



Giving Thanks for a Life of Faith, Love, and Service

Phyllis Sharon Gilbertson

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## Prelude

Selections from *Water Music* –George F. Handel  
“Allegro Moderato” –George F. Handel  
“Hornpipe” –George F. Handel  
“Thanks Be to Thee” –George F. Handel  
“Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring” –Johann S. Bach

## Introduction

*The assembly is invited to turn to the back of the sanctuary.*

## Welcome

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Phyllis, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. 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.

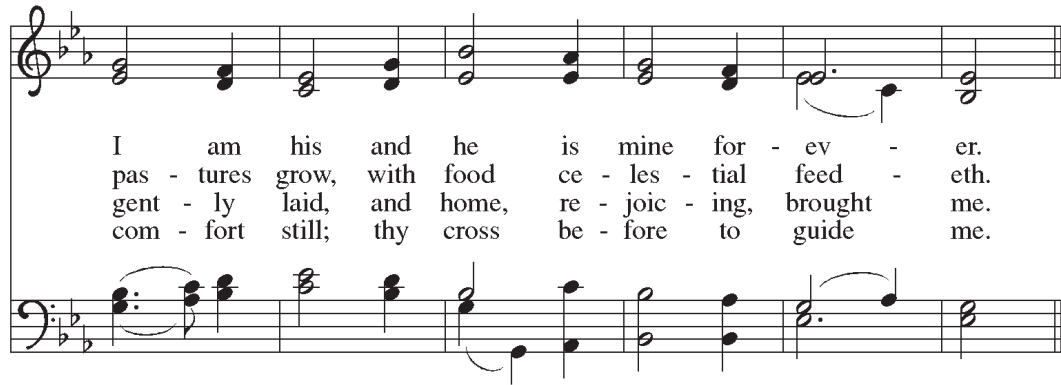
## Processional Hymn ♦ ELW 502: **The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

ST. COLUMBA

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The music features a mix of single notes, chords, and some triplet rhythms. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4.

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877  
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.  
O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today  
our sister, Phyllis. We thank you for giving her to us to know  
and love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your  
boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your  
aid, so that we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that  
we may continue our course in life in confidence until, by  
your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Life Remembered

Steen Gilbertson  
Erik Gilbertson  
Jon Gilbertson

**Solo** • “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” –George F. Handel  
Emily Murdock, soprano soloist



First Reading ♦ Isaiah 52:7–10 ♦ Lector: Stian Gilbertson

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

<sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight, they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm ♦ Psalm 46 ♦ Lector: Tor Gilbertson

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup>The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

## Second Reading ♦ Philippians 4:4–8 ♦ Lector: Soren Gilbertson

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel ♦ John 10:11–15, 27–30

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

<sup>27</sup>“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

<sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon ♦ Pastor Ann Hultquist

(1961 Class Hymn – Fairview Hospital School of Nursing)



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
 let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
 and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
 nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
 Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## Prayers

*To each petition the assembly responds:*

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

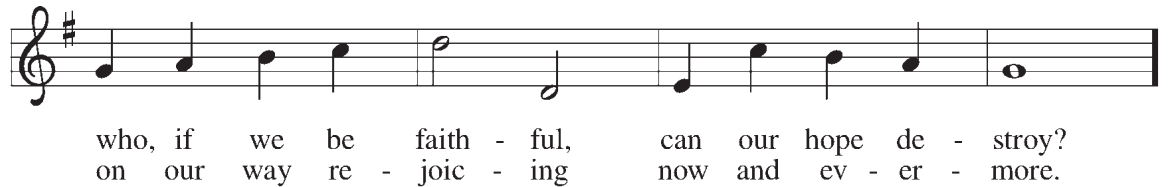
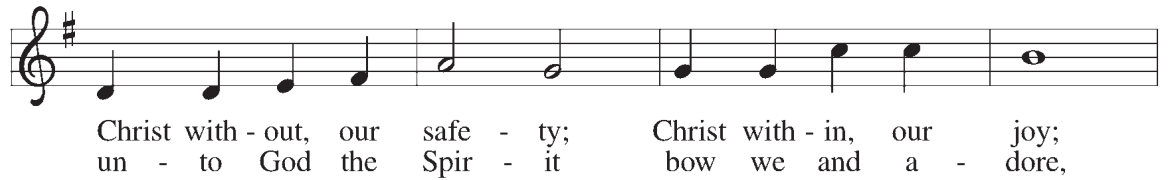
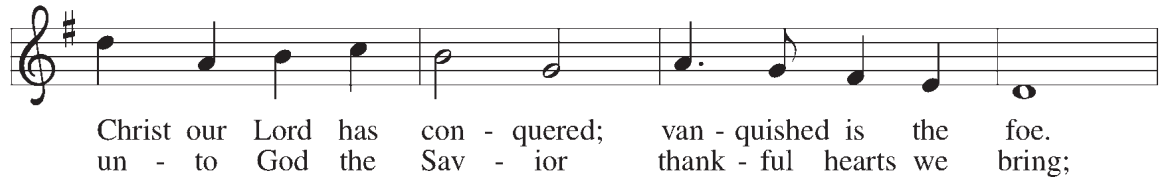
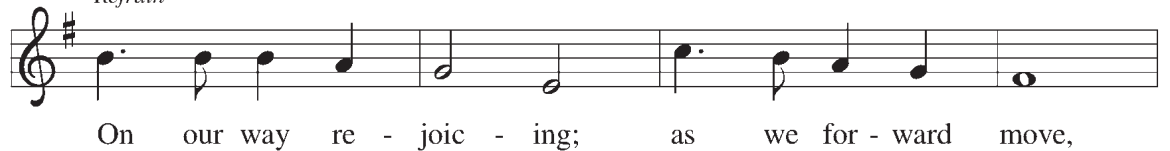
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

