Frances Kavanaugh; her brothers, Richard and Robin; and her son-in-law, Alan Hammond. She is survived by her husband, Roy; her three children: daughter Fran Hammond, son Phillip McKneely (Shelly) and son Keeth McKneely; her four grandchildren: Tricia Hammond (Carles Jou), Mark Hammond (Leanne), Cason Hammond and Caitlin McKneely; and her sister-in-law, Sharon Kavanaugh.

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