

Funeral Service

Mary Jean Schessenhagen



St. John's Lutheran Church

San Antonio, TX

10:30am January 6, 2024

PRELUDE

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, Mary Jane, 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.

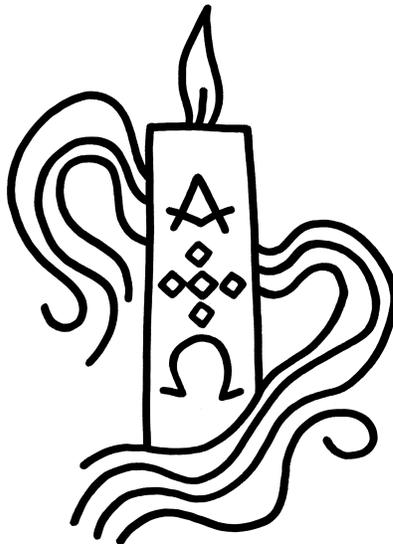
We praise you.

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.



GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress (ELW 504)

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

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Mary Jane. 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.

WORD

READINGS

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)

CREED

The Apostles' Creed may be spoken.

**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 OF INTERCESSION

Prayers of intercession are prayed. To each petition the assembly responds:

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE 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.**

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Prayer by Alfred Hay Malotte
Christian Stevens, baritone

SENDING

COMMENDATION

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Mary Jane. 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.

SENDING HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (*ELW 502*)

COMMITTAL

POSTLUDE

Participants

Rev. Toby Burk, Senior Pastor
Dr. Jennifer Seighman, Organist
Christian Stevens, Cantor
Johanna Christiansen and Blu Odam, Readers
Dwayne Stahl and Harold Christiansen, Urn bearers

MARY JEAN (MARY JANE) SCHESSENHAGEN

November 13, 1927 - December 8, 2023

Mary Jean (Mary Jane) Schessenhagen, age 96 of San Antonio passed away on Friday, December 8, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband of 45 years, Walter Schessenhagen, sisters Verna Fairbairn, Emma Melnyk, and brother Elmer Allen of Canada. Mary Jean is survived by her sister, Helen McLachlin of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada as well as numerous other nieces, nephews and many other family members and friends.

Mary Jane is survived by her family in San Antonio. Nephew Dwayne Stahl and wife, Denise, and their daughter Emma. Her niece, Denise Odam and husband Billy, and her great-nephew and great-niece Keith Wilks and Michelle Kraus and their families.

Mary Janes family would like to thank her Senior Living Facility Esplanade Gardens and Concord Hospice.

The family would like to thank everyone for coming. You are invited to a reception following the service in Memorial Hall.