

✠ A CHRISTIAN FUNERAL SERVICE ✠

AMALIE (MALIA) N. STENZEL

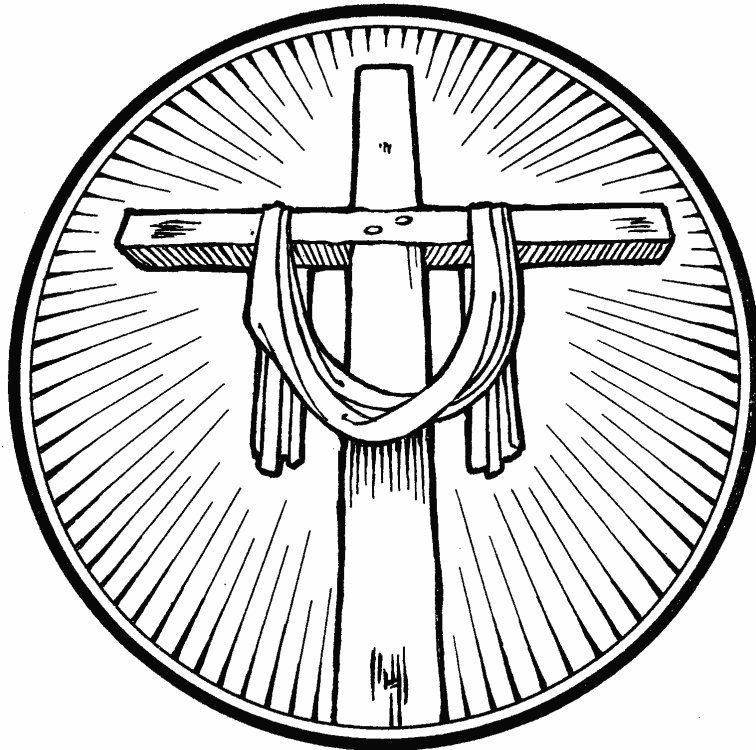
June 29, 1926 – March 8, 2025

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
Huntington Beach, California**

March 29, 2025

10:00 AM

**Tom Miller, Pastor
Matt Laub, Organist
Beth Hansen, Pianist**



Prelude

“How Great Thou Art”

Piano Solo

HYMN

The congregation is invited to stand and face the processional cross as it enters the sanctuary

“The Church’s One Foundation” [LSB hymn 644]



1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, Yet one o’er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav’n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav’n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - ’ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

✠ INVOCATION ✠

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

✠ REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM ✠

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, Malia was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. Saint Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

Cong.: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.

Romans 6:3-5

✠ PSALM 121 ✠

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

Cong.: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Cong.: Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Pastor: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

Cong.: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Pastor: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

Cong.: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

✠ KYRIE ✠

Mark 10:47

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Cong.: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

✠ SALUTATION & COLLECT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And with your spirit.

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: Let us pray: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Malia and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

HANDBELL ANTHEM

“Praise the Lord”

Arr. Linda R. Lamb

✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS ✠

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-3a, 25

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

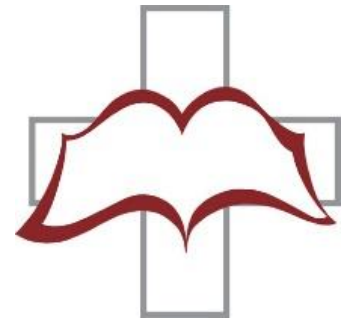
I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,

and I will not remember your sins.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.



Epistle: Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with Him;

Cong.: if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with Him.

2 Timothy 2:11b-12a

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter.

Cong.: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: John 5:24-29a

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, an 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 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. Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ APOSTLES' CREED ✠

Pastor: *God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.*

**Cong.: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**



CHOIR ANTHEM

“Heaven’s Choir”

Pepper Choplin

✠ SERMON ✠

“Smiles From Heaven”

(Pastor Tom Miller)

✠ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ✠

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Pastor: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to the family of Malia and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Receive our thanks for Malia and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

QUARTET

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” (Messiah)

G. F. Handel, arr. Tom Gerold

Ronan Gunn-Clarinet, Karina Gunn-Flute, Beth Hansen-Piano, Rebecca Sautter-Vocals

✠ LORD’S PRAYER ✠

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor: *Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:*

**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.**

✠ NUNC DIMITTIS ✠

Pastor: "I am the resurrection and the life", says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

John 11:25-26

Cong.: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;

Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation

which You have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal You to the nations

and the glory of Your people Israel.

