

*A Service of Thanksgiving to God for the Life of Lila
Pauline Yevette Llewellyn Hill*



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The Opening

M: Friends in Christ, we are gathered here today to thank God for the life of Lila Llewellyn Hill and for the grace in Jesus Christ who has embraced Lila throughout her life. God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son †, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Reminder of Baptism

As we come here in our grief to farewell Lila, St Paul comforts us with these words: Don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to have compassion on those who have been grieved by Lila's death. Be especially with all the family members. As they are forced to cope with the pain of loss and make the readjustments in life that come with losing a loved one, continue to comfort them in this time and always. Give them strength and wisdom to look to you for comfort and hope, and bind them in a living faith to you. May they remember your promise that all your people rest securely in your care and that you will raise us all on the Last Day.

Amen.

Hymn RB 493 *It is Well with My Soul*

1. When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well. It is well.

With my soul. With my soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though satan should buffet, Though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own Blood for my soul.

Chorus

3. My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live,
If Jordan above me shall roll.
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life,
You will whisper your peace to my soul.

Chorus

5. But Lord, it's for you, for your coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal:
O trump of the angel! O voice of the Lord,
Blessed hope! Blessed rest of my soul.

Chorus

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The Psalm (Psalm 27 NKJV) *An Exuberant Declaration of Faith*

- 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked came against me
To eat up my flesh,
My enemies and foes,
They stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army may encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear;
Though war may rise against me,
In this I will be confident.
- 4 One thing I have desired of the Lord,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the Lord,
And to inquire in His temple.
- 5 For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock.
- 6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me;
Therefore, I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.
- 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice!
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
- 8 When You said, "Seek My face,"
My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."
- 9 Do not hide Your face from me;
Do not turn Your servant away in anger;
You have been my help;
Do not leave me nor forsake me,
O God of my salvation.

- 10 When my father and my mother forsake me,
Then the Lord will take care of me.
- 11 Teach me Your way, O Lord,
And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.
- 12 Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries;
For false witnesses have risen against me,
And such as breathe out violence.
- 13 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed
That I would see the goodness of the Lord
In the land of the living.
- 14 Wait on the Lord;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the Lord!

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Obituary (Heather Heyne)

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has destroyed death and brings immortal life through the gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through Lila.

(Other speakers)

A Visual Reflection

Reading (Psalm 27:4)

- 4 One thing I have desired of the Lord,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the Lord,
And to inquire in His temple.

The Address

Hymn AT 255 *I love you, Lord*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship you. O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
let me be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship you. O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
let me be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Laurie Klein
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Confession of Faith

Let's confess our faith in the Triune God, in whose name Lila was baptised, and say the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Dear Heavenly Father, we remember your promise that you are our God and we are your children, through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Loss always brings pain and deep sorrow, especially for family and friends. And so, we seek the comfort of your presence and grace.

Despite our grief we want to thank you for your grace throughout Lila's life. We praise you for the faith you instilled in her and that to the very end by your Holy Spirit she clung to your promises and to her Lord Jesus. We thank you that we can be assured Lila is now resting peacefully in your loving embrace.

We want to thank you also for who Lila was to each of us, a loving and supportive wife, mother, and genuine friend to many. She always put others first even to her own detriment and we are blessed for knowing such a pillar of Christian love and concern.

We remember with gratitude her love for and commitment to family, especially the joy she received from Maisie, Payge, and Lunah. Remember all the family members, especially her husband Sonnie, daughters Maisie, Payge, and Lunah, her mother Pauline, and brother Steven. For them the pain of loss is most acute and they will need your loving presence and Spirit to help them in this time and in the years ahead. We also pray for Lila's close friends, and church family.

We thank you for Lila's dedication to serving us and you, Lord, with her gift of music, especially during the lockdown last year. We are gratefully indebted to Lila for her courage in enabling us to continue worshipping especially during the darkest months of 2020. We will cherish that dearly in our hearts.

Meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving, for the sake of the One who loves us all. Comfort us in our grief, embrace us with your love, and give us faith and hope in your grace. Now take us by the hand in our journey through life and gently guide us into your future, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Committal

Since almighty God, our heavenly Father, in his gracious wisdom has called Lila from this life to the next, we commit her body to be cremated: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Dust we are and to dust we shall return. But we know that as Christ was the first to rise from the dead, he will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his in glory. We commend Lila to the Lord †, trusting in his infinite mercy.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn LHS 881 *How great thou art*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: 'My God, how great thou art!'

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great Thou art!

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How great thou art! How great thou art!

Carl Boberg 1859-1940
Tr. Stuart K. Hine 1899-

The Blessing LHS 888 *May the feet of God walk with you*

May the feet of God walk with you,
and his hand hold you tight.

May the eye of God rest on you,
and his ear hear your cry.

May the smile of God be for you,
and his breath give you life.

May the Child of God grow in you,
and His love † bring you home.

Aubrey Podlich 1946 – (1983)

The Dismissal

Let's now go in peace. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organist:

Edith Zimmermann

Pianist:

Bernie Dewar

Pallbearers:

Sonnie Llewellyn

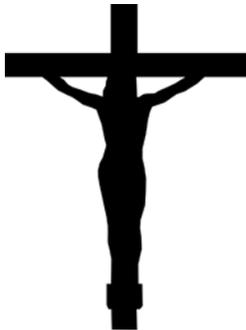
Steven Hill

Troy Sterck

David Rowen

Rex Wilton

Andrew Tuckey



*The Funeral Service for Lila was held at
St Peter's Lutheran Church Elizabeth, South Australia
On Tuesday 12 January 2021.*

The Service was led by Pastor Greg Bensted.

*Lila's family extend their warmest thanks for your thoughts, prayers,
and sympathy at this time. Thank you for being here today, and we wish
you safe travel as you return to your homes.*