

A Celebration of Life for

Winifred Mary Nowell



June 25, 1936 — December 10, 2024

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
690 BURRARD ST., VANCOUVER

Remembering Winnie

Winnie died December 10, 2024, at St. John Hospice in Vancouver, at the age of eighty-eight. She was predeceased by her parents, siblings Barbara and David (Mary), her son Anthony John Claydon and brother-in-law Cyril. She leaves behind a devoted husband Colin, daughter Rosemary, granddaughter Leighla, siblings Roger (Jean) and Susan, brothers-in-law Evan (Brenda), Lindsay (Edwina), and many cherished family members in the U.K. and Canada.

A devout Christian, she was loving to the core. Winifred adored her family and children and showed boundless kindness to others, especially the vulnerable. She retained her child-like sense of awe and wonder about nature and the arts. She was passionate about choral music, singing in Christ Church Cathedral Choir for 25 years and Vancouver Bach Choir for 42 seasons. She was deeply committed to social and environmental justice.

A faithful parishioner at Christ Church Cathedral for 67 years, Winnie was a beloved reader and intercessor and admired for her portrayal of the 14th-century mystic Julian of Norwich. A beautiful, fun-loving woman, she gardened, cooked, showed hospitality, and played tennis with zest. In her last decade, she demonstrated her acting skills with gusto on stage and screen.

Rest in peace and may light perpetual shine on her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vancouver Bach Choir, Council of Canadians, Christ Church Cathedral or St. John Hospice.

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The music of the Requiem Mass is sung to the setting by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924).

The Gathering of the Community

Presider I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die.
And everyone who has life, and is committed to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

John 11:25-26

Let not your hearts be troubled;
believe in God, believe also in me.
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?
And when 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.

John 14:1-3

I am sure that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, 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.

Romans 8:38-39

Welcome

The Very Reverend Christopher A. Pappas

Last Post

Evan Miles

Thanksgiving for the Life of Winnie

Colin Miles

Morgen! (Tomorrow!)

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

Text: John Henry Mackay (1864-1933).

Soloist: Mark da Silva (tenor).

And tomorrow the sun will shine again
and on the way that I will go,
she will again unite us, the happy ones
amidst this sun-breathing earth,
and to the beach, wide, wave-blue
will we still and slowly descend
silently we will look in each other's eyes
and upon us will sink the mute silence of happiness.

Introit and Kyrie

*Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion:

et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.

Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord:
and may light perpetual shine upon them.

A hymn befits you, God in Zion,
and to you a vow shall be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

Hear my prayer: to you all flesh shall come.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Presider greets the congregation.

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) nations.

All From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

Presider In this time and place, we meet to give thanks for the life of Winnie, to share our grief and sadness at her death and to surround her family with love.

All May God the Creator give us comfort and strength.

Presider In this time and place, we give thanks for the resurrection power of Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh.

All The risen Christ who brings healing to us and all people.

Presider In this time and place,
God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us.

All The Holy Spirit who transforms us and all life.

Presider In this time and place,
together, one people of God.

All **In the name of God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *For the Music of Creation*

Text: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020).

Melody: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); arr. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); desc. Hal Hopson (1933-).

1 For the music of creation,
for the song your Spirit sings,
for your sound's divine expression,
burst of joy in living things:
God, our God, the world's composer,
hear us, echoes of your voice; mu-
sic is your art, your glory,
let the human heart rejoice!

2 Psalms and symphonies exalt you,
drum and trumpet, string and reed,
simple melodies acclaim you,
tunes that rise from deepest need,
hymns of longing and belonging,
carols from a cheerful throat, lilt
of lullaby and love song
catching heaven in a note.

3 All the voices of the ages
in transcendent chorus meet,
worship lifting up the senses,
hands that praise and dancing feet;
over discord and division
music speaks your joy and peace, har-
mony of earth and heaven,
song of God that cannot cease!

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us,
with your servant Winnie and all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection;
that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Read by Winnie Nowell before her passing.

