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What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer.



But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

**A Service of Remembrance and Hope for
KATHRINE “KAT” HOPKINS
in the Lord Jesus Christ**



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“Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.” Psalms 37:5

Hymn: *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

LSB 770

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
 Oh, what needless pain we bear—
 All because we do not carry
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.

- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their
Baptism.*

Invocation

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- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

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- P** In Holy Baptism, Kathrine was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness, a covering for all her sin. As St. Paul reminds us: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (*Romans 6:3*)
C We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.
(Romans 6:4-5)

Introit

Psalm 31:7–10, 14–16, 24; antiphon v. 1

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

**I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction;
you have known the distress of my soul,**

and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.

**Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body also.**

For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones waste away.

**But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my God.”**

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my
persecutors!

**Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!**

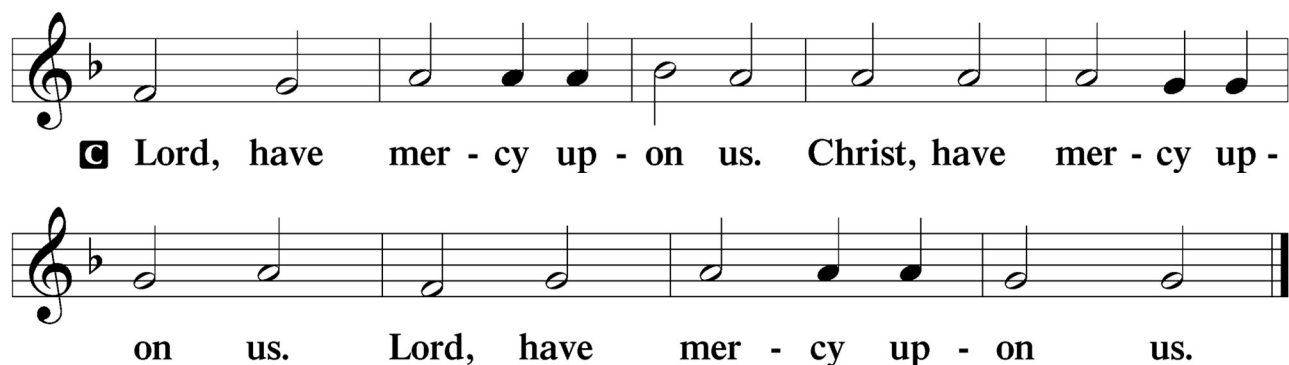
Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

Kyrie

LSB 278



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 278

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P *Let us pray...* O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Kathrine, our sister in Christ, and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also, with her and all the faithful departed, may by grace, be found faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:27–31

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the

everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Revelation 21:4

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more,

neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6–8

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse

John 14:27

A Alleluia, alleluia. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.

C Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 14:1–6

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

[C] **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

²In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to 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.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

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[P] God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: “*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*”

LSB 575

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

Sermon: “*Kathrine's Journey Home: A Place Prepared by Christ*”

Text: John 14:1–6

Stand

Prayer of the Church

LSB 280

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace, as we remember Kathrine with the saints who now rest in Your embrace. Lord, in Your mercy, Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Give to the family of Kathrine and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, as we hold fast to these promises in the face of death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive our thanks for Kathrine and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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A “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

- A** “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

Concluding Collect

LSB 281

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P *Let us pray...* Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to

everlasting life and a joyful reunion with Kathrine and all those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Blessing

P May God the Father, who created this body; may God the ✠ Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C Amen.

Collect

P *Let us pray...* Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us, a victory now shared by Kathrine. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction and Dismissal

LSB 281

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Hymn: “*I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*”

LSB 740

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

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