

A Celebration of Life

of

Sarah Tolley

December 30, 1938 – October 20, 2021

St. John's Episcopal Church

November 20, 2021

10:00 am



Obituary of Sarah Tolley

Sarah Jane Tolley passed away suddenly October 20th 2021. She was born December 30th 1938. She grew up in a loving and happy home in East Liverpool Ohio a small town on the Ohio River. After high school she attended Baldwin Wallace College where she met her husband Jack and earned a bachelor degree in home economics. They had two boys together, John and Craig. In 1975 Sarah, her two boys and Jack who worked for Dow chemical where transferred from Cleveland Ohio to the San Francisco Bay area to little town called Clayton. There Sarah worked as a sales person for Sattler's appliance for 5 years. She was then approached by Frigidaire Appliance Company to be their Northern California sales Rep. She worked for Frigidaire for 26 years and loved every minute.

In 2001 Sarah and her husband Jack retired and moved to San Diego to be closer to her son John and family. They joined St. John's church and made many wonderful and loving friends. She also joined the Bonita Valley Garden Club and the Women's Republican group where she also made many friends and enjoyed her love of gardening and politics.

Sarah loved (lived for) having and attending parties. She loved hosting parties for her friends from St. John's Church and the Garden club at her home. There was never a dull moment for Sarah. Everybody loved to hang out with Sarah. She truly had the gift of gab.

Sarah will be greatly missed by her family and all that knew her.

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Processional Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal #657



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory,

We remember before you this day our sister Sarah. We thank you for giving her to us, her family, and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage.

In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those have gone before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People ***Amen.***

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Sarah'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.

People **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

Wisdom 3:1-5,9

John Tolley

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself.

Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 90

(please respond *in bold*)

Shawn Bajo

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say,
"Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians *2 Corinthians 4:16--5:9* Craig Tolley

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

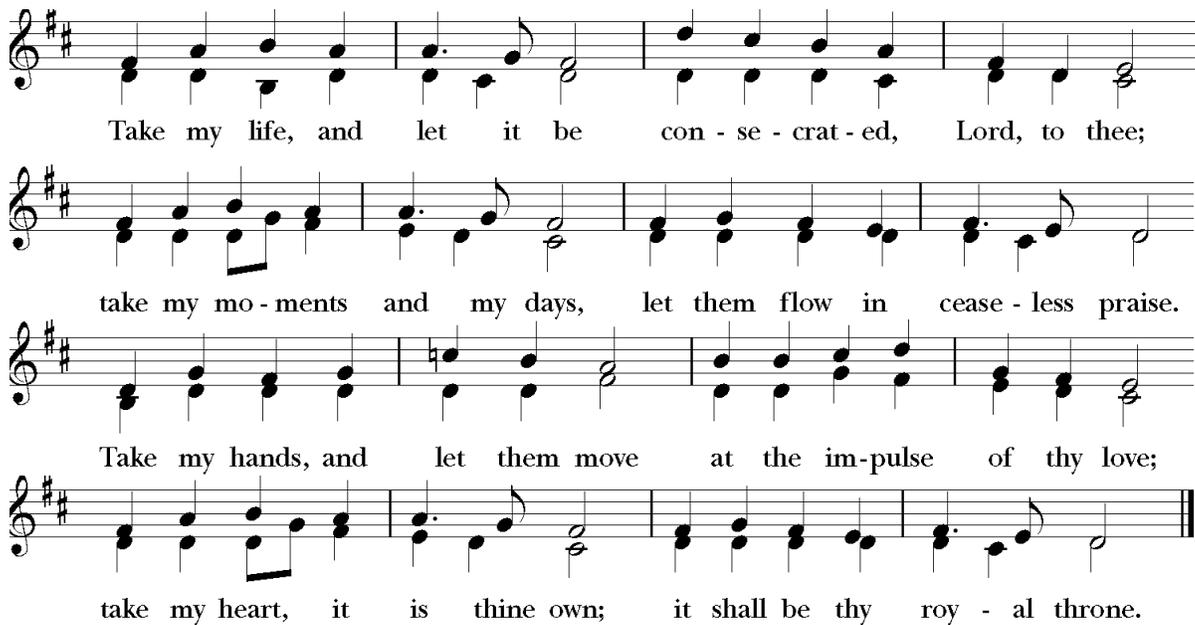
Reader The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

Gradual Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

Hymnal #707



Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

The Gospel

John 6:37-40

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to you, Lord Christ.**



Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Homily

Remembrance

Denise Czer

The Apostles Creed *(please stand as you are able)*

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

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Jeremy Tolley

Presider: For our sister, Sarah, 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 Sarah, 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.

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister, Sarah, 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.

People ***Amen.***

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Anthem *In the Garden*

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

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.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.**

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

***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.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the peace. Alleluia!***

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

I Am the Bread of Life

Hymnal #335



1 I am the bread of life; they who
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
 4 I am the life. They who be -
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
 5 Son of God who has



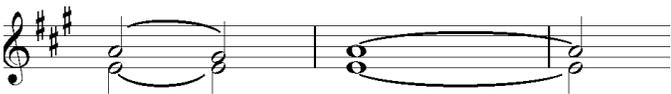
1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
 5 come in - to the world.



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them



up, and I will raise them up on the



last day.

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Presider Let us pray

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.

Concluding Prayer

Presider Almighty God, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant Sarah and all who have died your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will.

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; in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. All this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

People ***Amen***

Presider Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord:

People ***And let light perpetual shine upon her.***

Presider May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People ***Amen.***

Blessing

Presider 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.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

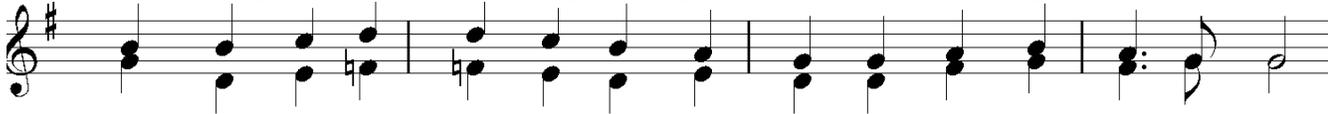
People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People ***Thanks be to God.***



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

***The family requests that memorial donations be made
 to St. John's Episcopal Church.***

Liturgical Ministers

Presider/Preacher	Rev. Roger Haenke
Gospeller	Rev. Cathey Dowdle
Readers	John Tolley, Shawn Bajo, Craig Tolley
Prayers	Jeremy Tolley
Remembrance	Denise Czer
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Acolytes	Malia Attaway, Scott Bricknell, Denise Eddleman
Usher	David Dennehy
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