

A Memorial Service
Celebrating the Life of
Natalie "Pat" O'Brien Conklin
March 2, 1926 ~ October 9, 2022



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The Celebrant says

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Pat, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson—*Wisdom 3:1-5,9*

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 46 *Deus noster refugium*

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

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

³ Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

⁴ The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁵ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁶ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

⁷ The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

⁸ The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁹ Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

¹⁰ It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹¹ "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹² The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The people stand as they are able.

Author: Anonymous

When I am gone, release me, let me go
 I have so many things to see and do
 You must not tie yourself to me with tears
 Be happy that I have had so many years
 I gave you my love, you can only guess
 How much you gave me in happiness
 I thank you for the love each have shown
 But now it is time I travelled on alone
 So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must
 Then let your grief be comforted by trust
 It is only for a while that we must part
 So bless the memories in your heart
 I will not be far away, for life goes on
 So if you need me, call and I will come
 Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near
 And if you listen with your heart, you will hear
 All of my love around you soft and clear
 Then, when you must come this way alone
 I will greet you with a smile and welcome you home.

Sequence Hymn

For all the saints

Hymnal 287



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:___
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,___
 4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!___



thee___ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;___
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
 We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O___ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
 win, with___ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are___ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel—John 14:1-6

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

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The people sit.

Reflections

Natalie Conklin

Fr. Chris Jubinski

The people stand as they are able.

The Apostles Creed

Celebrant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

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 of the People

Lay Eucharistic Minister

God, your will for us is abundant life; receive Pat now into the fullness of life in your presence.

Hear our prayer.

You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith; shed the brightness of your light on Pat, who also sought understanding. ***Hear our prayer.***

You are greater than all our ideas and images of you; draw Pat into the mystery of your being.

Hear our prayer.

We know you as perfect Mercy and Love; welcome Pat in the grace of that love and mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We praise you as the giver of life; gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life. ***Hear our prayer.***

The Church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit; and so we commend Pat to you, giving thanks for the gift of his life. ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant

May the Holy One, to whom all the desires of our hearts are known before we ask, hear our prayers for Pat, and for all who mourn, and grant us newness of life, and peace. ***Amen.***

The Committal

The following anthem is said

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Pat; and we commit his ashes to the ground; 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 unto her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, 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.

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Then the Celebrant says

Gracious God, you alone are the source of all life. May your life-giving Spirit flow through us, so that we may be ministers of your compassion to one another; in our sorrow give us the calm of your peace, and kindle our hope, and in your good time, let our grief give way to joy, through Jesus Christ our Deliverer. *Amen.*

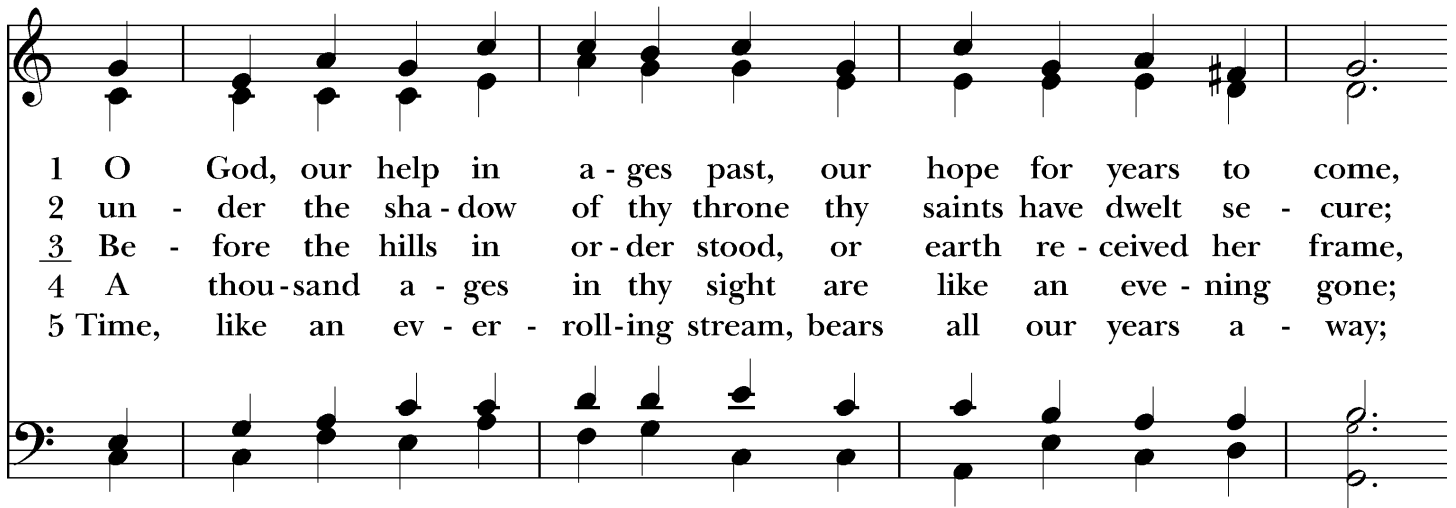
Rest eternal grant to Pat, O Lord:

And let light perpetual shine upon her.

