

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
I will fear no evil for thou art with me"

## THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF KARMA LYNN ANDERSON SMITH

Zion Lutheran Church, El Paso, Texas

August 7, 2020

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC & VIDEO

David Garcia, organ

*The video can also be viewed at [www.zionelpaso.org/karmasmith](http://www.zionelpaso.org/karmasmith)*

### WELCOME

Pastor Stephen Heimer

### HYMN OF COMFORT AND PRAISE

"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

### INVOCATION AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** As a father shows compassion to his children

**C** so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

**P** For he knows how we are made; he remembers that we are dust.

**C** As for us, our days are like grass; we flourish like a flower

**P** the wind passes over us, we are gone, our place is known no more

**C** But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness upon their children's children, to those who keep faith with His promises.  
(Psalm 103)

**P** In Holy Baptism Karma was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (Romans 6:3)

**C** "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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." (Romans 6:4-5)

*The urn is covered with the funeral pall as a symbol of Christ's righteousness and the eternal life that clothed Karma when she was baptized.*

## PSALM 98

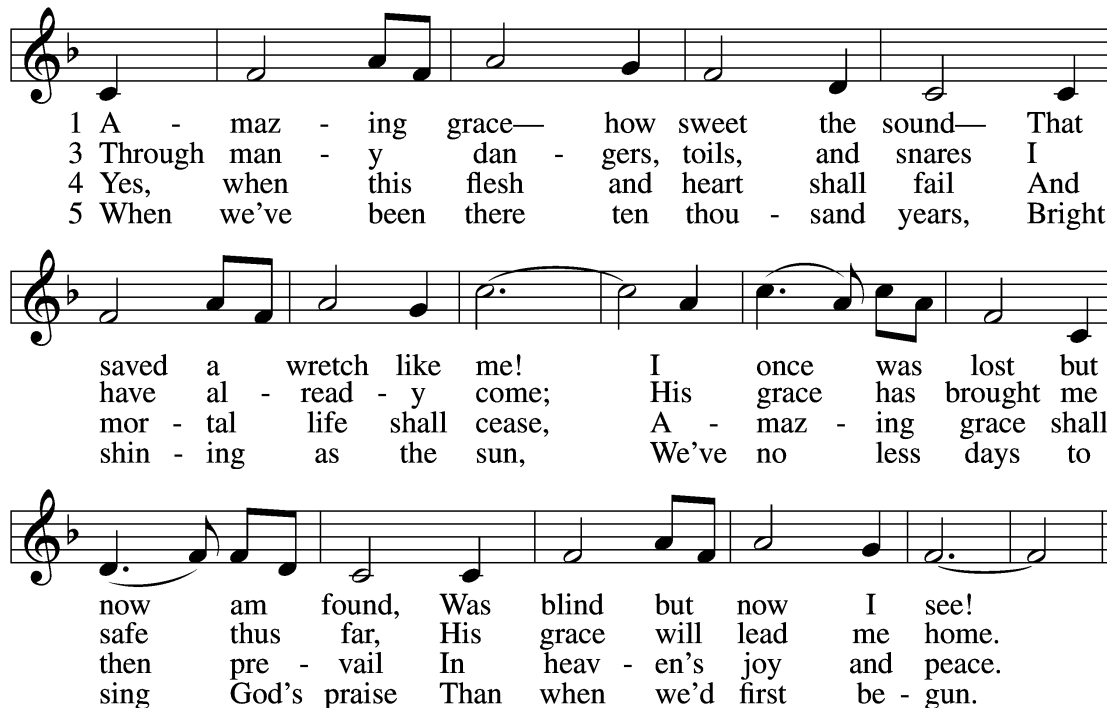
Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.  
The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!  
Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together  
before the LORD, for he comes  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

## VIDEO

"I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry" sung by family friend, Jolyn George  
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## HYMN OF BAPTISMAL PROMISE

"Amazing Grace" LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
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  
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!  
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.

## THE PROMISES OF GOD IN HOLY SCRIPTURE

### PSALM OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### SONG

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" sung by David Garcia

### EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

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

### HYMN OF PROMISE

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LSB 770



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.

