

*We would like to thank everyone
for their love and support during this difficult time.*

*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 gather
in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following the service
for coffee, dessert and conversation.*

- The Family of Susan Gilbertson



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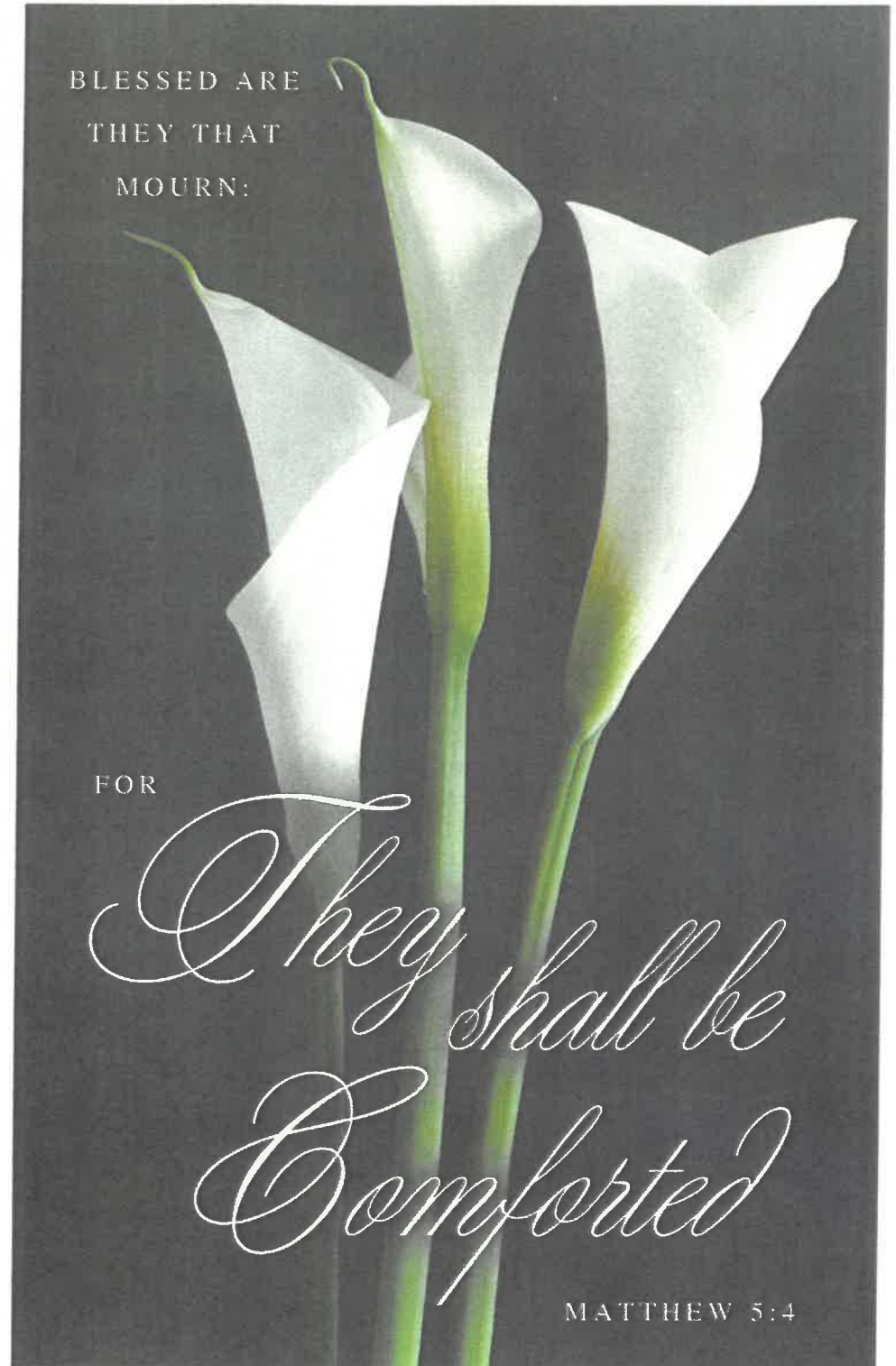
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BLESSED ARE
THEY THAT
MOURN:

FOR

*They shall be
Comforted*

MATTHEW 5:4



**A Service Celebrating the Life of
Susan Marie Gilbertson**

Born: June 30, 1961 † Died: August 20, 2021

Friday, August 27, 2021
2:00 p.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 Susan,
to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful
redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

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***

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.

Time for Memories

Nancy Pettit, sister

Special Music

"The Family of God"

Gaither

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WORD

Reading

Psalm 23

Reader: Dave Firkus, brother

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Reader: Rick Firkus, brother

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven
and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with
them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with
them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be
no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for
the first things have passed away."

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am
making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words
are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am
the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the
thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of
life.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Time for Memories

Tim Gilbertson, husband

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

Gospel

John 14:1-6, 27

Reader: Tammy Medina, sister

Jesus said ... "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.

Meditation

Pastor John Snider

Special Music

"Amazing Grace"

Newton

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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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

SENDING

Commendation

Benediction

Hymn

"When Peace Like a River"
It Is Well with My Soul

ELW #785
vs. 1, 3, 4

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

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Sending

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

Postlude