Second Reading

The Revelation of Divine Love to Julian of Norwich

Gradual Hymn

God, You Have Caused to Be Written

(CP 476)

Text: Herbert O'Driscoll (1928-2024).

Music: CAUSA DIVINA, F.R.C. Clarke (1931-2009).



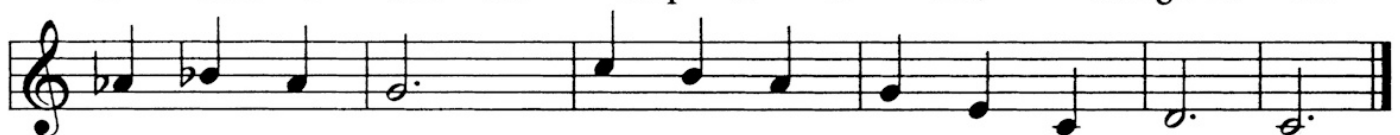
1 God, you have caused to be writ - ten your word for our
2 Now may our God give us joy, and all peace in be -
3 Lord, should the powers of the earth and the heav - ens be



learn - ing; grant us that, hear - ing, our hearts may be
liev - ing all things were writ - ten in truth for our
sha - ken, grant us to see you in all things, our



in - ward - ly burn - ing. Give to us grace, that in your
thank - ful re - ceiv - ing. As Christ did preach, through all the
vi - sion a - wak - en. Help us to see, though all the



Son we em - brace life, all its glo - ry dis - cern - ing.
world love must reach: grant us each day love's a - chiev - ing.
earth cease to be, your truth shall nev - er be shak - en.

The Holy Gospel

John 11:17-27

Clergy The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Clergy The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Dr. Marilyn Hames

A brief period of silence follows the homily.

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pie Jesu

Soloist: Emily Cheung (soprano)

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them everlasting rest.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in 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 your peace.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Grant us grace to entrust Winnie to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favour you bear for your people.

All **Hear us, Lord.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you

All **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Text: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000).

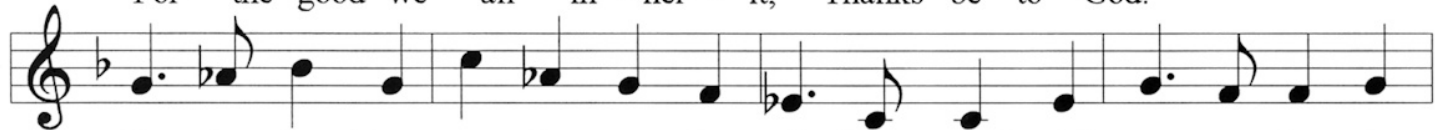
Music: DAHL, Rupert Lang (1948-).



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God;
2 In the just re - ward of la - bour, God's will be done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bour, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and des - pair - ing,
For the won - ders that a - stound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
Most of all that Love has found us, Thanks be to God.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Blessed are you, Lord of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

Presider Blessed are you, Source of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
whose victorious rising from the dead has given to us the hope of resurrection
and the promise of eternal life.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

<i>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts:
<i>Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.</i>	heaven and earth are full of your glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,
and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***All* 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Fraction

Presider This is the bread which has come down from heaven.

***All* Those who eat this bread will live forever.**

During Communion

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant them everlasting rest.

May eternal light shine on them, O Lord,
with your saints forever, for you are merciful.
Rest eternal rest grant to them O Lord,
and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Ave verum corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91)
[Sung by members of the Vancouver Bach Choir]

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side flowed water and blood:
be for us a foretaste in the trial of death!

