

*Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for thou art with me.*



Psalm 23:4

FUNERAL SERVICE
April 13, 2023
Hazel Pasqua
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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 Hazel, to give thanks for her life,
to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation,
who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows
with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

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.
O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Hazel.
We thank you for giving her to us to know & 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**

EULOGIES

READINGS

Proverbs 31 “Ode to a Woman of Strength”

- ¹⁰ A woman of strength who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
¹² She does him good and not harm all the days of her life.
¹³ She ... works with willing hands.
¹⁵ She ... provides food for her household and tasks for her female servants...
¹⁷ She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong....
²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy....
²³ Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land...
²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸ Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband, too, and he praises her:
²⁹ “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”
³⁰ ...a woman who loves the LORD is to be praised.
³¹ Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:36-38

²² When the time came ... his parents brought [the 8-day old Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord....

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.... ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus ... ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word,
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel ... and **a sword will pierce your own soul, too.**”

³⁶ **There was also a prophet, Anna.... She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,** ³⁷ **then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.** ³⁸ **At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.**

MESSAGE

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 sin, 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**

***COMMENDATION**

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

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

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**

DISMISSAL

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

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