

A Eucharistic Celebration of the Life of



Laura Michelle Barron
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St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church
Keller, Texas

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10:30 am

OPENING SENTENCES

I am Resurrection and I am 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.

PRAYER

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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 Laura. 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 PROPHET ISAIAH

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 46 (responsive)

Deus noster refugium

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1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

10 “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN 335

I am the bread of life

I am the bread of life

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

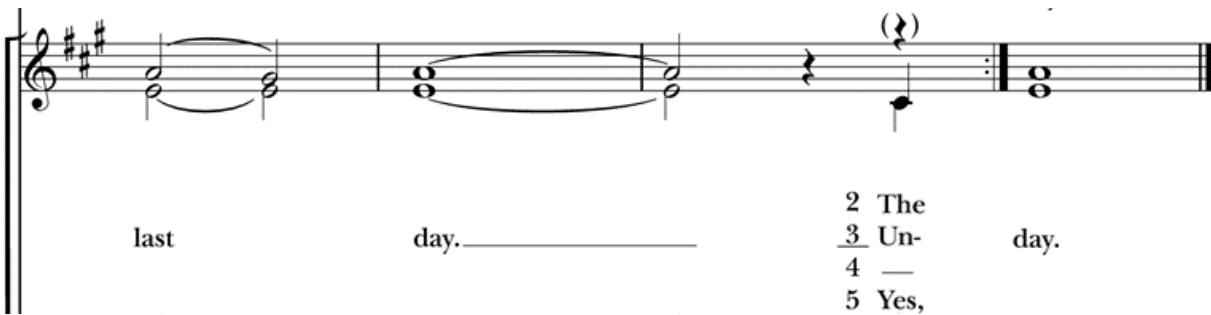
1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
 5 Son of God who has

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.

Refrain

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

A musical score for a soprano voice in G major, 2/4 time. The vocal line consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "up, and I will raise them up on the". The score includes a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a 2/4 time signature. The vocal line starts on a high note, descends, and then ascends again. The lyrics are placed below the notes.



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:37-40

Clergy People The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
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.”

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

HOMILY

The Rev. Alan D. Bentrup

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant 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.**

INTERCESSIONS

For our sister Laura, 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 Laura 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.

The Celebrant concludes with following prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Laura, 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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

OFFERTORY *In this very room* solo: Jon Wilson

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Celebrant 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 our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant

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 was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

SANCTUS HYMN S 129

Holy, Holy, Holy

Powell

The Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

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.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

WLP 810



1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to



bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the



sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

ANTHEM

His eye is on the sparrow

solo: Jon Wilson

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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.

COMMENDATION

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

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.

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

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

CLOSING HYMN

I, the Lord of sea and sky

WLP 812

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep-est sin My hand will turn a - poor and lame. I have wept for love of them, My hand will set a feast for them, save. way. save.

I who made the stars of night, I will break their hearts of stone, Fin-est bread I will pro- vide.

I will make their dark-ness bright. Give them hearts for love a - lone. Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. Who will bear my I will speak my I will give my

light to them?
word to them.
life to them.

Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have

heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____

if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo- ple in my

1. 2. || 3.

heart. _____ heart. _____

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Laura's family invites you to light refreshments immediately following the service.

Laura Michelle Barron of Keller, Texas, age 34, passed away on January 6, 2026.

She is survived by her daughter Nora (age 5), parents Gayle and Roger Barron, sister Melissa Barron (Nathan), aunts Barbara Wilson (Sam), Elizabeth Chandler (Jerry), Cynthia Stringer, uncle Lynn Barron (Mary), cousins Scott Chandler (Jennifer), Brian Chandler (Brian), Jon Wilson (Christin), Katie Lairmore (Daniel), Kaylee Stringer, Dustin Stringer (Kelly), Cory Barron (Kellie), Cody Barron (Nicole) and many more close relatives who loved her.

Preceded in death by grandparents Patricia and Walter Green, Marguerite and Ed Barron, and cousin Beth Wilson.

Laura was born on April 23, 1991 (7 weeks early) in Irving, Texas, to parents Gayle and Roger Barron. She graduated ahead of her class from New Direction High School and began her college days at TCCC before transferring to her preferred school, University of North Texas. During her time at UNT, she was a Resident Assistant, and was a founding member and first president of UNT's student run advertising agency SWOOP. Upon graduating Cum Laude from the School of Journalism with an Advertising Degree specializing in Strategic Communication, she entered her chosen field as an account manager. Eventually she decided that following in her mother and grandmother's footsteps as an educator was what she desired. Teaching high school English became her dream job. Laura also began her own online marketing firm, Laura Inc.

Throughout her K-12 education, she thrived in creative problem solving with programs such as Odyssey of the Mind (OM) and Destination Imagination (DI). During high school, she coached her little sister's DI team. Melissa idolized her big sister. With special permission, she became an appraiser for competitions at age 16, and Challenge Master at age 17. Her creativity extended to changing her name to Chloe during her 5th grade year.

Laura had a flair for photography, was an incredible unrecognized artist, and was poetic with words. Her true passion was doing crafts with her daughter. She enjoyed acting in local children's theater performances. At South Keller Intermediate, she was a KSKI-TV newscaster. During middle school, she became Stage Manager for the extravagant musical theater shows under director Barry Yandell. Active in her church youth group, she volunteered for service projects and joined the group's mission trips. A special bond she held with her dad was with Indian Princess.

Our farm in Buckholts, Texas, was her happy place; riding four wheelers, tubing and swimming in the Little River, and visiting her adoptive grandparents, Kinder and MaryLen Chambers. She and her mother took many trips with her friends to the farm. In addition, she convinced her mother to get matching tattoos of a hummingbird, believing that when birds stop flapping their wings and soar, they trust God to carry them through the air.

Laura had a pure sweetness which was evident to friends and family. She was a 6'1" blonde who never really believed she was a beauty, despite being told this all her life. She would light up a room when she entered.

Ever since her pre-teen years, Laura enjoyed babysitting and wanted desperately to be a mother. Despite the fact that Nora lived with her grandparents, Laura adored her daughter, and visited as often as she could. This adoration was mutual. Our hearts are broken, but Laura is happy and whole, waiting to welcome us with open arms someday in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, a GoFundMe account has been set up for Nora's college fund.

<https://gofund.me/6c7259eef>



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