

Graveside and Funeral Service for Geertje VanderHeiden

Order at the Graveside

Singing: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever will be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Reciting of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,

his only-begotten Son, our Lord;

he was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary;

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.

On the third day he arose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits at the right hand

of God the Father almighty

from there he will come to judge

the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;

I believe a holy catholic Christian church,

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen

(Lowering of the casket)

Reading: Job 19:25-27

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Order of Service for the funeral of Gertie VanderHeiden who was called home to be with the Lord on Jan.20, 2021.

Rev. R.J. den Hollander officiating

Pastoral Foreword

Singing: *Psalm 90: 1, 2, 3*

Prayer for God's comfort

Scripture Readings: *Psalms 23 and 121*

Singing: *Hymn 72 – Behold the Amazing Gift of Love*

Scripture reading: Philippians 3

Address on Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. (ESV)

Singing: *Hymn 68: 1, 2, 3, 8*

Closing Prayer

Singing: *Hymn 41- Christ Above all Glory Seated*

Hymns for the funeral service of Geertje VanderHeiden

Psalm 90: 1,2,3

Lord, you have been since you shaped all creation
our dwelling place in every generation.
Before the mountains were brought forth and grounded
and you the earth and world had formed and founded,
from everlasting stood your holy throne;
to everlasting you are God alone.

You turn us back to dust when life is ended,
for so you in these very words commanded:
“Return to dust, O mortals.” Thus we perish.
Brief is our life, and vain the things we cherish.
A thousand of our years are in your sight
a day gone by, a watch that ends the night.

We're swept away as by a mighty river.
Like fleeting dreams are we and our endeavour,
like tender grass that springs up in the morning,
like flowers for a while the earth adorning,
unfold and blossom in the early sun:
by ev'ning they are shrivelled up and gone.

Hymn 72

Behold the amazing gift of love
the Father has bestowed
on us, the sinful sons of men,
to call us sons of God.

Concealed as yet this honour lies;
'tis to the world unknown,
for this world knew not him who came
as God's eternal Son.

We are God's children here and now,
for he made us his own,
but what we shall hereafter be,
that he has not yet shown.

We know that when our Lord appears,
then we like him shall be,
for then his face, him as he is,
we shall in glory see.

Now everyone who has this hope,
which rests in him secure,
from evil purifies himself
as he, our Lord, is pure.

Hymn 68: 1,2 3,8

Jesus is our sure defence.
Why should we then fear or waver?
All our hope and confidence
rests on him, the risen Saviour.
Even in our darkest hour
he will shield us with his power.

We are flesh and must return
to the dust whence we were taken,
but we from the Scriptures learn
that from death we shall awaken:
We like buried seed that dies
shall unto new life arise.

What into the earth we sow,
standing at the graveside grieving,
is the seed that soon shall grow,
glory from our God receiving.
He to every grain here sown
gives a body of its own.

To our God be thanks and praise:
he through Christ made us victorious.
Be then steadfast all your days;
see how death's defeat assures us

that in him who comes again
all your toil is not in vain.

Hymn 41 – Christ Above all Glory Seated

Christ above all glory seated,
King triumphant, strong to save!
Dying, you have death defeated;
buried, you have spoiled the grave.
You have gone where now is given
what no mortal might could gain,
on th' eternal throne of heaven,
in your Father's power to reign.

There your kingdoms all adore you,
heaven above and earth below;
while the depths of hell before you,
trembling and defeated, bow.
We revere you, Lord and Saviour;
we implore your grace and love.
Hear our prayers and help us ever
seek the things that are above.

Lord, when you return in glory
on the clouds of heaven above,
we your flock will stand before you,
kept forever in your love.
In your faithfulness confiding,
Jesus, all shall you adore.
On your holy throne abiding,

you shall reign for evermore.