

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
KELLYE BUTLER PEREZ
APRIL 1, 1968 – SEPTEMBER 16, 2021



MEMORIAL SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2021
1:00 P.M.
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
680 CALDER STREET
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Prelude

Seating of the Family

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 376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Hymn to Joy

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 Kellye. 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.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (61:1-3)

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (*Read in unison*)

Terri Travis

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.

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

Stacy Smith

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.

Hymn 293 “I sing a song of the saints of God”

Grand Isle

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6 (*All stand*)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Pat Ritchie

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 Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People,

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.

For our sister Kellye, 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 Kellye, 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.

Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Kellye, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his 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. *Amen.*

The Commendation

Celebrant

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 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.

Celebrant

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Kellye. 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

Hymn 207

"Jesus Christ is risen today"

Easter Hymn

Organ Postlude

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Committal

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Kellye, and we commit *her* body to its resting place; * earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless *her* and keep *her*, the Lord make his face to shine upon *her* and be gracious to *her*, the Lord lift up his countenance upon *her* and give *her* peace. *Amen*.

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Remember your servant, O Lord, according to the favor which You give unto your people; and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, *he* may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord:

People: May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*.

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*





Kellye Butler Perez, 53, of Beaumont, passed away at home on Thursday, September 16, 2021, after a courageous, yet short battle with cancer, surrounded by loved ones who will continue to honor her legacy by living their lives to the fullest. She was born on April 1, 1968, in Beaumont, to Ann and Wilbur Butler. Her family members had fun with the fact she was born on April Fools' Day and celebrated it appropriately. In fact, some family members thought Ann and Wilbur were playing an April Fools' joke on us, at first.

Following in her dad's footsteps, Kellye was an insurance agent with R.O. Williams & Co. and then Braud, Vaughn & Williamson. Kellye was fabulous at

her job and worked in the insurance industry for thirty years. She had connections all over the Beaumont area, and she did her best for her clients and the companies where she worked.

Kellye also enjoyed spending time at the lake house with her husband, other family members, and their friends. She was instrumental in planning and implementing of multiple annual celebrations for the Plum Ridge community. She supported this neighborhood in various ways and had many wonderful friends in the community.

Kellye had many interests, such as: event planning, biking, including participating in the MS 150 where she rode her bicycle from Houston to Austin in 2 days. She also enjoyed sailing, remodeling their houses, traveling, and was an incredible cook.

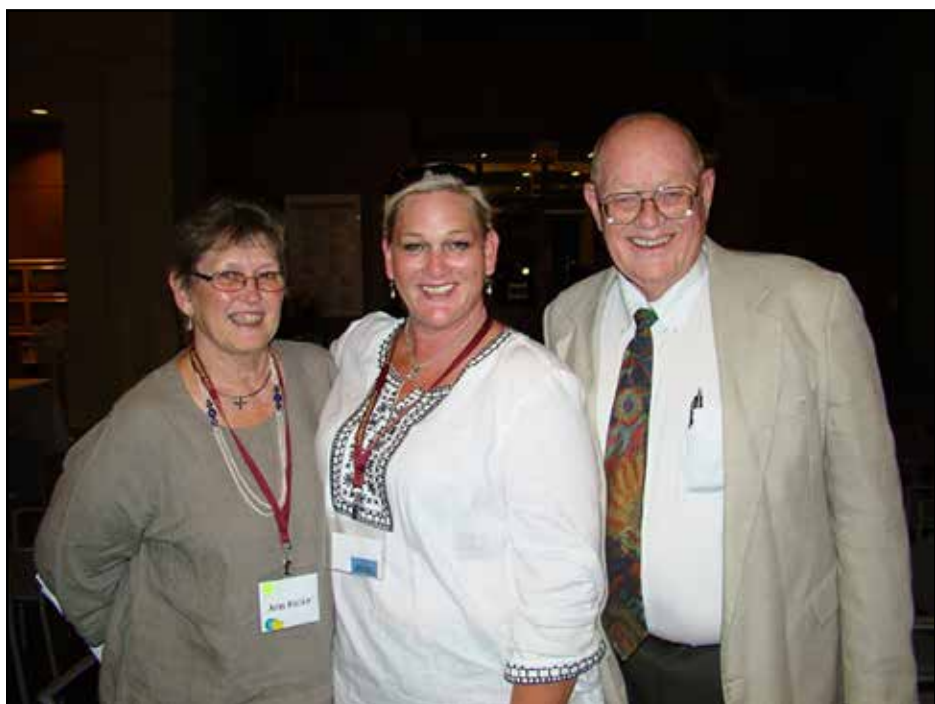
She was a graduate of the Leadership Beaumont program in 2002 and she continued to be active in the program. Kellye was on the steering committee in 2003, 2012 and 2013, was a Beaumont Chamber Foundation Board Member from 2010-2015, on the Spice of the Season Committee from 2005-2011, and involved with the Youth Leadership group from 2004-2014.

Kellye was outgoing and generous to her family and friends. Most of her generosity was done without bringing attention to herself as she gave to many non-profits, as well as working behind the scenes to help improve the lives of friends and strangers alike. She was a hard worker and found time to have fun and enjoy life. Her smile was lovely, and her laugh was contagious.

She is survived by her husband, David Perez, of Beaumont; four stepchildren and six grandchildren all from the Lubbock area, Dustin Perez and his wife, Abby and their children, Gabby Jurgensen, and Andrew and Aaron Perez; Ashley Salazar and her husband, Daniel; Eric Perez and his wife, Heather and their children, Elyse and Lyla; and Cortney Harris and her husband, Gabriel and their children, Baron and Olivia; her mother, Ann Butler, of Beaumont; her sister, Stacy Smith and husband, Kyle, of Nacogdoches and their children, Brett and his wife, Savannah, of Jefferson; Jake, Trey, and Will, of Nacogdoches; her brother, Beau Butler and his son, Bryce Butler; and Amy, of Fredericksburg; and her aunts and uncles, Nancy Glass of, Austin; Betty Glass and her husband, Charles Gray, of Houston; Nick Hatch, of Houston; and her brothers-in-law and their spouses, Richard Perez of Fort Worth; Jesse Perez, of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Pete Perez; and Ronnie Perez, of Sundown; and sisters-in-law and their spouses, Delia Perez of Lubbock, Norma Perez, and Yolanda Perez of Sundown.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wilbur Butler and her brother-in-law, JR Perez.

Kellye was a caring wife, daughter, sister, stepmother, grandmother, aunt, niece, and friend. She was smart, gregarious, generous, and talented and will be greatly missed. We love you, Kellye. It is a comfort knowing that you are with Wilbur and your brother-in-law, JR Perez.













Enrichement

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