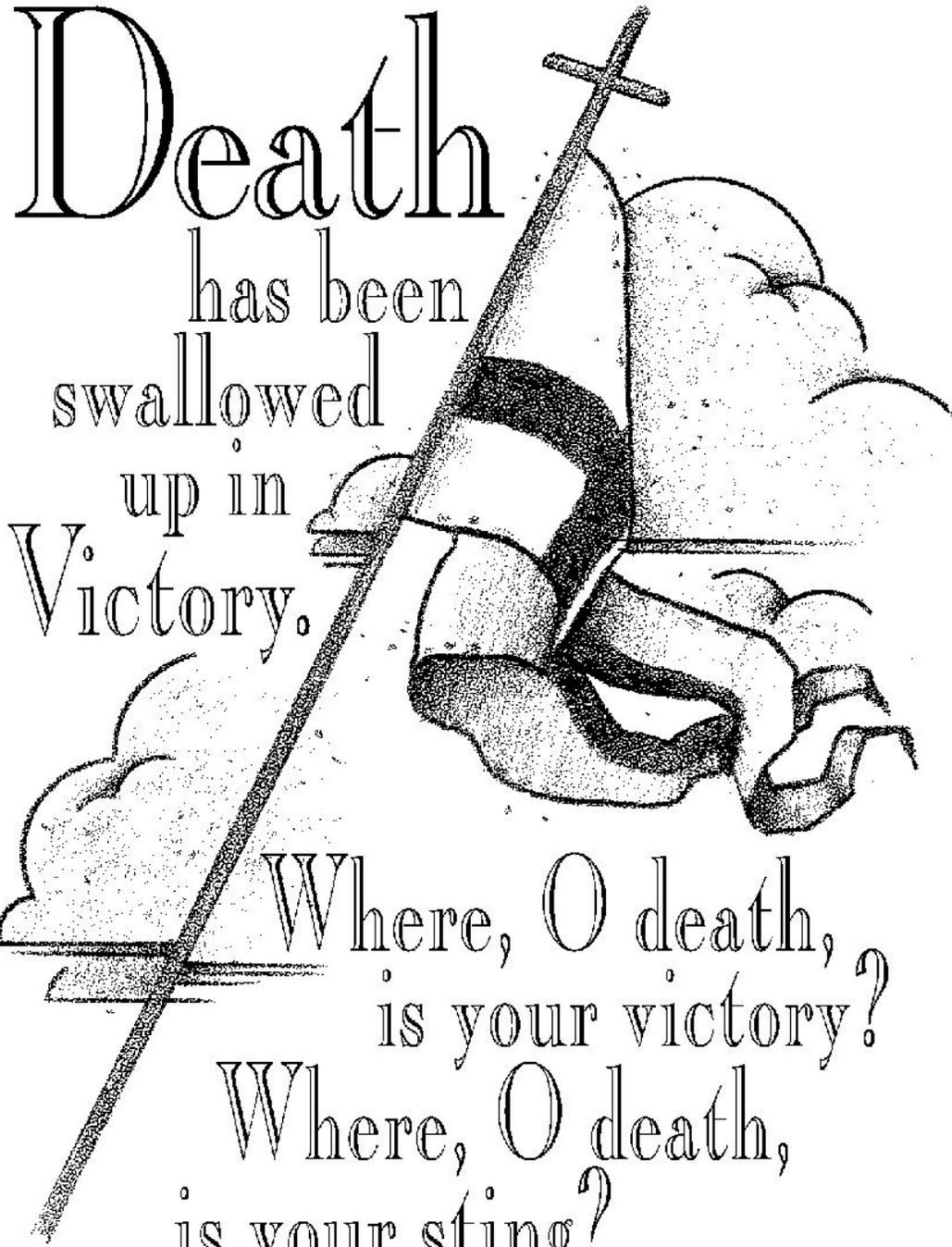


Death

has been
swallowed

up in

Victory.



Where, O death,
is your victory?

Where, O death,
is your sting?

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

Beatrice 'Bea' Kuretsch
September 20, 1952-January 22, 2021

Please Rise

The Old Rugged Cross

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

3 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. *Refrain*

The Invocation

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

C Amen.

