

# The Celebration of the life of Mary Jamison ‘Jamie’ Brown Miller

Friday, September 4, 2020

Highland Cathedral

Cameron Tillery, pipes

*The following is 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.

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.

*People*               And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant*           Let us pray.

## A Collect for Burial

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Jamie, 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.*

## First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 46

*Deus noster refugium*

God is our hope and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved; \*  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;  
Though the waters thereof rage and swell, \*  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.  
There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.  
God is in the midst of her,  
therefore shall she not be removed; \*  
God shall help her, and that right early.  
Be still then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
and I will be exalted in the earth.  
The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:16—5:9

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 23**

### *King James Version*

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.

## Holy Gospel

John 5:24-27

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            Glory be to thee, O Lord

Jesus said to the people, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man."

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Homily

Fr. Paul

### Apostles' Creed

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.

## Prayers of the People

*The Officiant then 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.*

Grant us grace to entrust Jamie 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 the blessed Virgin Mary 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.*

## Amazing Grace

Cameron Tillery, pipes

### Commendation

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints,  
*People* where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*The Celebrant then says*

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Jamie. 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.*

### Committal

*The Celebrant and People say together*

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me;  
and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.  
He that raised up Jesus from the dead  
will also give life to our mortal bodies,  
by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.  
Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth;  
my flesh also shall rest in hope.  
Thou shalt show me the path of life;  
in thy presence is the fullness of joy,  
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

*Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Jamie; and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious unto her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant says*

*People*                   The Lord be with you.  
                              And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant*               Let us pray.

## **Lord's Prayer**

*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 Celebrant then says*

O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be made perfect unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, grant that we, who now serve thee on earth, may at last, together with them, be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant then says*

*People* Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord:  
And let light perpetual shine upon her.  
*Celebrant* May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God. Rest in peace.  
*People* Amen.

## **Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*The Officiant says*

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.  
*Celebrant* Christ is risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and giving life to those in the tomb.

## **Closing Voluntary**

Cameron Tillery, pipes