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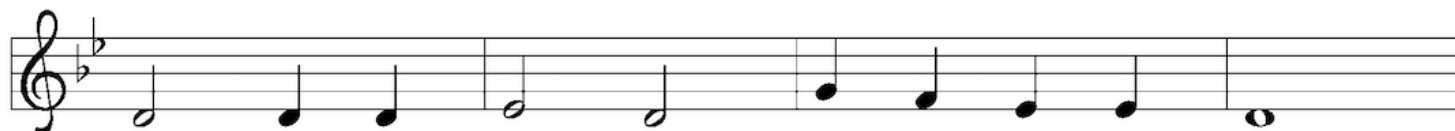
Celebrating the Grace of God in the Life and Faith of

Elaine Camille Garbe Koenig
1926-2021

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

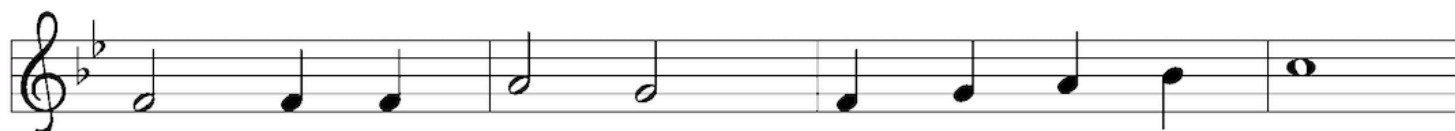
Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart ELW #800



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

What Can It Mean that Jesus is Arisen?

1 What can it mean, that Je - sus is a - ris - en? Trem - bling, a -
 2 Stone-sealed no more, the emp - ty tomb a - stounds us. Spic - es go
 3 Faith would be firm, yet comes in fleet - ing frag - ments. Bone-breaths of
 4 God, we be - lieve. God, help our un - be - liev - ing. You are the
 5 Grief, fear, or pain still can - not stop our sing - ing. Un - bid - den

mazed, we hur - ry in - to hid - ing. Fear - ing we have no
 wast - ed, all our unc - tion fail - ing. On - ly a white - robed
 long - ing, hearts in hes - i - ta - tion Yield still to hope: love's
 Truth, whose depths we can - not fath - om. Dy - ing yet ris - ing,
 forth flood bur - ied al - le - lu - ias. Now al - le - lu - ia!

words to tell the stor - y, E - ven to our - selves.
 strang - er sits in wit - ness To death's un - do - ing
 par - a - dox and prom - ise. Life is the leap - ing
 Christ is all a - round us. In us, and with us.
 Ev - er al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Yet A - men!

