

"I am
the *Way* and the *Truth* and the *Life*.

No one comes to the
Father except through
Me."

In loving memory

Jessica Brown ~ August 20, 1970 ~ March 8, 2023

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

MARCH 25, 2023

In Loving Memory of

Jessica Leanne Brown

August 20, 1970 – March 8, 2023

A Christian memorial service is a worship celebration. Although there is a deep sadness that we no longer have our loved one with us, we can still come together to celebrate the joy of victory for Jessica and for ourselves as we believe that Jesus Christ has died for us and was raised back to life. We worship together.

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PRELUDE

“I Come To The Garden Alone”

Charles Austin Miles | Weldon C. Kennedy

Morgan Sprengle, *soloist*

VICTORY CELEBRATION

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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 6:3–5)

“Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

--*Jesus*

(Revelation 2:10 ESV)

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HYMN

“Majesty”

Jack Hayford

Ascension Choir

INVOCATION

P We gather here today to receive and to share with each other the comfort and strength of our Lord.

C **In His Word is both life and hope which is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P In You, O Lord, do we trust. Be with us this day as we need and seek Your guidance and direction in grief and sorrow.

C **In You, O Lord, do we trust. And so, we make our beginning in the name of the Father Who created us, the Son Who redeemed both body and soul, and the Holy Spirit Who made this earthly body the temple of our Lord. Amen.**

P O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today, Jessica, our sister in Christ. We thank You for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion here on earth. In Your unlimited compassion, console us who mourn. Enable us, Lord, to be able to see in death the gate to eternal life and that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by Your call, we are reunited with Jessica and those who have gone before us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God the Father Who loved us, and by His grace gave us eternal life, strengthen you in every good deed and word. Amen.

(2 Thessalonians 2:16–17)

SONG

“I Love You Lord”

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what You hear –
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 19:25-27

²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:35-39

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded 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 sure 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.

GOSPEL PROMISE

John 14:1-6

¹ [Jesus said,] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

HYMN

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge! Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do Thy friends despise forsake Thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield Thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

MESSAGE

“REFLECTION”

John 14:1-6
Pastor Jim Sprengle

PRAYER

P O God, our Father in Heaven:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Holy Spirit, our Counselor:

C **Grant us Your peace.**

P O, how glorious is that Kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ.

C **They are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb wherever He goes.**

P Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

C **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P Loving and merciful God, if it were not for the promise of the resurrection and life eternal, we could not endure the sorrow which has come upon this gathering. Only the assurance of Your continual presence enables us to carry on during these times. Lord, do not let these loved ones mourn as those who have no hope. Comfort them day after day with the precious promise of Your Word. Give them grace to come to You and to find rest for their souls.

Merciful God, You have appointed us to endure trouble and sorrow with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into glory. Enable us to be strong in faith to the end and to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come. We pray through Jesus. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Mt 6:9ff; Lk 11:2ff)*

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.

THE COMMENDATION

- P** Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Jessica Leanne Brown. We humbly ask, Lord, that You acknowledge her as a sheep of Your fold, a lamb of Your flock, and a sinner whom You have redeemed. Receive her into Your merciful arms, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in Heaven.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

(Elderly Simeon spoke the following words when Baby Jesus was presented to him in the temple.)

Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel. *Luke 2:29-32*

May God enable you to see Jesus as your salvation. In the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing, You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

Please join us in the Community Room for a reception

Memorials may be made to:
Ascension Lutheran Church

Officiant: Rev. Jim Sprengle
Musician: Brad Hall

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CHRISTIAN OBITUARY

Jessica Leanne Brown

August 20, 1970 – March 8, 2023

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Jessica Leanne Brown, daughter of Ira and Kathy, was born in Henderson, Nevada on August 20, 1970, and died on March 8, 2023, at the age of 52 years 6 months 19 days. Jessica was baptized during the annual church picnic for Ascension Lutheran church at Red Sunset Park, Gresham, Oregon, on August 17, 2014. She completed adult confirmation on September 7, 2014, at Ascension Lutheran Church, where she was a faithful member until the time of her death.

Jessica was united in marriage to Donald Brown on August 20, 1993, and they lived in Portland, Oregon. Two children were born to their union, Cody and Wyatt.

Jessica served her Lord at Ascension throughout her years in many capacities. She volunteered as substitute church secretary, Power Pointer, Greeter, was a member of the Altar Guild, and was a faithful attender of any and all events and services offered.

Jessica was an active volunteer in Boy Scouts for over 20 years. She loved board games and puzzles. Jessica also loved to crochet and go camping. She was an avid reader, who, at one point read 52 books a year!

Preceding her in death are her mother Kathy, sister Jackie, and grandson Arthur.

Surviving to mourn the death are her husband; Donald, sons; Cody and Wyatt, brother; Jim, father; Ira, niece; Daniella, daughter-in-law; Danielle, grandchildren; Antonio, Audrina, and Teddy, and many friends.