



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

BERNICE DORIS JURACH

August 23, 1926 — April 17, 2026

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

Bernice D. Jurach

GATHERING

PRELUDES

*Prelude on “Bedford”
(from 36 Short Preludes and Postludes)*

H. WILLAN

Prelude in E minor, BWV 555

J. S. BACH

In the Garden

GARDEN | C. A. MILES

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Pastor Paul Baglyos

GATHERING PRAYER

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

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

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

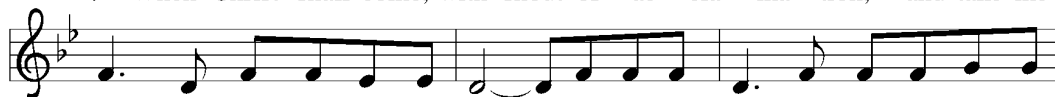
We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

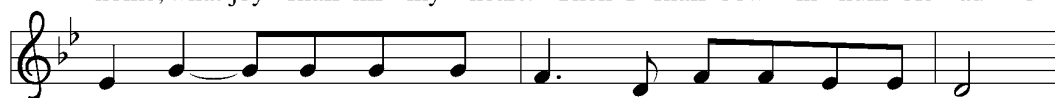
Amen.

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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 Bernice. We thank you for giving her to us to know and 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.

WORD

SCRIPTURE

Romans 6:3-5

We were incorporated into the death of Jesus Christ in baptism and so were liberated from the dominion of sin. We also anticipate that we will be incorporated into the resurrection of Christ and so will be liberated from the hold death has over our mortal bodies.

End of reading: Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

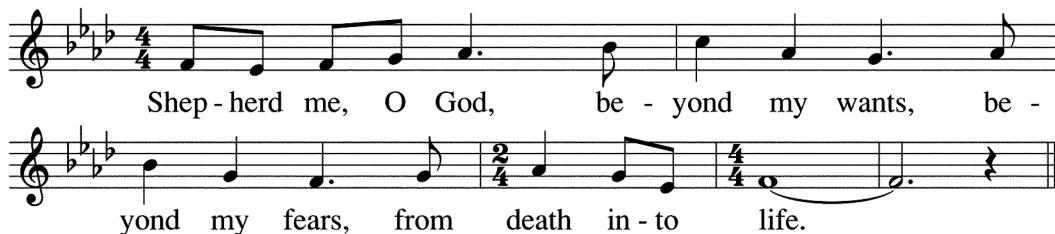
SHEPHERD ME

Shepherd Me, O God

ELW HYMN 780

Refrain sung twice at beginning of song. 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.

Refrain



Verses God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **Refrain**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **Refrain**

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **Refrain**

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. **Refrain**

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. **Refrain**

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 6:35-40

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Pastor Paul Baglyos

SPECIAL MUSIC

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA
J. HUGHES | M. EITHUN

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA
ELW HYMN 705

Congregation will stand and sing verse when cued.

God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Suzi Taylor

After each petition: God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Jon Haug

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 God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns. The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center, you will have the option of receiving a prepackaged meal you can save until you are ready to partake or you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available by request.

*If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.
Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.*

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD
ELW HYMN 773

Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, _
When my way grows _ drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near, _
When the dark - nes ap - pears and the night draws _ near, _
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. _____
when my life is _____ al - most _____ gone, _____
and the day is _____ past and _____ gone, _____
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. _
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. _
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand. _
Take my hand, _ pre-cious Lord, _ lead me home. _____

The Holy City

S. ADAMS

*Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair;
I stood in old Jerusalem, Beside the temple there;
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang,
Me thought the voice of angels from heav'n in answer rang.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosana in the highest, Hosana to your King!*

*And then me thought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang,
Hushed were the glad hosanas the little children sang.
The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill,
as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill,
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, hark how the angels sing,
Hosana in the highest, Hosana to your King!*

*And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be!
I saw the holy city beside the tideless sea;
the light of God was on its street, the gates were open wide,
and all who would might enter, and no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night, nor sun to shine by day;
it was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.
"Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o'er!
Hosana in the highest, Hosana for evermore!*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

SENDING

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Bernice to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O Merciful Savior, we commend your servant Bernice. 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.

*May the choirs of angels come to greet you. May they speed you to paradise.
May the Lord enfold you in his mercy. May you find eternal life.*

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING FORTH HYMN

HE LEADETH ME

LBW Hymn 501

He Leadeth Me

- 1 He lead - eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
- 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,
- 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
- 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,
and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ENVIADO
C. MOKLEBUST

Immediately following the service, all are invited to a hot-lunch reception downstairs in Oehler Hall for a time of fellowship in the continuation of celebrating Bernice's life.

Broken Chain

*Little I knew that morning, God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone.
For part of me went with you the day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide,
and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.*

Memory of Me

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing times, and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun,
of happy memories that I leave when my life is done.*

Bernice Doris Jurach

August 23, 1926 - April 17, 2026



Bernice Doris Jurach, 99, of Sacramento, California, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on August 23, 1926, in Sacramento, California, Bernice was the daughter of Frank and Doris Arndt. From an early age, she learned from her parents that hard work pays off-and these principles remained constant throughout her life.

Bernice devoted herself to her career at the California DMV, but her lifetime passion was supporting St. John's Lutheran Church where her faith and love for serving flourished. One of the kindest human beings on this earth, Bernice found joy in helping those in need, caring for her family in every way possible, volunteering for many years at the blood bank, and pampering her beautiful heirloom roses. She especially cherished

the time spent with her beloved niece, Christine Jewell.

Bernice will be fondly remembered as "The Cookie Lady" and for her love of the bell choir where she joyfully proclaimed, "YAY BELLS!" at the end of every performance. Her unwavering faith in our Lord and Savior was profound. Her gentle giggle was one of the most precious sounds, and her wisdom and knowledge deeply touched all of us. Her presence brought comfort, peace, and meaning to those fortunate enough to know her. We are truly the lucky ones to have had such a beautiful angel in our lives.

Bernice is survived by her niece Christine Jewell (Chris Childers); nephews Michael Arndt (Kim White) and Craig Arndt (Lisa Arndt); many extended and deeply loved family members; and her cherished "Slovenian sister," Peggy. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Tony Jurach and her parents, Frank and Doris Arndt.

Bernice showered her love and compassion over her family, and her kindness spread to everyone she met. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness and a simple example for us all: be kind to everyone.

We will miss you more than words can express, but we take comfort knowing you have been reunited with your parents and your beloved Tony.