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### GOSPEL READING

John 3:16–17

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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, died and was 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.**

## HYMN OF RESURRECTION PEACE

"How Great Thou Art" LSB 801



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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## MEDITATION

*<sup>1</sup>Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:1-6)*

## PASTORAL PRAYERS

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Receive our thanks for Karma and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to Karma's family, and to all who mourn, comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

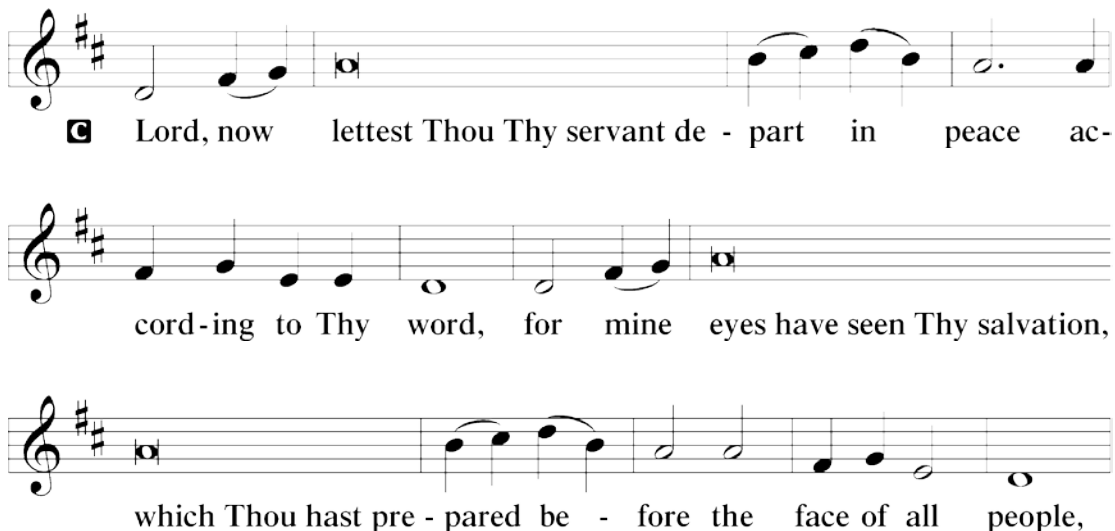
- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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.**

## WORDS FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS

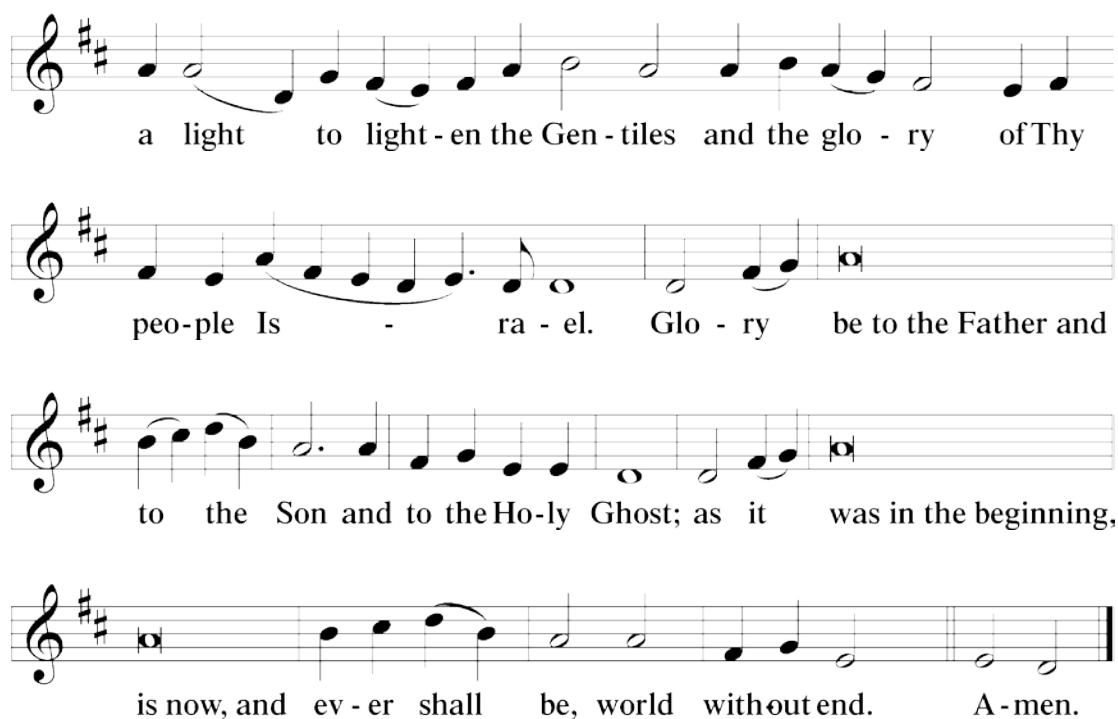
Jessica Batts  
Andrew Batts  
Mark Anderson  
Charles Rotche'

