

The Witness to the Resurrection

Lisa Diann Heffern

Prelude: Debbie Myers

Sentences of Scripture

John 11:25-26

I am the resurrection, and the life says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Psalms 103:13; Isaiah 66:13

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you, says the Lord.

1 Peter 1:3-4

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

Words of Purpose

***Hymn** *In the Garden* # 541 (Hymnal)

Prayer

Reading of Scripture

Psalms 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ 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. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ 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.

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Homily “A Light in the Darkness”

A Time of Remembrance

Family and friends are invited to share a reading, a comment, or a cherished memory from the life of Lisa D. Heffern.

***Hymn** *When We All Get to Heaven* #467 (Hymnal)

Prayers of Thanksgiving

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

Commendation Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-7 5:15-16

3 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. ² In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, ³ and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. ⁴ For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. ⁵ Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; ⁶ like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. ⁷ In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.

¹⁵ But the righteous live forever, and their reward is with the Lord; the Most High takes care of them. ¹⁶ Therefore they will receive a glorious crown and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord, because with his right hand he will cover them, and with his arm he will shield them.

Committal

**Hymn Amazing Grace #293 (Hymnal)*

Blessing

(Jude 24-25)

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, ²⁵to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever.” May you leave this place in the perfect peace of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit, remain with you today, tomorrow, and forevermore. Amen and Amen.

Postlude

Debbie Myers

When God Made

When God had made the Earth and sky, The flowers and the trees, He then made all the animals And all the birds and bees. And when his work was finished, Not one was quite the same. He said, 'I'll walk this earth of mine, And give each one a name, And so he travelled land and sea, And everywhere he went, A little creature followed Him Until his strength was spent. And when all were named upon the Earth, And in the sky and sea, The little creature said "'Dear Lord, There's not one left for me!' The Father smiled and softly said: 'I've left you till the end. I've turned my own name back to front, And called you DOG, my friend.



In Loving Memory



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