



**Celebration of Life
and
Witness to the Resurrection**



Doris Blades Black

March 30, 1929 ~ January 11, 2024



Prelude

Pachelbel Canon
Johann Pachelbel
Suk Choi, Organist

Revelation 14: 13

¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

Welcome

Pastor Jim Szeyller

Opening Sentences

Psalm 46: 1 - 5, 10 - 11

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³ though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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

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

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

John 11: 25 - 26

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Opening Prayer

Pastor Sara McCurdy

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Reginald Heber & John Dykes
#2 (vv.1, 2, 4)

*Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity*

*Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Which wert and art
And evermore shalt be*

*Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity*

First Lesson

Romans 8: 31 - 39

Pew Bible, p. 158

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."
³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Remembrance of Family

Jack Burton
Linda Burton
Tom Black

Anthem

He Never Failed Me Yet

Robert Ray
LNPC Chancel Choir
Carol Stocksedale & Chris Green, Soloists

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18

Pew Bible, pp. 204 - 205

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Homily

A Lasting Hope

Hymn

Amazing Grace

John Newton
#502 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I am found
Was blind, but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed*

*When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun*

Pastoral 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.*

Closing Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine
#21 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru-out the universe displayed!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

*When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And 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 Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

*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 Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

Benediction

Postlude

Largo from Xerxes G. F. Handel

Doris Blades Black **March 30, 1929 – January 11, 2024**

Doris Blades Black, 94, beloved Wife, Mother, Grand - mother, Great Grandmother, Aunt, Sister, and Friend passed away peacefully at her daughter's home in San Juan Capistrano, California surrounded by her loving family on January 11, 2024. Doris was preceded in death by her husband Malcolm ("Mal"), son Douglas and brothers John and James Blades. She is survived by her daughter Linda Burton (husband Jack) of San Juan Capistrano and sons Thomas (wife Laurie) of Mesa (Arizona) and Jeffrey (wife Joni) of Santa Ana, sister Nancy Geiler and brother George Blades of Cincinnati (Ohio). Doris had 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Doris was born in Orange, New Jersey on March 30, 1929, to parents John and Gertrude Blades. Doris graduated from Summit High School in 1947 and went on to attend the University of Rochester where she excelled academically and graduated with a bachelor's degree in American Studies in 1951. While attending The University of Rochester she met her longtime husband, Mal. They were married in 1951 and celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary together just before Mal passed in June 2023.

After Mal graduated from the University of Rochester, he enlisted in the Air Force and the couple relocated to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Following the death of their first-born son, Douglas, and Mal's time in the service, they returned to New Jersey where Mal attended Columbia University and upon graduation began to work in the insurance industry.

As Mal furthered his career, the family (which now had 3 young children) moved around a bit – in 1964 from New Jersey to Chagrin Falls (Ohio), then to Mansfield (Ohio) in 1967 and finally in 1970 to Placentia (California). Doris and Mal were active members of the First Presbyterian Church

in Fullerton until their retirement planning took them to Dana Point in 1985 when they became original members of the Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church.

Doris was a proud stay at home mom, she was very sociable and never afraid to say what was on her mind. She loved to cook, travel, host parties, do puzzles, knit, play Bridge, and volunteer her time to help others. It didn't matter where she lived, she always found a place to play (and teach) her favorite game - Bridge. Doris was a wonderful cook and even produced a recipe book for the family.

Doris was a member of the Placentia Round Table for 52 years, and a member of the Assistance League of Capistrano Valley for nearly 35 years. She also volunteered with Meals on Wheels. She was named Placentia Citizen of the Year in 1975 and was elected in 1978 to serve as the Placentia City Clerk. Following her service to the City of Placentia, a street was named after her – Black Lane.

Doris loved to travel with Mal. During their 72-year marriage they traveled extensively in the United States and to world destinations including England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, and Mexico. Only Israel and Africa were unvisited on their wish list.

The family thanks you for joining them in this Celebration of Life service. Later this year, we will be taking Doris and Mal to their final resting place, beside their son Douglas, in Fair Mount Cemetery in Chatham, New Jersey.

Thank you for joining us to celebrate
Doris's life. The family deeply
appreciates your love and prayers.

We look forward to greeting you at the
Reception in Gard Hall following the service.

Laguna Niguel
Presbyterian
CHURCH

30071 Ivy Glenn Drive
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

949.249.1218 www.lnpc.org office@lnpc.org