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**Deacon Pat Sheldon Celebration of Life
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Friday, May 13, 2022
11:00 AM**

Please know that this service is being live-streamed through Facebook Live, and those attending in person may be visible during the service.

PRELUDE

OPENING ANTHEM: I AM RESURRECTION

All stand

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.

And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.

So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!

So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

BURIAL COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Pat, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Pat's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The people sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:28-31

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 21:1-7

A reading from the book of Revelation

Then I saw new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Eulogy

SEQUENCE HYMN *Amazing Grace*
**Words & Music by John Newton, John P. Rees, &
 Edwin Othello Excell**

VERSE

G G/B G/D D⁷ Em C G G/B

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His Word my
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al -
 5. Yea when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mor - tal
 6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing

6 G/D D/C G/B G G/B

wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
 hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 -read - y come; 'Tis grace hath brought me
 life shall cease; I shall pos - sess with -
 as the sun; We've no less days to

11 C G/B C G G/B Em G/D D⁷ G

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear, the hour I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 -in the veil, a life of joy and peace.
 sing God's praise, than when we first be - gun.

GOSPEL READING John 6:37-40

Then, all standing, the Deacon or Minister appointed reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

At the end of the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Reverend Ruth Tomlinson

THE APOSTLES' CREED

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our sister Pat, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Pat, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.
Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.
Hear us, Lord.

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.
Hear us, Lord.

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept.

SERVICE FOR A DEPARTED DAUGHTER OF THE KING

Leader: Father of all mercies, giver of all comfort, Pat's life was knit together with ours as we worked to fulfill your will on earth through prayer, service and evangelism. Thank you for the time we shared with her as sisters in the Order of the Daughters of the King® Bestow your gracious mercy and strength on all who mourn her passing. Let us cast every care on you that we may know the consolation of your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Leader: God of Love, Our sister Pat, worked faithfully for the extension of your kingdom. Together with Daughters who have gone before, may she enter into the land of light and joy, and the fellowship of all the saints.

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,
All: *Have mercy on us.*

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,
All: *Have mercy on us.*

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,
All: *Give us your presence.*

Leader: Lord, have mercy.
All: *Christ have mercy.*
Leader: Lord, have mercy.

Let us observe a moment of Silence for our dear sister Pat.

Leader: Dear Heavenly Father, we bless you for all those who have departed this life in your faith and fear, especially your Daughter Pat, who daily prayed for others and served cheerfully in fulfillment of her vows. May her faith and example inspire other women and girls to greater and more faithful service for you. Grant that the light of your presence and the glory of the life beyond be her great and everlasting reward. *Amen.*

The Celebrant concludes

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Pat, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN *I Am the Bread of Life*
Toolan

G Bm C

I am the Bread of life; He who comes to me shall not
 bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
 less you eat of the flesh of the Son of
 I am the res-ur-rec-tion, that You are the

D G D C

hun-ger; He who be lieves in me shall not thirst. And
 world, And he who eats of His bread, And
 man, And he who drinks of His blood, And
 life. He who be lieves in me, And
 Christ, The Son of God,

G G C Am

No-one can come to me, Un less the Fa-ther
 He shall live for- drink of His blood, You shall not have life with-
 Ev-en if he die, He shall live for-
 Who has come in to the

D G D G

draw him.
 ev-er.
 in you. And I will raise him up, and I will
 ev-er.
 world.

C D -G -C

raise him up, and I will raise him up on the

G D 1.-4. **G** 5. **G**

last day. The day.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,

and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.
[Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a - bide in His shad - dow for
life, Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"

Chorus:
And He will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine — like the

G **Dmaj7** **G**
Dmaj7 **F** **Dm** **F** **Gm** **A**
A7 **D**
Em **A7** **D** **D7**

G Em A Bm F#m
 sun, _____ And hold you in _____ the _____

Em A7 1-3 **D**
 palm _____ of His hand. _____

G Dmaj7
 2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, And

G Dmaj7 F
 fam-ine will bring you no fear: _____ Un-der His wings your

Dm F Gm A
 ref-uge, _____ His faith-ful-ness _____ your shield. (Chorus)

D G 3 **Dmaj7**
 3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, Nor the

G Dmaj7 F
 ar-row that flies by day: _____ Though thou-sands fall a-

Dm F Gm A
 bout you, _____ Near you it shall not come.

