

# Jessica Katherine Knight

Memorial Service

October 9, 2021

2:30pm



*At a person's death, the church shares the grief of those who mourn and remember the brevity of life on earth. We give voice to sorrow, thank God for our loved one, and entrust this companion of ours into the hands of God. Trusting in God's promise in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, we rest in the sure hope of the resurrection.*

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.*

## **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 Jessica,  
to give thanks for her life,  
to commend her to our merciful redeemer,  
and to comfort one another in our grief.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we were baptized into his death.

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the  
Father, we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort,  
graciously tend those who mourn,  
that, casting all their sorrow on you,  
they may know the consolation of your love;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **EULOGY – Julie Knight**

### **WORD**

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

### **Ecclesiastes 3**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup> a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

### **Psalm 139**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

<sup>11</sup> If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,”  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

<sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.

<sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup> I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

## **Romans 8**

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us,  
who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son,  
but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us

everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **John 3:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## **REFLECTION**

### **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 hell.**

**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 to the Lord, who is merciful and full of compassion

Most gracious God,  
our sister Jessica\_ was given the promise of eternal life in baptism. Give her communion with your saints forever.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, your Son wept at the death of Lazarus;  
look with compassion on Jessica's dearest loved ones,  
now experiencing sorrow and pain at her death.  
Grant the tender healing of your love.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, source of compassion,  
our hearts are filled with grief at the death of Jessica.  
Draw us near to you in faith and to one another in love.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of salvation, we remember with thanksgiving  
all who have died in the hope of the resurrection.  
Surround them with the light of your presence.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all  
who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction,  
depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the  
weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, in the stillness of our souls we listen for your voice to know again that you are God. Quiet our restless hearts with the knowledge that you stand with us in the shadows, keeping watch over your own.

Rekindle our faith and light the lamp of hope within our hearts. Then deal with us as seems best to you, for where you lead we can confidently go with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 in mission to the world.*

## COMMENDATION/BALLOON RELEASE

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,  
we commend your servant Jessica.  
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.**

Almighty God bless us,  
defend us from all evil,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**