Luke 2:29-32

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: "I am the resurrection and the life", says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

John 11:25-26

✠ CONCLUDING COLLECT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Cong.: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

✠ BENEDICAMUS ✠

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

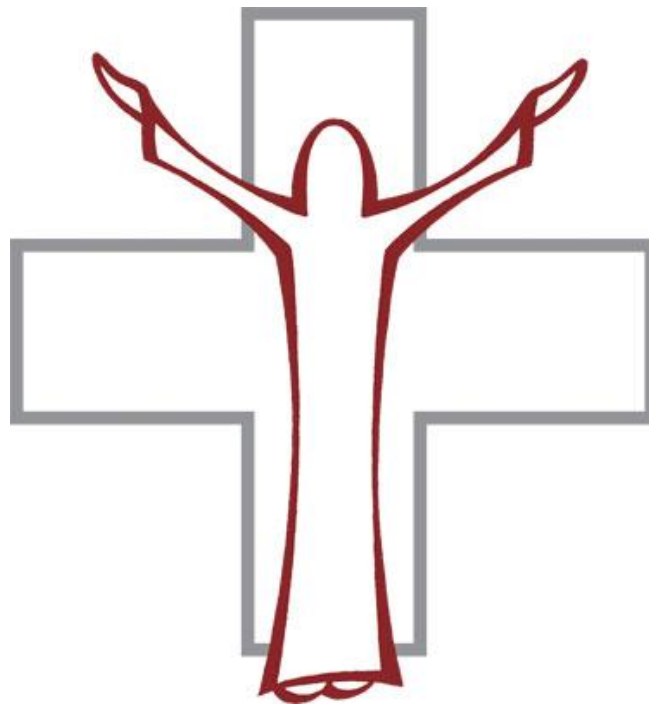
✠ BENEDICTION ✠

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

Cong.: Amen.



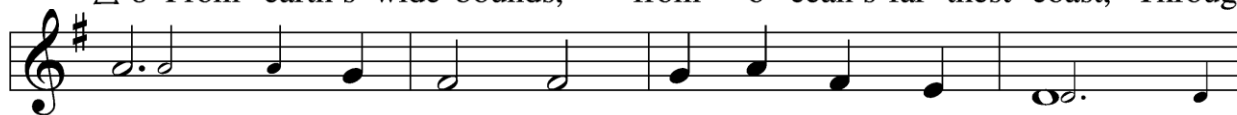
HYMN

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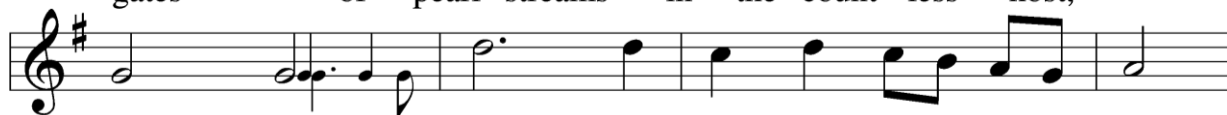
“For All the Saints” [LSB hymn 677]



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The
△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And
saints triumphant rise in bright array; The
gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
win with them the victor's crown of gold!
King of Glory passes on His way.
Sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

Cong.: in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Postlude

Prelude in C Major, BWV 553a by J.S. Bach

You are invited to join the family for a reception in the fellowship hall.
Committal Service at 1:30 PM Good Shepherd Cemetery, Huntington Beach

Pallbearers:

Mark Rieger
Ronan Gunn
Odin Gunn
Nicholas Sautter
Matthew Sautter
Jonathan Sautter

Crucifer: Deacon Bob Foutz

Acolyte: Avalon Doherty

Quartet: Ronan Gunn-Clarinet
Karina Gunn-Flute
Beth Hansen-Piano
Rebecca Sautter-Vocals

Sanctuary Choir

Celestial Ringers

Ushers: Ken Lesniewski
Warren Woodbury
Manny Flores



I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. John 14:1–3

MALIA N. STENZEL

June 29, 1926 – March 8, 2025



Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through His servant Malia.

Malia Stenzel was born in Landau, Bavaria, on June 29, 1926. She was baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit in Landau, Bavaria.

Malia married Ulrich Stenzel on December 10, 1960. They have 3 children, Annette, Reinhard, and Mark.

Before she immigrated to the United States, Malia had a career as a dental assistant, a profession that she continued to practice until she was married and her children were born; she then became a devoted full-time mom and wife.

She had the gift of hospitality and loved entertaining. She found great joy in having the house full of relatives, friends, and even friends of friends from Germany, Canada, Switzerland, and many other parts of the world.

Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas were faithfully celebrated for over 60 years with the Buddeberg, Gunn, and Sautter families.

The family also took many, many road trips in their VW Bus, visiting all fifty states with the children, pitching their tent in a different camp site almost every night. Beyond the U.S., they traveled to Asia, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and South America.

