



Beverley's family thanks you for your presence here today, for your prayers, thoughts love and kindness.

This is greatly appreciated.

They warmly invite you to refreshments at the National Hotel - Coleraine.







Celebrating the life of

# BEVWERLEY JULIA PEPPER

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Friday March 12, 2021, 2:30pm Holy Trinity, Anglican Church Coleraine



President: the Right Rev'd Garry Weatherill, Bishop of Ballarat

Celebrant: the Rev'd Scott Lowrey Minister: the Rev'd Robin Elliott

Master of Ceremonies: the Rev'd Glen Wesley

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You were her rock, her fortress and her might, you were her captain in the well fought fight, in deepest darkness still her one true light. *Hallelujah, hallelujah!* 

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, she in glory shines, all yours, all joined in unity divine. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest, the peaceful calm of paradise the blest. *Hallelujah, hallelujah!* 

But see, there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest shore, through heaven's gate the holy people pour; the Three in One for ever they adore.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

#### THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The family thanks you for your attendance today and invites you to join them at the National Hotel in the main street for refreshments and the sharing of more stories of Bev's life.

Let us entrust our sister Bev to the mercy of God.

Holy and loving Father,
by your mighty power you gave us life,
and in your love you have given us new life
in Christ Jesus.
We entrust Bev to your merciful keeping:
in the faith of Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again to save us,
and now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit
in glory for ever. Amen.

### THE COMMITTAL

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have given us a sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life.
In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.
We here commit the body of our dear sister Beverley Julia Pepper
to be cremated,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died, and was buried, and rose again for us,
and who shall change our mortal body
that it may be like his glorious body.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Final hymn: For all the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the world their Lord by faith confessed, your name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

#### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

We have come together
to thank God for the life of Beverley Julia Pepper,
to mourn and honour her,
to lay to rest her mortal body,
and to support one another in grief.
We face the certainty of our own death and judgement.
Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ
share eternal life with him.
Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God,
who created and sustains us all.

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord.

'Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.'

John 11:25

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.

May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,
and fill us with compassion, one for another.

In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.

Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Eulogy

Anthem: These Alone are Enough, by Dan Schutte

Psalm 121

Response: My help comes from the Lord

I lift my eyes to the hills: from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord: the maker of heaven and earth. My help comes from the Lord

The Lord will not allow your foot to slip: your guardian will not sleep.
See, the one who watches over Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

My help comes from the Lord

It is the Lord who is your keeper: the Lord is your shelter on your right hand, So that the sun shall not strike you by day: neither shall the moon by night.

My help comes from the Lord

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil: it is the Lord who shall guard your life. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in: both now and for evermore.

My help comes from the Lord

If you are a communicant member in good standing within your own church, you are welcome to receive communion with us here today.

AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord of life and death, we thank you that in your great love you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all your saints.

Grant that this sacrament of Christ's death may be to us a comfort in affliction, a firm assurance of his resurrection, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where death and sorrow are no more, but all things are made new. Amen.

SCENES FROM BEV'S LIFE

THE FAREWELL

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister Bev by water and the Spirit.

Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love.

Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way, to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore with thanksgiving for the gift of your Son we here proclaim his passion and death, and his victory over the grave.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

#### John 14.1-6

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.'

The Sermon

#### THE PRAYERS

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of all.

Thanks be to God for the gift of life.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always be with you. And also with you.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, giver of life, and conqueror of death. By his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin, breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight.

With all your saints we give you thanks and praise.

Through his resurrection from the dead you have given us new birth into a living hope, into an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

With all your saints we give you thanks and praise.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe, and so we join with angels and archangels, with Bev and all your faithful people, evermore praising you and saying,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.