## NUNC DIMITTIS

- P** "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men.

**P** "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

**P** Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with Karma and all whom we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### BENEDICTION

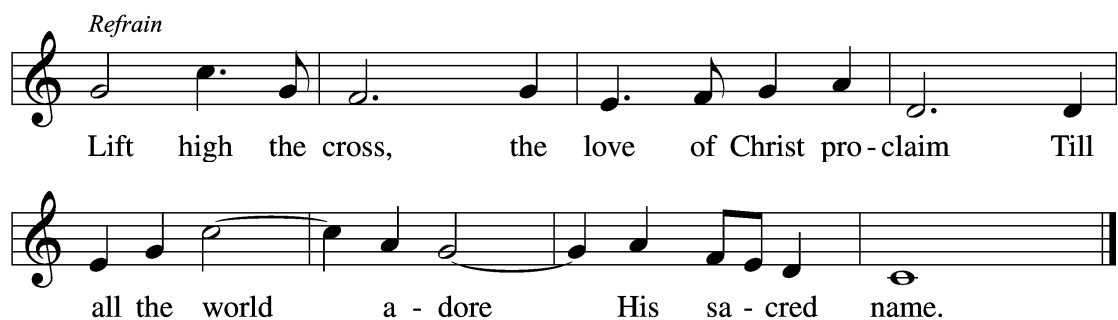
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**G** Amen.


### HYMN OF RESURRECTION VICTORY


"Lift High the Cross" LSB 837


*Refrain*




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
 all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.


  
 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell  
 6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:


  
 Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.  
 Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!


  
 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim Till


  
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**POSTLUDE**

## *Karma Lynn Smith*

Karma Lynn Anderson was born on April 9, 1941 in Reno, Nevada - the youngest child of Walter and Ella Anderson. She was raised in Reno with a loving relationship to her many extended family and close friends. Karma attended the University of Nevada - Reno in September 1959, where, on her first day of college, she met the love of her life, Jim Smith, in a social dance PE class. Karma and Jim were married on June 22, 1963. Shortly thereafter, they became an "Army Family" and began an amazing 30-year military career full of worldwide adventures. They had several tours at Fort Bliss, which led to a decision to stay in El Paso after their retirement from the Army in 1994. Karma had a full life built around her Faith, her Family, her Friends, and her Community. If you knew Karma, you loved Karma, and she loved you. She was an accomplished artist and loved to draw and paint. She was also a very active member of Zion Lutheran Church in El Paso for over 35 years. Karma had a strong faith and was devoted to her Lord Jesus. She had a massive stroke on July 21, 2020 and her Lord called her home the next day. She will be remembered for her love of family and friends, her warm personality, and her sense of humor. It is difficult to think of a time when she did not have a smile on her face. Karma was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Shirley. She is survived by her loving husband, Jim Smith; her brother, Walter Anderson (Sheryl); her daughter, Shirley Batts (Jerry); her grandchildren Jessica Batts and Andrew Batts, her bonus grandchildren, Melissa Reifman (Jason) and Amanda Batts; and her six Godchildren - Paul Anderson (Tracy), Mark Anderson (Laura), David Anderson, Stephen Anderson (Ete'), Mary Lynn Bliven and Charles Rotche' (Sharlee).



