

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
KIMBERLY “KIM” WILLIAMSON McATEE
AUGUST 6, 1968–JULY 19, 2021



FUNERAL SERVICE
JULY 23, 2021 11:00 A.M.
SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Organ Prelude

The congregation is invited to stand.

Solemn Anthems

I am the Resurrection and I am the Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Hymn 711 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" *Seek Ye First*

The Celebrant says the following Collect, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Kimberly. 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 who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Readings

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations (3:22-26, 31-33)

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 (In unison)

**God is our hope and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

**Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;**

**Though the waters thereof rage and swell,
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.**

**There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.**

**God is in the midst of her
therefore shall she not be removed;**

God shall help her, and that right early.

Be still then, and know that I am God;

**I will be exalted among the nations,
and I will be exalted in the earth.**

**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

A Reading from the Book of Revelation (21:2-7)

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also, he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106:1-5 (*In unison*)

Hallelujah!

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
For his mercy endures for ever.**

**Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord
Or show forth all his praise?**

**Happy are those who act with justice
And always do what is right!**

**Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have
for your people,**

And visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect

**And be glad with the gladness of your people,
That I may glory with your inheritance.**

Solo

“On Eagle’s Wings”
Soloist: Caroline Dennis

Michael Joncas

The congregation is invited to join in singing the Refrain, as follows:

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The Gospel

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

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. (John 14:1-6)

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

Words of Remembrance

Monty Christopher

The Homily

The Reverend Mark Crawford

The Apostles' Creed (*Please stand.*)

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.

The Prayers

The people may stand or kneel. The leader says

For our sister Kimberly, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the Resurrection and I am the Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Kimberly, 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.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Music at the Table Setting

Oblation Bearers
Jennifer and Gerald Condon

The people stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

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 in the 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.

The people kneel or sit.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues, praising God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and recalls the institution of the Lord's Supper.

Celebrant *Therefore, according to his command, O Father;*

ALL ***We remember his death,***

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues...

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,

People and Celebrant

**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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Hymn 362	“Holy, holy, holy”	<i>Nicaea</i>
Hymn 686	“Come thou fount of every blessing”	<i>Nettleton</i>
Hymn 490	“I want to walk as a child of the light”	<i>Houston</i>
Hymn 470	“There’s a widness in God’s mercy”	<i>Beecher</i>

Post Communion Prayer (*Celebrant and People together*)

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.

Please stand.

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their place at the body.

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

The Celebrant continues

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

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

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

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

As the body is borne from the church, the following hymn is sung.

Hymn 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" *Hymn to Joy*

Please follow the direction of the ushers and proceed to the Oak Garden for a butterfly release. The family invites the congregation to a reception upstairs in Payne Hall to follow.



Kimberly Williamson

McAtee was born on August 6, 1968, in Beaumont, Texas to Charlotte and Albert Williamson. She was the beloved eldest daughter of a close and loving family.

Kim grew up in a lively and joyful home in Southeast Texas surrounded by family and friends. Doted on by her parents and adored by her little sister Kristin, together the girls filled their idyllic youthful days with a mix of activities, pretend play and a dash of mischief. Always

hand in hand, the sisters approached life's triumphs and disappointments as a formidable duo and never wavered in their devotion to each other.

As a cheerful student at St. Anne Catholic School and Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School, Kim was a popular classmate known for her beautiful smile and infectious laugh. While she enjoyed dance lessons, team sports and Lucky Clover 4H Club, her passion for her backyard menagerie was one of her most endearing hobbies. Most importantly, Kim possessed the unique ability to be a compassionate friend and confidante early on and continued to share that gift with others throughout her entire life.

On the beautiful day of May 20, 1995, Kim would marry the love of her life, John McAtee. A defining moment for both, the happy couple would soon welcome their cherished daughters Jane Ellen and Katherine and embark on a life together filled with love, laughter and mutual respect. Exceedingly proud of her husband and her two daughters, it is through Kim's benevolence, compassion and strength that John and the girls would ultimately become Kim's most protective and tender caregivers.

A faithful servant, Kim found fulfillment through her work at St. Mark's

Episcopal Church as the Director of Children's Ministries, as a volunteer and past Co-Chairman of the annual Chili Supper & Bazaar and during her seven years as a member of Bible Study Fellowship where she served as a group leader. In October 2011, a handwritten letter by her grandfather Moodye Williamson charged Kim with the following:

“Honey, I have loved you differently-but no less at all. Your soul-my child is deep and your strength is more than what most people realize. I love you and I will always be watching out for you. Go and do those things on your mind-I will be right there with you loving the adventure. God bless you honey always.”

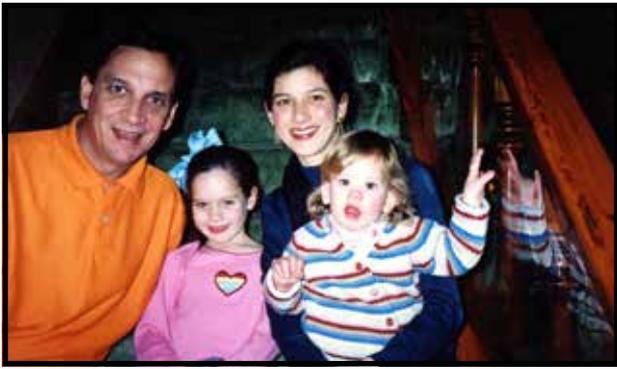
The question presented an opportunity for Kim to consider and ultimately accept an invitation to teach and lead. With great responsibility, Kim went forth and through Sunday classes, enriched the spiritual growth of many in our community as a Bible Study for Life Teacher at St. Mark's.

However, what Kim most treasured was her time spent with family and friends. Fondly known as “Kimmy”, she was the beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, cousin, friend and mentor who's perseverance during her illness served as a testament to her faith and an inspiration to those who knew and loved her.

Kim is survived by her husband of twenty-six years, John McAtee, their daughters Jane Ellen and Katherine McAtee, her parents Charlotte and Albert Williamson, her sister Kristin Beal and her husband Trey, her sister-in-law Nancy McGrade and her husband Steve McGrade, nephews Kyle Beal, Jordan Beal, Blake Beal, Harris McGrade and niece Zan McGrade.

Blessed with an extraordinary life, she is now reunited with her grandparents Francis Dickerson, Denis Duplantier, and Jane and Moodye Williamson and her aunt and uncle Suzy and Denis Duplantier.

As a family, we would like to thank Kim's circle of friends who during our greatest time of need, offered their tireless love, dedication and devotion to the care and comfort of our beloved Kim. Your support will never be forgotten.

















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