



To remember and to thank God for the life of

Marybeth Smith

August 12, 1926–April 25, 2023

July 16, 2023 | 1:30 p.m. | Christ Chapel

Prelude ♦ “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”
from *Requiem* –Johannes Brahms

Welcome

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

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.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. **We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. **We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

Hymn ♦ ELW 879: For the Beauty of the Earth

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- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously
tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they
may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Life Remembered ♦ Anne Myers

Music for Reflection

Reading ♦ Psalm 39:4–7

⁴“LORD, let me know my end,
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting my life is.
⁵You have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.
Surely everyone stands as a mere breath.
⁶Surely everyone goes about like a shadow.
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
they heap up, and do not know who will gather.
⁷“And now, O LORD, what do I wait for?
My hope is in you.”

Matthew 5:1–9

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after
he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak,
and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

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

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn ♦ **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Verses 1, 2, 4



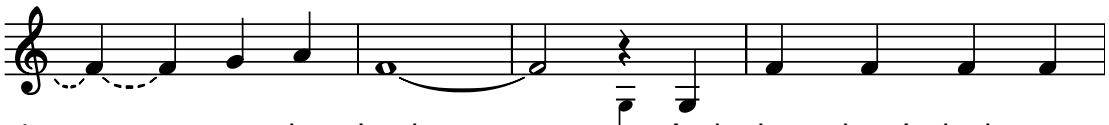
1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace.
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace.
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace.

Where there is ha-tred,
Where there's de-spair in
It is in par-don-



1. let me bring your love. _____
2. life, let me bring hope. _____
4. ing that we are par-doned, _____

Where there is in - ju -
Where there is dark-ness _
In giv - ing of our -



1. ry, your par-don, Lord,
2. _____ on - ly light,
4. selves that we re - ceive,

And where there's doubt, true
And where there's sad - ness
And in dy - ing that we're

1, Final 1st time: to Verse 2 (Fine) 2 to Verse 3

1. faith in you.

2. ev - er 2. joy.

4. born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3

3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con -

3. soled, as to con - sole, To be un-der-stood, as to un-der -

3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul. to Verse 4

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Prayers

To each petition the assembly responds:

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

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.**

Commendation

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

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Marybeth Smith. 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.**

Hymn ♦ ELW 834: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO



1	Im - mor - tal,	in - vis - i - ble,	God on - ly	wise,
2	Un - rest - ing,	un - hast - ing,	si - lent	as
3	To all, life thou	giv - est,	to both great	and
4	Thou reign - est	in glo - ry;	thou dwell - est	in

light;
light;
small;
light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

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

Postlude ♦ “Lord, Make Me to Know” from *Requiem* –Johannes Brahms

Committal

Marybeth Smith

August 12, 1926–April 25, 2023

Mary Elizabeth “Marybeth” Smith passed away on April 25, 2023, after a short illness. Her 96 years were lived to the fullest. She is survived by her daughter, Anne Smith Myers, her son-in-law, Dave Byassee and her extended family of beloved nieces and nephews: Meg Clark, Bruce Clark, Alan Clark (Cynthia), Lolly Radakovich (Mike), Jim Smith (Carrie), Paul Smith (Nancy), Rob Smith (Cyd) and their wonderful children and grand-children.

Born to Vivian and John McCormick in Wellington, Kansas on August 12, 1926, Marybeth grew up on a farm, experiencing both the dust bowl and the Great Depression firsthand. She graduated from Southwestern College with a Bachelor of Arts in 1950. That same year, she married Ralph Meredith Smith, a journalist and broadcaster working in the early days of television. In 1954, they welcomed their daughter Anne. In 1963, Ralph died of Leukemia. Marybeth later met and married Feay Burton (Burr) Smith Jr., a lawyer, who adopted and helped raise Anne. He passed away in 1990.

Marybeth began her professional career in Christian Education, working as the Director of Christian Education at two different Presbyterian churches. She later obtained her Master’s Degree in Education and Psychology at the University of Denver and worked for more than 20 years as a school counselor in Jefferson County middle schools. She was a talented writer, a lover of travel, good food and, most of all, her family and friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Interment
Augustana Memorial Garden
Denver, Colorado

You are invited
to greet the family at a reception
at the home of
Anne Myers and Dave Byassee,
832 S. Clarkson St., Denver, 80209

Memorials
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Augustana Lutheran Church
augustanadenver.org

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Pastor Caitlin Trussell
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Andrew Peters
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Anne Myers
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