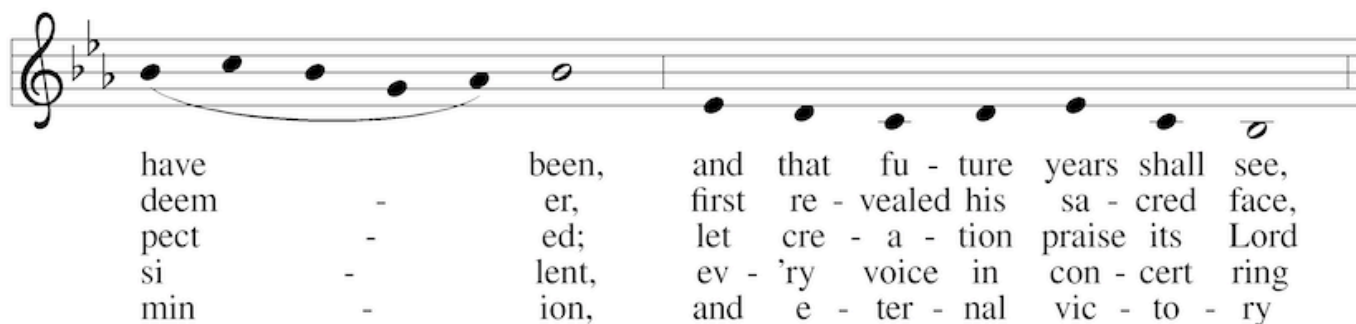
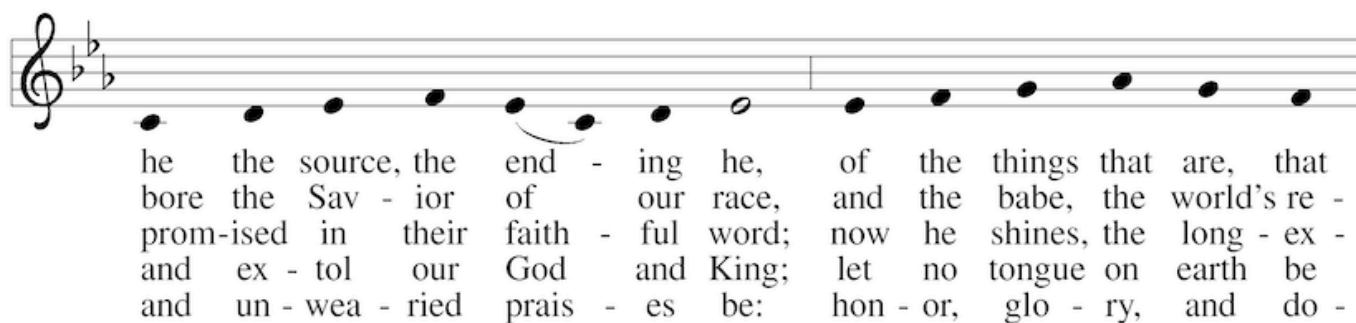
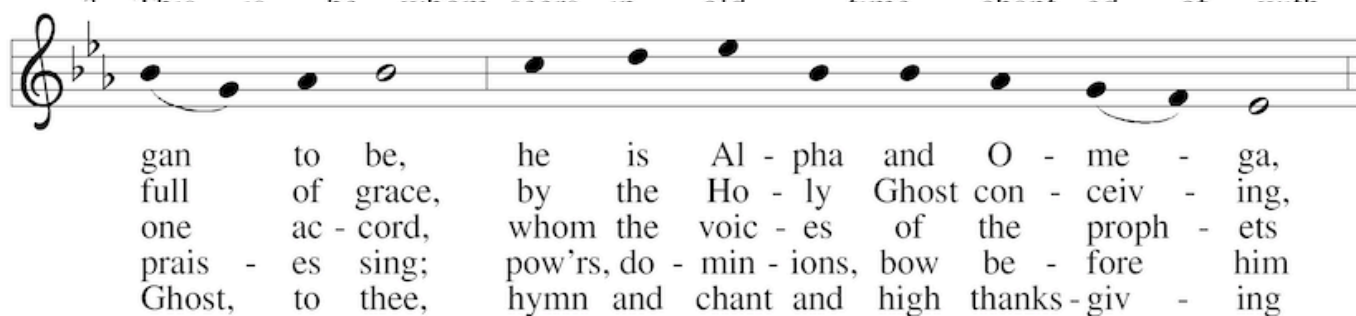
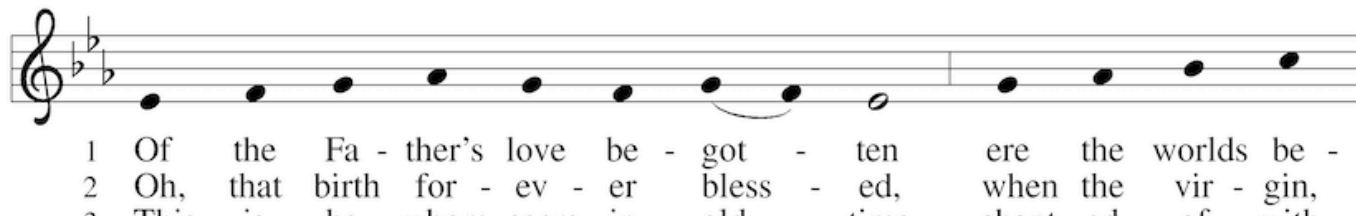
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Of the Father's Love Begotten ELW #295



GATHERING (*Stand*)

P: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Elaine, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and comfort another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

GATHERING HYMN: *We Know that Christ Is Raised* #449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Elaine. We thank you for giving her to us to know and love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD (Sit)

Readings

Psalm 71: 15-18

- 15** My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
of your deeds of salvation all day long,
though their number is past my knowledge.
- 16** I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God
I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.
- 17** O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
- 18** So even to old age and gray hairs,
O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might
to all the generations to come.

