

"I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF

MARTA JOANNA HAMLYN

Zion Lutheran Church, El Paso, Texas

April 6, 2021

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Bruce Nehring, organ
Pastor Stephen Heimer

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 Marta 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)

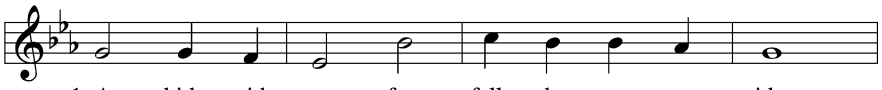
C **"We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." (Romans 6:4-5)**

COLLECT

P Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Marta and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN OF RESURRECTION HOPE

"Abide With Me" LSB 878



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

+ GOD'S WORD OF PROMISE +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 3:22–26

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

PSALM OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Psalms 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.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 13

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:25–29

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

MEDITATION

HYMN OF RESURRECTION JOY

"Tis the Gift to be Simple"

1. 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be.
And when you find yourself in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

Refrain:

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'Til by turning, turning we come 'round right.

2. 'Tis the gift to be loved and that love to return,
'Tis the gift to be taught and a richer gift to learn,
And when we expect of others what we try to live each day,
Then we'll all live together and we'll all learn to say. *Refrain*
3. 'Tis the gift to have friends and a true friend to be,
'Tis the gift to think of others not to only think of "me",
And when we hear what others really think and really feel,
Then we'll all live together with a love that is real. *Refrain*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

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.

WORDS FROM FAMILY

Ed Hamlyn

NUNC DIMITTIS

- A** Jesus declared, "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."
- G** **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- A** "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

BENEDICTION

HYMN OF RESURRECTION COMFORT

"Going Home"

1. Going home, going home, I'm just going home.
Quiet-like, slip away, I'll be going home.
It's not far, just close by; Jesus is the Door;
Work all done, laid aside, Fear and grief no more.
Friends are there, waiting now. He is waiting too.
See His smile! See His hand! He will lead me through.
2. Morning Star lights the way; Restless dream all done;
Shadows gone, break of day, Life has just begun.
Ev'ry tear wiped away, Pain and sickness gone;
Wide awake there with Him! Peace goes on and on!
Going home, going home, I'll be going home.
See the Light! See the Sun! I'm just going home.

POSTLUDE

Bruce Nehring, organ



Marta Joanna Hamlyn

Marta Joanna Hamlyn passed away on March 31, 2021. Marta was born in Panama City, Panama on May 11, 1949. She was the first-born child of Edwin E. Hamlyn and Mary Jane Hamlyn. Marta's parents returned to the States when Marta was two-years old, and El Paso was Marta's home for the remainder of her life. Marta attended Mesita Grade School and El Paso High School. She graduated from El Paso High School in 1969. Marta never married and had no children. Because she had limited capabilities, she continued living with her parents, losing her father in 1986 and her mother in 2012. Thereafter, her brother moved into the house and acted as her caregiver. While Marta never had any formal employment, she worked as a volunteer for the El Paso Public Library and later, for more than 10-years, as a volunteer for the YWCA. In her later life, Marta exerted her independence. She mastered the bus system and went on shopping excursions, unaccompanied. She kept active in exercise classes at the Life Care Center and later at EP Fitness. She especially enjoyed having lunch and playing bingo at the Polly Harris Senior Center where she developed friendships, and she longed for the time when the pandemic would end and she could resume this activity. Marta was a simple and caring person. She was a kind person. She loved animals, family and her few friends. She had a remarkable memory of events that occurred in her early life and a keen interest in her family history. She was deeply religious. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and formed friendships with several congregants of the church. One of these congregants in particular, Ms. Linda Chaumont, was one of her closest friends. Also important in Marta's life was her ex-Sister-in-Law, Deborah Hamlyn, who remained close to her and assisted her in numerous ways. Marta was preceded in death by her parents, and is survived by her brother, Ed Hamlyn, and her nephew, Geoffrey S. Hamlyn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Zion Lutheran Church or a favorite charity.



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