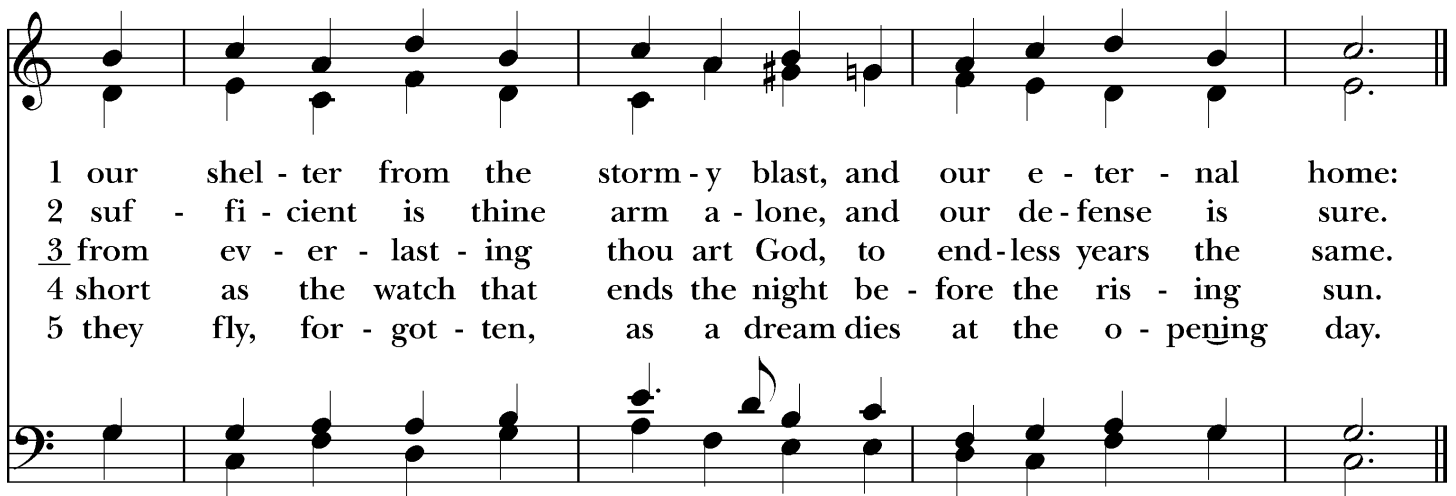
May her soul, + and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

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; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

From The 1979 Book of Common Prayer (P. 507)



The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.



Obituary for Natalie O'Brien Conklin

Natalie O'Brien Conklin, "Pat," passed peacefully on October 9, 2022, in Sarasota, Florida at the age of 96. She was born in 1926 in New York City. She graduated in 1944 from Westover School in Middlebury, CT, where an endowment scholarship was established in her name.

She was predeceased in 2009 by Theodore B. Conklin Jr., who she married in 1946 in NYC. She is also predeceased by her brothers, William J. O'Brien and Henry L. O'Brien Jr. (Bobbin). Pat and Ted had homes over the years in Manhasset, NY, Westhampton Beach, NY, and Boca Grande, FL. They attended St. Mark's Church in Westhampton Beach and St. Andrews Church in Boca Grande, FL. As President of the Henry L. O'Brien Foundation, she helped to support many organizations in these communities that she had a special fondness for.

While raising 5 children, Pat was active in the Junior League of the North Shore of Long Island, as a girl scout leader and an active mom in all her children's activities, carting numerous kids back and forth to the beach every summer. She was the "unofficial first mate" on Ted's numerous "fixer-upper" boats over the years, enjoying the time on deck while he did repairs below.

Pat loved the beach and swimming in Westhampton and in Florida, and many remember joining her ice skating on Quantuck Bay in winter. All her family and friends could attest to the fact that she was a great letter writer as well as an enthusiastic reader. She also derived a great deal of joy from compiling and sharing photo books of all the family.

Many of us have fond memories of how she could coax 8-10 box turtles out from under her rose garden. With just a bowl of melon, they would all come running to her. How many moms have that talent? In recent years she loved to drive around Boca Grande on her golf cart, stopping to admire the beautiful sunsets, and watching the 4th of July golf cart parade, while enjoying visits from her 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren...with another on the way.

Following her passing, many friends and family have expressed that they have fond memories of spending time with the Conklin family over the years, on their boats, at the beach, or in their homes. She represented the last of a generation and her passing represents the end of an era that held fond memories for many.

In honor of our mom, please send a handwritten note or letter to someone special.



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