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To remember and to thank God for the life of  
**Vivian Bergliot Bengtson**

October 4, 1934–October 16, 2020



October 24, 2020 | 10 a.m. | Courtyard

## Prelude

Daniel Romero, piano

## Welcome

## Gathering

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 Vivian, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

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 with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you

**We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

**We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

**We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

ELW 779: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”  
Leslie Remmert Soich, mezzo-soprano

## Greeting

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

## Prayer of the Day

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Vivian. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to 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 Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## A Life Remembered

### Reading

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

<sup>2</sup>he makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil; for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil,

my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## Gospel

John 14:1–7

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Ann Hultquist

## Hymn

LBW 501: “He Leadeth Me”

Leslie Remmert Soich, mezzo-soprano

## Apostles’ Creed

**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

*To each petition the assembly responds:*  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The presider concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds: **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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Commendation

Let us commend Vivian to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Vivian. 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.**

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Hymn

ELW 773: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

## Postlude

## Committal

*Following the service, you are invited to remain under the tent while the family gathers in the Augustana Memorial Garden for a brief, private committal service of the ashes. The family looks forward to greeting you afterward.*

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# Vivian Bergliot Bengtson

October 4, 1934–October 16, 2020

Vivian Bergliot Bengtson, age 86, passed away at Porter Hospital in Denver, Colorado, on Friday, October 16 due to complications from surgery.

She was born on October 4, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, to Johanna (Mathea) and Karl Bengtson. Vivian spent her career with Allstate Insurance Company in Human Resources, starting out in Chicago and transferring to Denver, Colorado in 1970, where she became a Division Manager until retiring in 1996.

Vivian was a vibrant and active member of Augustana Lutheran Church, holding many positions throughout the years. The church was her sanctuary. She loved everything about it and made many wonderful friends throughout the years. She also managed her Condo Association for many years, right up until her death.

She loved to travel and spent a lot of time in her mother's homeland of Norway. She loved all sports, especially the Denver Broncos. She also loved theater, going to the movies, and cooking.

Survivors include her brother Carl (Joann) and his children, Richard, Nancy (Ed), Mary (Sam), Kevin (Theresa) and Linda (Alex). Her great-nephews, Brock (Angel), Austin, Kevin, Michaela, Johanna and Frida and one great-great niece, Sydney Belle. Vivian was preceded in death by her mother and father.

## There is No Night Without a Dawning

by Helen Steiner Rice

There is no night without a dawning  
No winter without a spring  
And beyond the dark horizon  
Our hearts will once more sing...  
For those who leave us for a while  
Have only gone away  
Out of a restless, care worn world  
Into a brighter day.

## Inunrment

Augustana Memorial Garden  
Denver, Colorado

## Memorials

may be designated to  
**Mile High United Way**  
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## Ministers

**Preacher:** Pastor Ann Hultquist  
**President:** Pastor Caitlin Trussell  
**Pianist:** Daniel Romero  
**Soloist:** Leslie Remmert Soich  
**Ushers:** Emmett Cruson, Rosalee Wanchisen

## Today's service

is being filmed  
and can be accessed next week  
on the Augustana website  
(augustanadenver.org).  
Please pass on this information to those who may  
not have been able to attend today.