

# A Celebration of the Life of Frances “Dolly” Luger

*All stand*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.

And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

*The Celebrant then says*

The Lord be with you

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says one of the following Collects*

*At the Burial of an Adult*

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant N., being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant may add the following prayer*

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with NN. in *their* grief.

Surround *them* with your love, that *they* may not be overwhelmed by *their* loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 61:1-3*

## Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
  
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be  
moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into  
the depths of the sea;
  
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its  
tumult.
  
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
  
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the  
city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
  
- 6 God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.
  
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the  
kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt  
away.
  
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.



## The Apostle Creed

*The Apostles' Creed may then be said, all standing. The Celebrant may introduce the Creed with these or similar words*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

*Celebrant and People*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers

For our brother (sister) *N.*, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for *N.*, and dry the tears of those who weep.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother (sister) eternal life.

*Hear us, Lord.*

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother (sister) to the joys of heaven.

*Hear us, Lord.*

Our brother (sister) was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give *him* fellowship with all your saints.

*Hear us, Lord.*

*He* was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant *him* a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

*Hear us, Lord.*

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother (sister); let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant concludes with one of the following or some other prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother (sister) N., who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that *his* 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; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

                    The Lord be with you.  
People            And also with you.  
Celebrant        Lift up your hearts.  
People            We lift them to the Lord.  
Celebrant        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People            It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

### *Commemoration of the Dead*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### *Celebrant and People*

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.

*The people stand or kneel.*



*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept.  
Then may be sung or said*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following  
Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to the Lord's Table*

## The Commendation

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.*

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,  
*where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant N. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive *him* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*Thanks be to God.*

Recessional Hymn How Great Thou Art Insert