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

God of love, you have fed us at the table of your kingdom.
Teach us to trust, without fear, in your eternal goodness and mercy.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

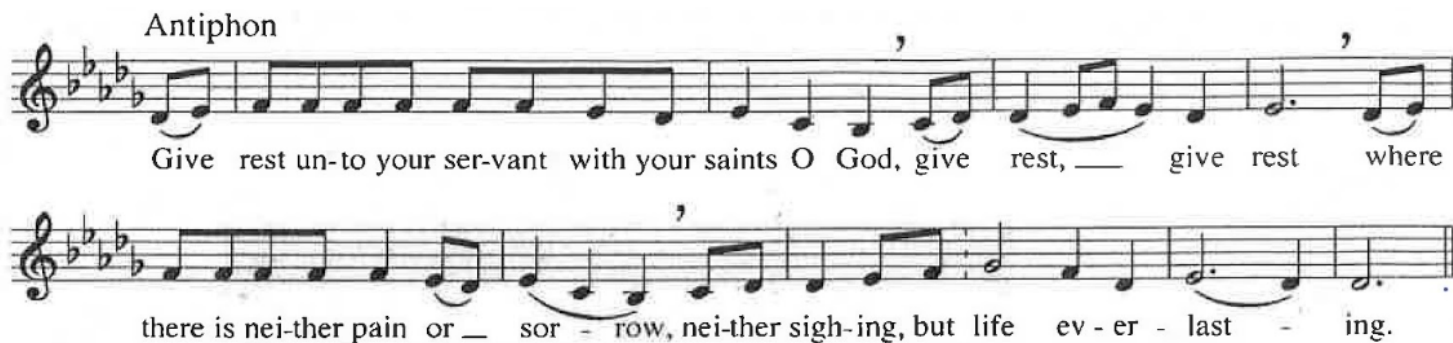
All **Amen.**

The Commendation

Kontakion

Rupert Lang (1948-)
Text: Orthodox Funeral Liturgy

Antiphon



Give rest un-to your ser-vant with your saints O God, give rest, — give rest where
there is nei-ther pain or — sor - row, nei-ther sigh-ing, but life ev - er - last - ing.

Choir For you, God only are immortal,
the creator and the maker of all;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to the earth we shall return. *Antiphon*

Choir For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Antiphon*

Ringling of the Memorial Bell, once for each decade into which Winifred lived.

In Paradisum

*In paradisum deducant angeli:
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem.*

May the angels lead you into Paradise:
on your arrival may the martyrs welcome you
and bring you into the holy city of Jerusalem.
May a choir of angels welcome you,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may you have eternal rest.

Presider Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend your servant Winifred,
Acknowledge, we pray, 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.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy Go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sending

Hymn to Freedom

Oscar Peterson (1925-2007)
Text: Harriette Hamilton (1936-2020)

When every heart joins every heart and together yearns for liberty,
that's when we'll be free.

When every hand joins every hand and together moulds our destiny,
that's when we'll be free.

Any hour, any day, the time soon will come when we will live in dignity,
that's when we'll be free.

When everyone joins in our song and together singing harmony,
that's when we'll be free.

After the service, you are invited to join the family for a reception in the Parish Hall.

Interment will take place at Mountain View Cemetery on Wednesday, January 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Liturgical Leadership

<i>Presider</i>	The Very Reverend Christopher A. Pappas
<i>Preacher</i>	The Reverend Dr. Marilyn Hames
<i>Assisting Priest</i>	The Reverend Matthew Senf
<i>Subdeacon & MC</i>	Megan Otton
<i>Servers</i>	Terry Love, Nura Mohammed, Esther Aneke & Andrea Gailus
<i>Administrator</i>	The Reverend Margaret Marquardt
<i>Intercessor</i>	Bill Orr
<i>Readers</i>	Winnie Nowell (posthumously) & Susan Alexander
<i>Greeters</i>	Barbara Brown & Douglas Yee
<i>Bread Maker</i>	Neale Adams
<i>Music</i>	Members of the Cathedral Choir, Vancouver Bach Choir, Vancouver Chamber Choir & additional guest singers Emily Cheung & Mark da Silva (<i>Soloists</i>) Tawnya Popoff (<i>Concertmaster</i>) Angela Cavadas, Reg Quiring, Heather Hay, Harold Briston, Anne Duranceau & Elizabeth Volpe-Bligh (<i>Chamber Orchestra</i>) Brigid Coult (<i>Guest Director</i>) Dr. Neil Cockburn (<i>Organist & Director of Music</i>)