

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

Gloria Stephania Smith

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After giving 79 years of incredible love, compassion, storytelling and friendship to her dear family and friends, Goldie passed away peacefully on January 26, 2021 with her family by her side. Her openness and welcoming approach were a constant beacon for always drawing in new and old friends. Her heart and light made a lasting impression on everyone she met and with a contagious smile and a presence that always lit up a room, she leaves us inspired to live a life as full as she did.

Born in Edmonton to James and Nancy Dublonko, she followed her passion in the arts by achieving a BA in Fine Arts from the University of Alberta, co-founding Consulting Arts and devoting her time to the Vancouver Art Gallery, Gordon Smith Foundation and Ballet BC to name a few. In her travels around the world, she was constantly learning, collecting and appreciating the arts of different cultures, people and generations.

Married to David Rothwell Smith (D. 1999) and survived by her sons David (Tegan) and Michael (Patrick); brother Terry (Madeleine); grandchildren Ashley, Maria, Charlotte; granddog Hank; nephews Murray, Trevor, Warren and their spouses as well as her in-law family.

Goldie was truly one of a kind, she leaves us with an impression larger than life itself.

In lieu of flowers, donations to *The Gloria Smith Legacy Fund* benefitting the arts community would be welcomed. Details and donations can be made at www.vancouverfoundation.ca/gloria-smith

ORDER OF SERVICE

Gathering of the Community

The presider will greet the congregation.

Presider In this time and place,

we gather on the unceded ancestral lands

of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

All From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

Presider In this time and place,

we meet to give thanks for the life of Gloria Smith,

to offer our grief and sadness at her death and to surround her family with love.

All May God the Creator give us comfort and strength.

Presider In this time and place,

we give thanks for the resurrection power of Jesus the Christ,

the Word made Flesh.

All The risen Christ who brings healing to us and all people.

Presider In this time and place,

God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us.

All The Holy Spirit who transforms us and all life.

Presider In this time and place,

together, one people of God.

All In the name of God, Source of all being,

Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you.

Presider Let us pray (silence)

O God, the maker and redeemer of all,

grant us, with your servant Gloria and all the faithful departed,

the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection;

that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Reading 1 John 4:7-18a

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 23

Music for Reflection → Ashley Smith

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Reader This is the Gospel of Christ.

After the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily The Rev. Helen Dunn

№ David Smith

Music for Reflection → Maria Smith

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All 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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray.

God of grace and glory, we thank you for Gloria, who was so near and dear to us, and who has now been taken from us.

We thank you for the friendship she gave and for the strength and peace she brought.

We thank you for the love she offered and received while she was with us on earth.

We pray that nothing good in this woman's life will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to her will be respected by those who follow; and that everything in which she was great will continue to mean much to us now that she is dead.

We ask you that she may go on living in her children, her family and her friends; in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their consciences.

We ask you that we who were close to her may now, because of her death, be even closer to each other, and that we may, in peace and friendship here on earth, always be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death.

We pray for ourselves, who are severely tested by this death, that we do not try to minimize this loss, or seek refuge from it in words alone, and also that we do not brood over it so that it overwhelms us and isolates us from others.

May God grant us courage and confidence in the new life of Christ.

We ask this in the name of the risen Lord.

Amen.

The Peace Presider

All

All

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (CP 565)

Text: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1723-1796), alt.; Music: John Hughes (1873-1932); Cwm Rhondda

- 1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim though this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the gifts

Presider

God of mercy, accept the worship we offer you this day.

Increase, we pray, our faith,

deepen our hope and comfort us in your eternal love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

All

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Presider All

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose victorious rising from the dead has given to us the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (CP 735)

Music: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937–)



Presider

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,

for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil,

and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

All we remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Presider

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ

and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we,

made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation:

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider This is the bread which has come down from heaven.

All Those who eat this bread will live forever.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.



Share the Gifts (new information, please read)

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in Communion.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion, the celebrant will come down and stand in front of the altar. Please keep your mask on and come forward one at a time, maintaining physical distancing with others in the congregation. If you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer, please mention this to the Celebrant. The Celebrant will place the wafer in your hand. Please keep the wafer in your hand until you have returned to your seat. At your seat you may unhook your mask, consume the wafer, then replace your mask. If you would prefer to receive a contactless blessing, please keep your mask on, and place your hand over your heart.

While the communion is being administered, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence—this is a time for quiet prayer and meditation.

During Communion Morning Has Broken (CP 3)

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965) Music: Melody Gaelic trad.; arr. C. Richard Hunt (1930–); BUNESSAN

- Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
- 3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
 Praise with elation, praise every morning,
 God's recreation of the new day!

Prayer After Commuion

Presider

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

The Commendation

Presider

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

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;

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 with your saints,

where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Memorial Ringing of the Bell.

Presider

Into your hands,

O merciful Saviour,

we commend your servant Gloria.

Acknowledge, we pray, 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.

All

Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The Committal

Presider Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

We have entrusted our sister Gloria to God's loving care, and we now commit her mortal remains to this resting place:

earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust: in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, was buried, and rose again for us.

To whom be glory for ever.

AllAmen.

Presider Into the darkness and warmth of the earth

AllWe lay you down.

Into the sadness and smiles of our memories Presider

AllWe lay you down.

Presider Into the cycle of living and dying and rising again

AllWe lay you down.

Presider May you rest in peace, in fulfillment, and in loving All

May you run straight home in God's embrace.

Presider Into the freedom of wind and sunshine AllWe let you go.

Presider Into the dance of the stars and the planets

AllWe let you go.

Presider Into the wind's breath and the hands of the star maker

AllWe let you go.

Presider We love you, we miss you, we want you to be happy

AllGo safely, go dancing, go running home.

Liturgical Leadership

Presider & Preacher The Reverend Helen Dunn

Readers Patrick David

Charlotte Smith Tegan Smith

Intercessor Tegan Smith

Eulogy Michael Smith

David Smith

Music Ashley Smith

Maria Smith Katherine Evans, *Trumpeter*

Rupert Lang, Organist & Director of Music