2 Corinthians 5:7; 14-15

- 7** For we walk by faith, not by sight.
- 14** For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. **15** And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

John 15: 4-11

- 4** Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Whoever does not abide in me is

thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become[c] my disciples. **9** As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. **11** I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* #597



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

APOSTLES' CREED (*Stand*)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Sit or Kneel*)

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.

Hear us Lord.

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

Hear us Lord.

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.

Hear us Lord.

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

Hear us Lord.

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

Hear us Lord.

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 joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

Hear us Lord.

In the midst of things we cannot understand, help us to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the life everlasting.

Hear us Lord.

Grant us grace to entrust Elaine 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 favor you bear for your people.

Hear us Lord.

God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you....Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in you and have striven to do your holy will. To your name, with the Church on earth and the

Church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

SENDING (*Stand*)

Commendation

P: Let us commend Elaine to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

(Silence is kept)

P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Elaine. 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 all the saints in light.

C: Amen.

Now, Lord You Let Your Servant Go in Peace

BLESSING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE (*Sit*)

(Following the conclusion of the service, there will be a time for remembrances. Congregation is invited to remain seated.)

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Front Cover: *Mother and Child* Elaine C. Koenig

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Written to honor the lives and ministries of

Richard and Elaine Koenig

Robert J. Weaver and William A. Pasch

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**Those wishing to memorialize Elaine C. Koenig
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Elaine Camille (Garbe) Koenig

June 26, 1926 - October 23, 2021

Born June 19, 1926 in Jamaica, Queens, Elaine was the daughter of Frederick and Marguerite Garbe. Elaine grew up in Valley Stream (Long Island), New York. Out of high school she set off for commercial art school in Manhattan. Over the years her paintings and sculptures would be viewed on the covers of periodicals; her works also appeared in regional museums. Some of Elaine's personal favorites were works depicting images from the Biblical Gospels. Long Island and New England scenery were regular features. She was also a professionally trained vocal artist and an ardent gardener.

For Elaine, service to others was a deep and abiding passion. In 1952 this did not go unnoticed by Richard Koenig, the vicar-intern of her church in Seaford, NY. Elaine and Richard were married 59 years until his passing in 2011.

Elaine had an intuitive sense for reaching out to those underserved. In the 1960's she, along with the women of her church, organized clothing drives. With contacts in one the nation's poorest counties, (Martin County, KY) clothes and supplies were delivered to them for many years (sometimes by Elaine in-person).

Elaine's compassion for others included ministering to residents and patients in nursing homes and hospitals. The many profound conversations Elaine had with people in their final moments of life led her to be a writer and lecturer on the subject of death and dying.

An avid reader of theological and social commentaries, Elaine was a popular teacher and facilitator of small group discussions; she taught every age group – nursery age to seniors. (Elaine began teaching church Bible class for adults when she was 16.) In the 1970's she received the support of Amherst (MA) church leaders which formed the Layman's Academy for Oecumenical Studies (LAOS) and established a Christian bookstore (unheard of in those times), which she operated and managed. In later years her shelves included one of her own books, *Mary's Son - Mary's Lord*.

Elaine was an instrument of peace in a number of ways. Besides her role as a pastor's wife and mother of their children, Elaine's sagacity for touching hearts and raising spirits proved to be her primary gift to the world. Even in her final days, she remained a difference-maker for the residents and staff at Covenant Village (Cromwell, CT), her home for 17 years.

Preceded in death were husband Richard, parents Fredrick and Marguerite Garbe, and brother Edwin Garbe. Surviving is son David Koenig (Lynn) of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Mary-Elaine Leake

(Francis) of Baldwin, NY and grandsons Andrew Koenig and Ryan Leake.

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
To God shall thanks be given, her story has been told.
She served with strength and gladness in tasks God's wisdom
gave. To God her life bore witness, proclaimed God's power to
save.

Hymn text by Herman G. Stuempfle (with revisions)