## Commendation

Let us commend Phyllis to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Phyllis. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, 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. **Amen.**

*Refrain*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.  
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

**Farewell**

Phyllis, our companion in faith, we entrust you to God.  
Go forth from this world in the love of God who created you,  
in the mercy of Jesus who died for you,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit who receives and protects you.  
**May you rest in peace and rise in glory;  
where pain and grief are banished,  
and life and joy are yours forever.**

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Recessional

*The assembly remains for the recessional.*

“Toccata” from *Symphony No. 5* –Charles-Marie Widor

*The assembly is invited to follow the family to the Augustana Memorial Garden for the committal.*

## Postlude ♦ “O Day Full of Grace” –Christoph E. F. Weyse

## Committal ♦ Augustana Memorial Garden

Grace and peace from our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our sister Phyllis, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise her up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Apostles' Creed

We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our sister Phyllis, and we commit her body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.



The Lord bless her and keep her.  
The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon her with favor and ✠ give her peace.

**Amen.**

**Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.**

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Amen.**

Let us go in peace.

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# Phyllis Sharon Gilbertson

July 23, 1940–November 9, 2022

A remarkable woman—wife, mother, grandmother, and friend—has ended her Baptismal journey. Phyllis died on Wednesday, November 9 and her husband Paul held her hand to the end.

Phyllis Sharon was the middle child of seven born to Minnesota farmer Carlisle (d.2000) and Alice (d.2002) Gunderson of Twin Lakes, MN. She was born in July of 1940, baptized that August, and “marked with the cross of Christ forever.” Her siblings included Gayle Grande (wife of Dr. David Grande d.2017), Arlen (d.2008) husband of Betsy, Gloria Johnson (wife of Wally), Lowell (husband of Judy), Pauline Taylor (wife of Baker) and Lenore Gregory (wife of Richard d.2006).

Phyllis had an active life as a teenager—playing the piano and church pump organ, being a member of 4H, and achieving membership in the National Honor Society as an honors student. She attended nursing school at Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis, graduating in the class of 1961.

In August of 1962, Phyllis married seminary student Paul Gilbertson. She later gave birth to three sons—Steen, Erik (husband of Nichola) and Jon (husband of Jamye). She is also survived by six grandchildren: Kiere and Stian (Jon and Jamye’s kids), and Soren, Tor, Emily, and Alice (Erik and Nichola’s kids). Phyllis took great delight in her grandchildren and was very involved in their lives.

She led an active life as a wife, mother, and registered nurse, and continued to practice nursing until her retirement in 2006. Together, Phyllis and Paul traveled extensively to more



than 20 countries and hosted trips to the Holy Land, Egypt, Ethiopia, and Cuba.

Her life was given unselfishly to others, and is best summed up in the following statements received in response to her death.

“Phyllis was such a kind and wonderful soul. I

have so many fond memories of her laugh and her sparkle. In my eyes, she had such a graceful, sophisticated way about her, yet completely unassuming.”

“I remember Phyllis as a graceful, loving presence. She had a softness in her spirit that I admired very much. I loved watching both of you, as you modeled a loving marriage (such a gift).”

“For me, it was Phyllis’s laughter that is so prominent. There are strong memories of you and Phyllis at our house and it seemed there was joy there. BUT Phyllis had such a lovely laugh that it brought joy to all who were near her. There is more I know but for now, for me that is what I remember about her. My Aunt Phyllis.”

*Note: The picture on the front of the bulletin was taken near Ephesus, Turkey in 2018.*

**Memorial gifts** may be given to **Global Health Ministries** (Phyllis’s favorite charity), **Augustana Foundation, Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains**, or a charity of your choice.

**Interment**  
**Augustana Memorial Garden**  
Denver, Colorado

**You are invited**  
to greet the family at a reception  
in Fellowship Hall  
following the committal.

**Worship Leaders**

**Preacher:**

Pastor Ann Hultquist

**Presider:**

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

**Organist:**

Andrew Peters

**Soprano Soloist:**

Emily Murdock

**Processional Crucifer:**

Emily Gilbertson

**Recessional Crucifer:**

Alice Gilbertson

**Readers:**

Stian Gilbertson

Tor Gilbertson

Soren Gilbertson

**Ushers:**

Greg Bickle

Emmett Cruson