D **G** **Dmaj7** *(Chorus)*

4. For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand to

G **Dmaj7** **F**

guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will

Gm **Am** **Bb** **A**

bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone. *(Chorus)*

4. **D** **Bm** **F#m** **Em7** **A** **D**

hand. And hold you hold you in the palm of His hand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

ANTHEM

You Raise Me Up

Words & Music by Brendan Graham & Rolf Lovland

VERSE

♩ = 72 C⁵ C^{SUS} C⁵

1. When I am down and oh, my soul's so wear-y, when troubles
 (2. There is no) life, no life with-out its hun-ger, each rest-less

3 C/E F² G(add4) F² F

come and my heart _ bur-den-ed be, then I am still _ and wait here in the
 heart beats so im - per - fect - ly, but when You come _ and I am filled with

6 C²/E C/E F C G⁷/C C

si - lence un - til You come and sit a while _ with me. You raise me
 won - der some-times I think I glimpse e - ter - ni - ty.

CHORUS 1a

9 Am F C/E G/B Am F

up so I can stand on moun-tains. You raise me up to walk on storm - y

12 C/E G C F²/A C/G C/E F



seas. I am strong when I am on Your shoulders. You raise me

15 C/G G⁷ 1. C 2. C



up to more than I can be. 2. There is no be.

THE COMMENDATION

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
*where sorrow and pain are no more,
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. 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.

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,
 where sorrow and pain are no more,
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

The Celebrant says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Pat. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, 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. *Amen.*

CLOSING ANTHEMS

The following anthems are said

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

THE COMMITTAL

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Then the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Pat, and we commit her body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

And let light perpetual shine upon her.

May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen*

THE CONSECRATION OF A GRAVE

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulcher in the garden: Bless, we pray, this grave, and grant that she whose body is buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to your heavenly kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, saying

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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Remembering Deacon Pat Sheldon

Patricia Lu (Carter) Sheldon of Omaha, Nebraska, died April 5, 2022, surrounded by loved ones and ready to go home to be with Jesus. She was predeceased by her husband of more than 50 years, Laurence (Larry) Sheldon, and is survived by her sister Susan Carter; daughters Sandee Sheldon, Marjorie (Sheldon) Skowronski (Andrew), and Laura (Sheldon) McClanahan (Bryan); grandchildren Sydney and Jackson McClanahan; honorary grandchild, Bela Mason; two cats; and many nieces and nephews.

A lifelong student, Pat graduated from the University of Maryland in 1962, where she made friends as a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority that remained close. She later graduated from San Jose Bible College in 1989, and then a handful of years later, earned a degree in paralegal studies. Pat completed an Education for Ministry program in 1996. Pat's scholarship was driven by an innate desire to know and share the word of God. She used her deep knowledge of the Bible to teach others, and those who enjoyed her ministry were blessed by the depth of her knowledge and the breadth of her joy.

Pat served St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church in Elkhorn, NE for more than 20 years after becoming an ordained deacon in 1997. "Deacon Pat" radiated joy and warmth, making friends everywhere she went. She had an ability to immediately connect with others, and she was effusively grateful and supportive of those around her. Pat served as a shining example of "they will know we are Christians by our love." After her retirement, she led church services and Bible study at Heritage Point Assisted Living where she lived.

Throughout her life, Pat was a devoted wife, sister, and mother. When her girls were much younger, Pat was very involved in their lives, holding leadership positions in various PTAs, coaching softball teams,

serving as a band booster, and shuttling the three girls to practices and games, where she was always one of the proudest and most effusive moms in the stands. She could be counted on to celebrate every victory no matter how small, and to provide a gentle hug and kind ear when things didn't go well. Until recent years, Pat was happiest in her yard, riding her lawn mower or planting or extricating plants. She attempted to instill in her daughters her passionate love of gardening and the outdoors (she succeeded only in the latter).

Pat was the poster child for unconditional love. Pat's home was always a safe haven for her children and the children of others. More than one of her daughters' friends called her Mom. She was a gentle, loving presence for those who needed that in their lives. Her pets were adored. Her daughters were too, and they will forever feel the void she has left behind, even as they know that her light will continue to shine in all the people she touched throughout her life.

There are a lot of adjectives you could use to describe Pat: joyful, loving, kind, goofy, enthusiastic, stubborn, supportive. But the word that most distills her essence is devoted. Pat was devoted. Devoted to her family, devoted to God and to ministry, devoted to her friends, devoted to learning, and devoted to her Maryland Terps and Nebraska Cornhuskers. Hers was a life of devotion that can serve as an example to all.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Augustine's Deacon Fund, or to the Breast Cancer Action of San Francisco, CA.

A luncheon reception will follow the service. All are invited to attend and encouraged to share stories and memories of Pat.

Ministers of the Day	Friday, May 13, 2022
Celebrants:	Rt. Rev. Scott Barker Rev. Benedict Varnum Rev. Ruth Tomlinson
Deacons:	David Holmquist Rebecca Smith
Lector:	Jean Lahti
Musicians:	Don Hoes, Marissa Kreifels, Julie Pendegraft, Alice Threlkeld, Joe Threlkeld