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*A Service in Thanksgiving
for the Life of*
Linda Merrill Aiken

December 4, 1952 – December 31, 2021

Saturday, January 15, 2022, 1:00pm

A Message to My Dear Family & Friends

By Linda Aiken

I am not far away

Just flying with the angels and watching over those that I love.

Remember me by loving, laughing, having fun & appreciating beauty.

Remember me by being kind to yourself and being kind to others.

Remember me by being kind to this wonderful world and Mother Nature.

Remember me when you see beautiful flowers, majestic mountains

Hear the sound of the ocean, a bird singing

And most of all, a child's laughter.

No tears of sorrow, just tears of joy that we touched each others' lives

And what a wonderful life.

I was truly blessed, surrounded by so much love

Happiness and good times.

We will meet again one day

I will be waiting for you and we will fly together.

Walk good until we meet again,

Lindy

xoxo

**Thank you to those serving in
various roles in today's service:**

First Reading: Natalie Branco

Tributes from Family: Stephen Pengelley

Eulogist: Sean Aiken

Prayer Leader: James Branco

Usher: Bonnie SooChan

Technology: John Warren

Musician: LaRee Mohr

Deacon: The Rev. Anne Anchor

Celebrant & Homilist: The Rev. Vivian Lam

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THE FUNERAL LITURGY

The celebrant welcomes the congregation and then says,

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

People **And also with you.**

Opening Hymn – “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Text: Henry van Dyke, alt.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The community prays in silence.

Celebrant O God, the maker and redeemer of all,
All **grant us, with your servant Linda
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. Amen.**

First Reading

Natalie Branco

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

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.**

Gospel

John 14: 1-6

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.'
Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Tributes from Family

Stephen Pengelley

Eulogy

Sean Aiken

Homily

The Rev. Vivian Lam

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant I believe in God,
All **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

James Branco

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.

People **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.

People **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.

People **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.

People **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.

People **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.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader Grant us grace to entrust Linda 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.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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.**

Hymn – “On Eagle's Wings”

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand*

You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come (*Refrain*)

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone (*Refrain*)

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The Commendation

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

Celebrant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;
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.

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

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Linda. 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

Celebrant May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - “You’ll Never Walk Alone”



“To laugh often and much
to win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children...
to leave the world a better place...
to know even one life
has breathed easier because you
have lived.
This is to have succeeded.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson