

In loving memory of  
Lois Margaret  
Erickson

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

We have come together  
to thank God for the life of Lois,  
to mourn and honour her,  
to lay to rest her mortal body,  
and to support one another in grief.  
We face the certainty of our own death and judgement.  
Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ  
share eternal life with him.  
Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God,  
who created and sustains us all.

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord.  
'Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.'  
John 11.25

[Let us pray.]  
Loving God, you alone are the source of life.  
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,  
and fill us with compassion, one for another.  
In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.  
Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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*Music and a time of silence follows as members of the family are  
invited to place flowers on or near the coffin.*  
Amazing Grace – Judy Collins

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.  
He will refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.  
You spread a table before me  
in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.  
Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### Matthew 5:1-12

#### *The Beatitudes*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## THE SERMON

## THE PRAYERS

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father,  
who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of all.  
Thanks be to God for the gift of life.

You have made us in your image,  
and called us to reflect your truth and light.  
We thank you for the life of Lois.

Above all, we thank you for your gracious promise  
to all your servants, living and departed,  
that we shall be made one again  
in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

All-merciful Father,  
we give thanks for the witness of your faithful people in every generation.  
Especially we give thanks for all by which Lois is remembered:  
for all that she was to those who loved her;  
and for everything in her life that reflected your mercy and love.  
We thank you that for her, sickness and sorrow are no more  
and that she is at rest with you.  
And we pray for ourselves that,  
throwing off the sin which clings to us so easily,  
we may run with resolution the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith;  
so that, at the last we may come, with all whom we have loved,  
to that abiding city where you reign,  
in which there is no death, no mourning and no sadness,

for these will be no more,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus our Saviour,  
comfort us with the great power of your love  
as we mourn the death of Lois.  
Give us a patient faith in this time of darkness,  
and help us to understand and know your ways.  
Strengthen us in our faith that she is with you for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray  
**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

### **THE FAREWELL**

Lord Jesus Christ, through baptism you gave new birth to our sister  
Lois  
by water and the Spirit.  
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,

to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Let us entrust our sister Lois to the mercy of God.

Holy and loving Father,  
by your mighty power you gave us life,  
and in your love, you have given us new life  
in Christ Jesus.

We entrust Lois to your merciful keeping:  
in the faith of Jesus Christ,  
who died and rose again to save us,  
and now lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit  
in glory for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE COMMITTAL**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
you have given us a sure and certain hope  
of the resurrection to eternal life.  
In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.  
We here commit the body of our dear sister Lois  
to be cremated,  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who died, and was buried, and rose again for us,  
and who shall change our mortal body  
that it may be like his glorious body.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## At the Crematorium

### PREPARATION

Lord now you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation:  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;  
a light to reveal you to the nations:  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29–32

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### THE COMMITTAL

You, O Lord, are full of compassion and mercy:  
slow to anger and of great goodness.  
As a father cares for his children:  
so is your care, O Lord, for those who fear you.  
For you know of what we are made:  
you remember that we are but dust.  
Our days are like the grass:  
we flourish like a flower of the field;  
When the wind goes over it, it is gone:  
and its place will know it no more.  
But your loving-kindness, O Lord  
endures for ever and ever  
on those that fear you:  
and your righteousness on their children's children.

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Go forth upon your journey from this world, O Christian soul, in the  
name of God the Father who created you. **Amen.**  
In the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for you. **Amen.**  
In the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you. **Amen.**  
In communion with all the blessed saints; with the angels and  
archangels and all the heavenly host. **Amen.**  
May your portion this day be in peace and your dwelling in the city of  
God. **Amen.**

### THE PRAYERS

God of all consolation,  
in your unending love and mercy for us  
you turn the darkness of death  
into the dawn of new life.  
Be our refuge and strength in sorrow.  
As your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by dying for us conquered death,  
and by rising again restored us to life,  
so may we go forward in faith to meet him,  
and after our life on earth  
be united with our dear brothers and sisters in Christ  
where every tear will be wiped away,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. **Amen.**  
2 Corinthians 13.14

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

Go in peace in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. **Amen.**



*The Erickson and Kimpton families thank everyone for the care and love shown to Lois during her final illness and for the support shown to us in the last few days.*

*Lois will be sadly missed but will forever remain in our hearts and live in the memory of those who held her dear.*