



*Celebration of Life Worship Service  
for  
Donna Butler*

*April 21, 1939~December 9, 2022*

**Speaker-Chloe Karavidas Manley**

**God's Garden**

**Speaker-Kathy Karavidas**

**Eulogy**

**Psalm 23 (front cover)**

**Congregation**

**Gospel: St. John 11:17**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11th chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>11:17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Gospel: St. Matthew 28:1-10**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Donations in Donna's memory can be made to:  
Christ Lutheran Church (mortgage fund)  
P.O. Box 693  
Summerfield, FL 34492**

*Please join the family in the Fellowship Hall after the Celebration for refreshments.*

**Donna is survived by:**

**Sister:** Joann Ariano/Lofgren and Ken

**Daughter:** Kathleen Karavidas/Wolfert

**Grandchildren:** Chloe Karavidas, Manley and Jack, George Karavidas and Rachel, Nicolette Karavidas and Timothy, Liliana Karavidas

**Donna was preceded in death by:**

**Parents:** Ragnar and Dorothy Lofgren

**Husband:** Robert A. Butler

**Brother:** Robert Lofgren and Lila

**Cats:** Bogey and Cooper

*The family would like to thank*

*Christ Lutheran Church Congregation, Pastor Dave Connell,  
Accent Care Hospice of Largo, and close friends Patricia Reddy  
and Judy Roberts.*







### God's Garden

God looked around his garden  
And He found an empty place.  
And then He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.

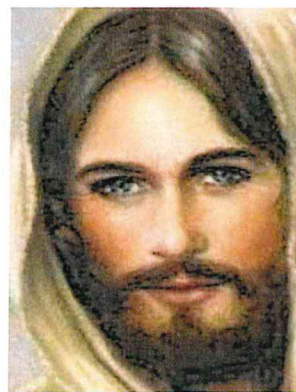
He put His arms around you,  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you.  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

## Psalm 23



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 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. Amen

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**WELCOME** - Christ Lutheran Church is a weapon, smoke, vape and tobacco free church and campus.

### **PRELUDE**

*We take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

### **GATHERING HYMN**

#### **WELCOME**

**[P]** Welcome in the Holy Name of Jesus, the Lord and Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen, to remember before God our Father our sister Donna, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief. All who are baptized into Jesus Christ have put on Christ. In her Holy Baptism, Donna was clothed with Jesus Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory!

**[C]** Amen!

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**[P]** The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the communion of The Holy Spirit be with you all!

**[C]** And also with you!

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**[P]** Let us pray. O God our Father of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Donna. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. Through the power of The Holy Spirit, console us who mourn. Grant us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord and Savior 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 of your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

**[C]** Amen!

### **SCRIPTURES HYMN**

#### **PSALM 23**

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#### **GOSPEL/LESSONS**

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#### **SERMON**

**Pastor Dave Connell**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord God our Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit!

**C** It is right to give the Lord our God thanks and praise!

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through your Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord; who brought to light the living hope of a blessed resurrection, that, in our grief, we may rejoice in full assurance of our change into the likeness of His glory!

**C** Amen!

**P** 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!

**C** Amen!

**P** 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes!

**C** Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

**P** Send now, we pray, The Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and Savior Jesus and of His resurrection, that we who receive Jesus' precious Body and Blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light!

**C** Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!

## **LORD'S PRAYER – PRAY**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready!

**C** Thanks be to God!

*All Baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. In it, we remember Him and we receive His continuing forgiving presence in our lives, along with His mercy, salvation, and promise of eternal life. If you wish to refrain from taking communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Pick up a communion wine cup in the center aisle from the cup stand as you approach the chancel altar rail. Receive the host bread from the Communion Assistant and the wine from the Pastor from the pouring chalice. Tell the Communion Assistant if you prefer gluten-free bread and the Pastor if you prefer grape juice. Hand sanitizers are available, hold your hand under it to receive sanitizing foam. Return your used cup to the tray from the Communion Assistant.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION HYMN**

### **TABLE BLESSING**

**[P]** The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

**[C]** Amen!

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**[P]** Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God our Father, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy, through the power of The Holy Spirit, you continue to strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

**[C]** Amen!

### **BLESSING & COMMITIAL**

**[P]** Into your hands, O merciful Lord and Savior Jesus, we commend your servant Donna. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive Donna into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of all of your saints in light!

**[C]** Amen!

### **SENDING HYMN**

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**[P]** Continue to bring Christ to all people today and everyday! Go in Peace! Share Jesus' death and resurrection great good news!

**[C]** We will with thanks to GOD! Amen!

### **POSTLUDE**