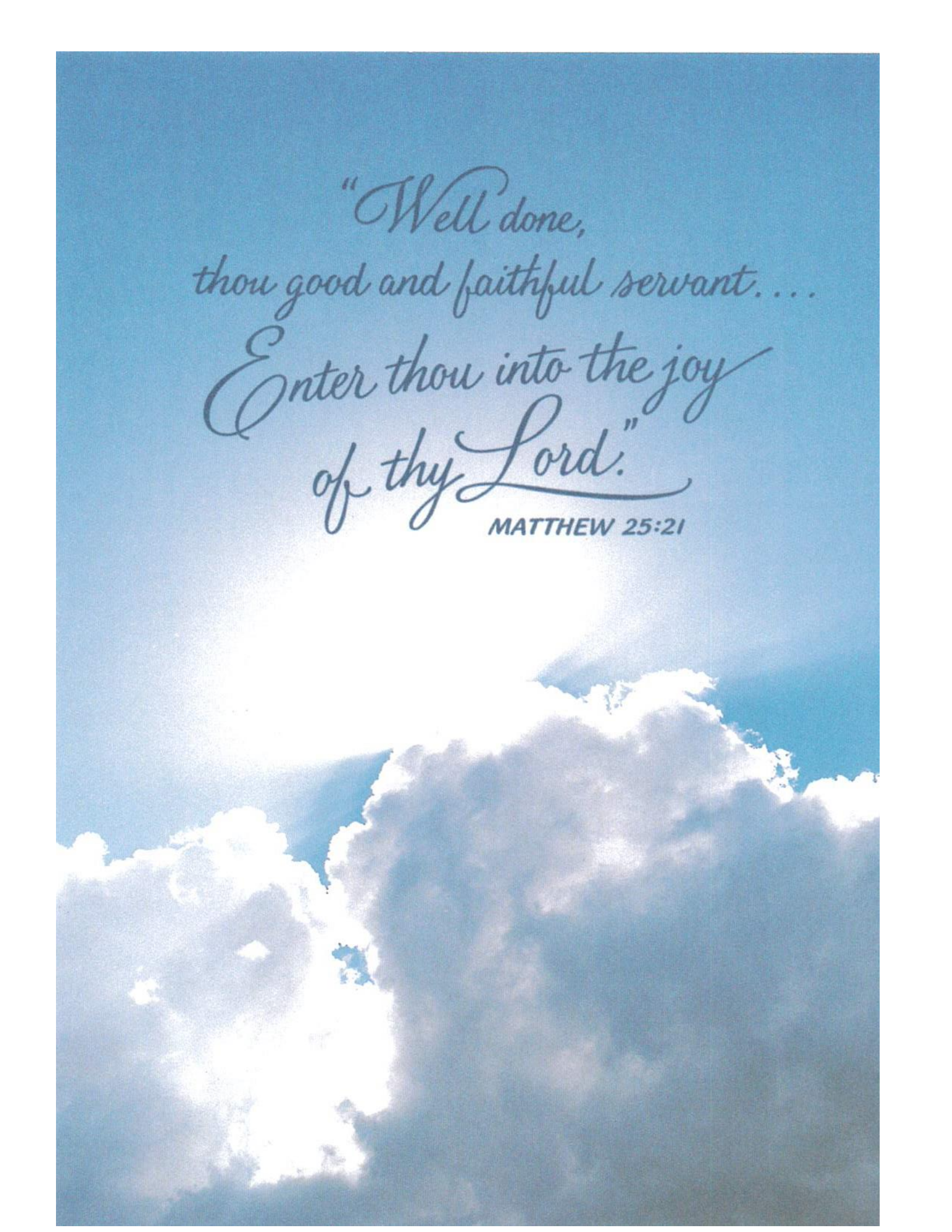
Malia loved animals and often babysat dogs, chickens, a rabbit, a red tail boa, and a parrot when the kids went out of town. She loved baking traditional German cakes which everyone loved. She kept in shape by walking with Ulrich along the beach and in Huntington Beach Central Park.

She was a woman of faith and joy who touched many lives both directly and indirectly through prayer and her gifts of generosity, kindness, and love. Her 3 granddaughters brought her great joy and helping them grow into young Christian women was a blessing for her.

On March 8, 2025, Malia, at the age of 98 years, fell asleep in Jesus.

Malia was preceded in death by her parents and sister Resi Kueffner. She is survived by her husband, Ulrich, daughter Annette Brant (Dale), son Reinhard Stenzel (Paula), son Mark Stenzel (Lina), grandchildren Lydia Petrzak (Yannis), Evangeline Brant, Charlotte Brant, great-granddaughter Elizabeth Petrzak, and Malia's brother Willi Neuer, and sister Mela Weishauple.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord for our sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and aunt, Malia.



*"Well done,
thou good and faithful servant....*

*Enter thou into the joy
of thy Lord."*

MATTHEW 25:21