

A Memorial Service
Celebrating the Life of

Pamela Shields

December 6, 1939 ~ December 16, 2024



January 11, 2025

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Processional Hymn

Amazing Grace

Hymnal 671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

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 Pamela, 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 — Isaiah 61:1-3

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.*

The people stand as they are able.

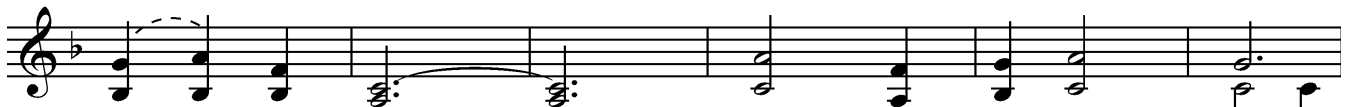
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Peace before us

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2	Love	be - fore	us,	love	be - hind	us,	love
3	Light	be - fore	us,	light	be - hind	us,	light
4	Christ	be - fore	us,	Christ	be - hind	us,	Christ
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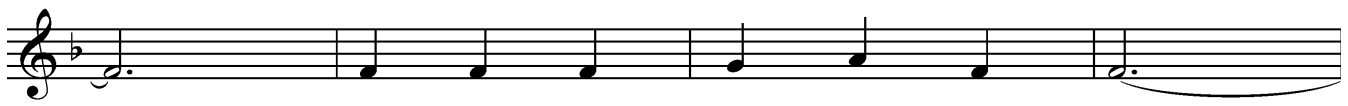
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The Gospel — John 5:24-27

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. "Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. "

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit.

Reflections

**Anthony Pratt
Sandra Rhodie
Nicholas French
Fr. Chris Jubinski**

The people stand as they are able.

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 Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

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 Prayers of the People

Lay Eucharistic Minister

God, your will for us is abundant life; receive Pamela 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 Pamela, who also sought understanding. *Hear our prayer.*

You are greater than all our ideas and images of you; draw Pamela into the mystery of your being. *Hear our prayer.*

We know you as perfect Mercy and Love; welcome Pamela 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 Pamela 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 Pamela, and for all who mourn, and grant us newness of life, and peace. *Amen.*

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body. This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said

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.*

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

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

+ **T**he peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

LEM: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*



1 May choirs of an - gels lead you to Par - a - dise on high,
 2 And at your com - ing thith - er may you be brought by them
 3 As an - gels gave poor Laz - arus from all his ills re - lease,

where dwell the white-robed mar - tyrs who now no more can die.
 in - to the ho - ly ci - ty, God's true Je - ru - sa - lem.
 so may they give you wel - come to ev - er - last - ing peace.

The Service continues with the Committal in the Columbarium Garden.

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 Pamela; and we commit her to her 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 unto her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And with your spirit.*

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.

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 Pamela, 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.*

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to East End Hospice.

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.

Pamela Shields

Pamela Shields (Pratt) of Westhampton Beach, NY passed away on December 16, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones. Born on December 6, 1939, in Colwyn Bay on the North Coast of Wales, Pam spent the early part of her life in England as an accomplished equestrian. Most of her days were spent riding through the fields, competing in horse shows, show jumping, fox hunting and raising her many beautiful horses. In 1968 Pam moved to New York City and Westhampton Beach when hired as an Au Pair where she cared for two beautiful children who were loved as family. It was there that she met, and was swept off her feet by Noel Shields, a Professional Tennis Player from Belfast Ireland. They were married in 1969 and soon after started a family spending summers in Westhampton Beach and winters in Vero Beach Florida traveling for the tennis industry. In 1979 the Westhampton Tennis and Sport Club was built, and Pam became a member of the office team joining her husband running the club operations with her beautiful smile, and British accent welcoming members who became loving friends for over 40 years.



Pam is predeceased by her husband Robert Noel Shields. Survived by her loving daughters Michelle Civiletti (Philip), Colleen Downs (Richard), and her devoted brother Lt Col Anthony Pratt. Her grandchildren Nolan Civiletti, Connor Downs and Evan Downs were the lights of her life, bringing her so much joy and happiness. There is nothing she loved more than spending time with her beautiful family.

A memorial visitation will take place on Friday January 10th, from 2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm at Werner-Rothwell Funeral Home located at 60 Mill Road Westhampton Beach, NY. A Funeral Mass to be held on Saturday January 11th, at 11am at St. Marks Church in Westhampton Beach, NY. Interment to follow at St. Marks Columbarium. Donations may be made to East End Hospice who we will be forever grateful to for their guidance and loving support during this journey.



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