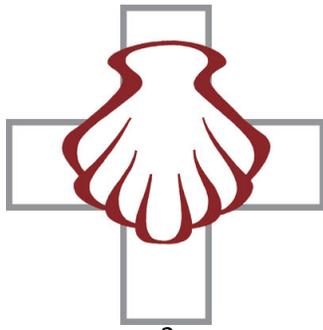
P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C **Thanks be to God.** *(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)*

P When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

C **Amen** *(Romans 6:3-4)*

Please be seated



2

Psalm 23:1-6

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

³He re-stores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;

3

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
 and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the
 earth,
 for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
 "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he
 might save us.
 This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain

Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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Holy Gospel: John 10:27–29

- P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow
 me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no
 one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given
 them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch
 them out of the Father's hand.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Amazing Grace

LSB 744 sts. 1–5

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Sermon

P Let us Pray...

O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today our sister Bea Kuretsch. Thank You for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us Your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by Your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through Your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

Stanzas 1 and 4 sung by soloist

Stanzas 2 and 3 sung by congregation

When Peace, like a River

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1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Promises from God's Word

P Let us now share God's promises from His Word regarding eternal life for those who believe in Him.

Watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man comes *(Matthew 25:13)*

C **Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when He comes, shall find watching.** *(Proverbs 8:34)*

P Fear none of those things which you shall suffer.

C **Be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life.** *(Revelation 2:10)*

P Even to old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you.

C **I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save you.** *(Isaiah 46:4)*

P Our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

C **He will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power which enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.** *(Philippians 3:20-21)*

P I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

C **Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day.** *(2 Timothy 4:7-8)*

P Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth.

C **Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.** *(Revelation 14:13)*

- P** God shall wipe away all tears from their eye.
- C** **And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.**
(Revelation 21:4)
- P** What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived,
- C** **God has prepared for those who love Him.**
(1 Corinthians 2:9)
- P** Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be,
- C** **But we know when He appears we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.**
(1 John 3:2)
- P** I am the resurrection and the life; those who believe in Me, even though they die, will live.
- C** **And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.**
(John 11:25)
- P** Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come.
- C** **And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**
(Revelation 21:2)
- P** Truly, truly, I say to you, those who hear My word and believe Him who sent Me have eternal life.
- C** **They do not come into judgment, but have passed from death to life.**
(John 5:24)

- P** In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you.
- C** **I will come again, and receive you to Myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.**
(John 14:2-3)
- P** For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
- C** **My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.**
(Philippians 1:21 & 23)
- P** There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.
- C** **For all who enter God's rest also cease from their labors as God did from His.**
(Hebrews 4:9-10)
- P** God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with Him.**
(1 Thessalonians 5:9-10)
- P** If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.
- C** **So then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.**
(Romans 14:8)
- P** The ransomed of the Lord will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads.
- C** **Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.**
(Isaiah 35:10)
- P** We who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.
- C** **And so we will be with the Lord forever.**
(1 Thessalonians 4:17)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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 trespasses

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

☐ Amen.

Jesus Loves Me

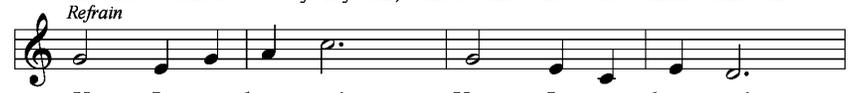
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1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav - en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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OBITUARY

Beatrice "Bea" (Hajek) Kuretsch at age 68 went to be with her Lord on Friday, January 22, 2021.

She was born September 20, 1952, in El Campo, TX to John and Gilbertine (Urbanovsky) Hajek. She attended El Campo High School (Class of 1971) and continued her education at Wharton County Junior College. Bea was a homemaker while her husband owned his business. Shortly after he started teaching at the high school, she began to substitute and later became a full-time clerical aide for El Campo Middle School with 20 years of loyal service before retiring.

She was an active member of St John's Lutheran Church. She enjoyed reading, word search puzzles, and playing Wahoo with her family. She enjoyed her family especially her grandson and attending movies with her husband.

Preceded in death by her parents John and Gilbertine Hajek. She is survived by her husband, Larry Kuretsch of 41.5 years; daughter, Cheryl Kuretsch and grandson, Ethan Kuretsch.

Pallbearers are Ernest "Skip" Hajek, Billy Nitsche, Deacon Rusty Theut, Stan Theut, Shawn Hicks, Nathan Kuretsch, and honorary pallbearer, Ethan Kuretsch.

The family would like to express our thanks for the wonderful help and care given by her doctor and nurses at Medical Clinic of Houston, Houston Methodist Hospital, and Houston Hospice in El Campo. If desired, friends may make memorial contributions to Yay 4 Life, Houston Hospice of El Campo, or St. John's Lutheran Church building fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family at wheelerfuneralhome.net.

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