



*We would like to thank everyone for their love and support.  
We realize how truly blessed we are to have  
such wonderful family and friends.  
Your expressions of sympathy  
will never be forgotten.*

*All are warmly invited to join the family following the service at  
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*The Family of Ann Anderson*



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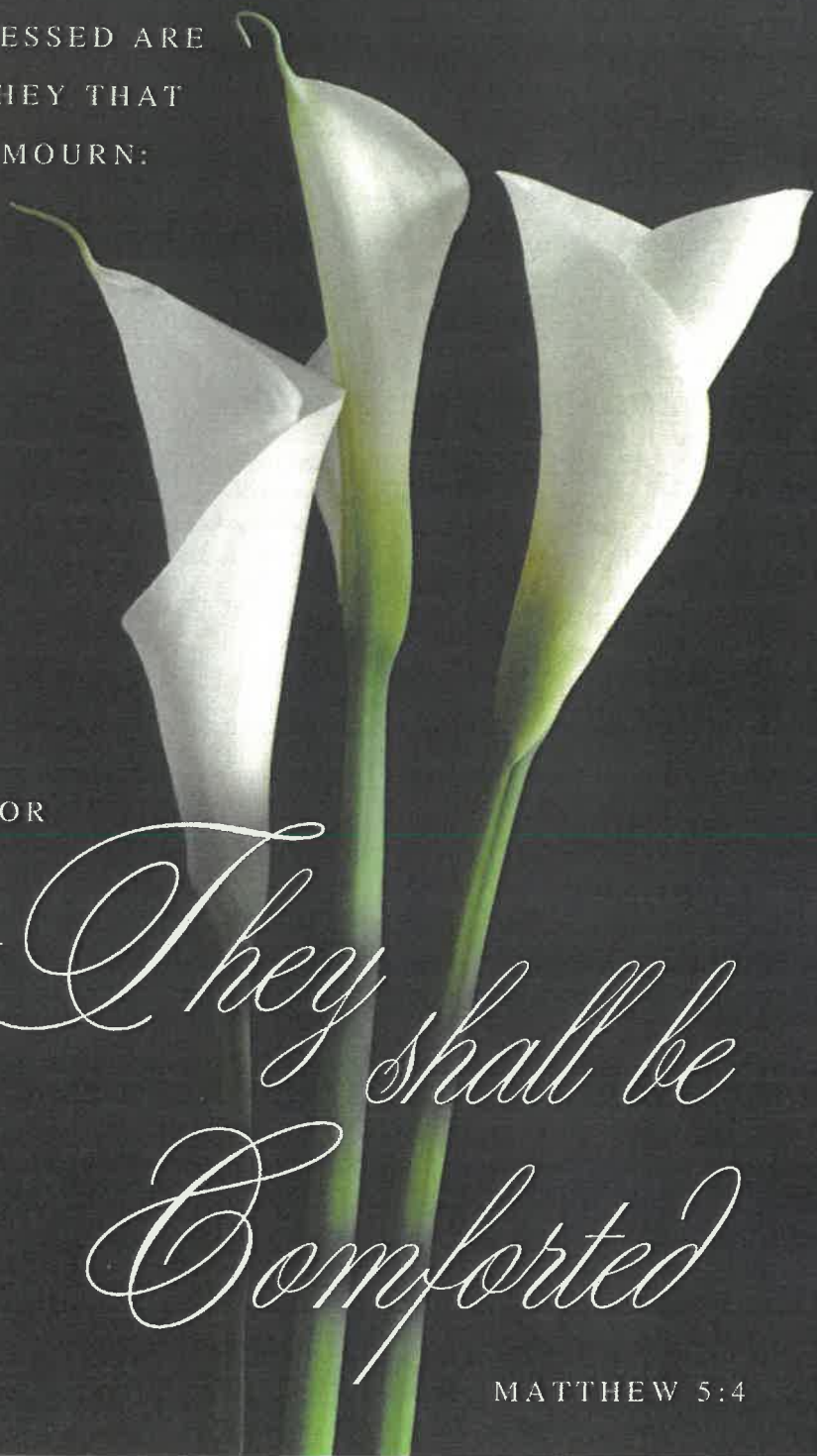
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BLESSED ARE  
THEY THAT  
MOURN:

FOR

*They shall be  
Comforted*

MATTHEW 5:4



# A Service Celebrating the Life of Ann Elizabeth Anderson

Born: December 23, 1946 † Died: May 7, 2021

Wednesday, August 4, 2021  
11:00 a.m.



## Prelude

## GATHERING

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 Ann,  
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.

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.  
In her baptism, Ann was clothed with Christ.  
In the day of Christ's coming,  
she shall be clothed with glory.

## Hymn

## "Amazing Grace"

ELW #779  
vs. 1, 3

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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## 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

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

## WORD

### Reading

**Serenity Prayer**  
*Author: Reinhold Niebuhr*

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;  
enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it;  
trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His will;  
that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him  
forever in the next. Amen.

**Reading**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.  
 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
 you discern my thoughts from far away.  
 You search out my path and my lying down,  
 and are acquainted with all my ways.  
 Even before a word is on my tongue,  
 O LORD, you know it completely.  
 You hem me in, behind and before,  
 and lay your hand upon me.  
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
 it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
 Where can I go from your spirit?  
 Or where can I flee from your presence?  
 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
 if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
 If I take the wings of the morning  
 and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
 even there your hand shall lead me,  
 and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
 and the light around me become night,"  
 even the darkness is not dark to you;  
 the night is as bright as the day,  
 for darkness is as light to you.  
 For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
 Wonderful are your works;  
 that I know very well.

Word of God, Word of Life  
*Thanks be to God*

**Reading**

Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—  
 in peace because they trust in you.

**Isaiah 26:3**

**Reading**

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.

**2 Corinthians 5:1**

Word of God, Word of Life  
*Thanks be to God*

**Time for Memories**

**Psalm 139:1-14**

**Hymn**

**"In the Garden (And He Walks with Me)"**

I come to the garden alone  
 While the dew is still on the roses  
 And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
 The Son of God discloses

*Chorus*

And He walks with me  
 And He talks with me  
 And He tells me I am His own  
 And the joy we share as we tarry there  
 None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice  
 Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
 And the melody that He gave to me  
 Within my heart is ringing. *Chorus*

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
 Tho' the night around me be falling  
 But He bids me go thro' the voice of woe  
 His voice to me is calling. *Chorus*

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John,  
*Glory to you, O Lord.*

**Gospel**

**John 14:1-6, 27**

"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. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord  
*Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Meditation**

**Pastor John**

Hymn "How Great Thou Art"

ELW 856  
vs. 1, 3

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

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Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,  
"I am the resurrection and the life."

*Petition response:*

Pastor: ... God of mercy,  
People: hear our prayer.

Words of Institution

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The Lord's Prayer

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Communion

Come Lord Jesus be our Guest;  
and let these gifts to us be blest. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Commendation

Benediction

Hymn

"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"  
*Prayer of St Francis*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Sending

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

Postlude

