

Gospel Reflection for Laurette Kelly, CC-WF

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*All of us gathered here,
along with so many who cannot be here in person,
are grateful for having known Laurette Kelly.*

*Each of us finds ourselves blessed beyond measure
for her life and love,
shown in innumerable ways,
as she graced our lives with her presence, wisdom, friendship, service,
and humor.*

We have so many stories and memories of this faith-filled and faithful woman.

*Some of them we've shared during the Memory Ritual we celebrated before we
began this Eucharistic Liturgy.*

*Some are too tender to put words on and speak aloud, but their felt memory will
forever be with us.*

*Some we will tell over and over for years, whenever Laurette's spirit pops into
our minds or hearts or is a felt presence among us.*

*But whether we speak them aloud,
or remember them in silence,
we will never forget her goodness on Earth among us,
for she has made each of us and many, many others a better person for having
known and loved her.*

LET THE COMMUNITY SHOUT "AMEN"!

What fed Laurette's goodness of spirit and loving presence among us?

I believe it was her faith in God who named her: "MY BELOVED"!

She received this "Belovedness" from God through her faith, family and friends.

*AND she believed this!!!!
(Didn't each of us notice that twinkle in her eyes?)*

*This belief in her own belovedness
gave her the wild freedom that she exemplified
as she lived in and with you
and in each facet of her life,
the good times and the hard times,
the happy times and the sad times,
the fun times and the lonely times,
the awful times and the awe filled times:
with her parents, their relations,
with all of her siblings and their loves and children,
with her beloved husband, Ed,
with their children, their spouses, and all their children, her and his
grandchildren,
with all whom she engaged and neighbored, and love, and challenged,
and with all of Creation.*

Yes, Laurette lived the call of God as proclaimed in our First Reading:

“...This is what I ask of you:

Only this.....

To act justly.

To love tenderly.

To walk humbly with your God.”

- Micah 6:8

*Laurette was,
and is still,
a guiding presence among us.
And she asks of each one of us what Jesus asks of us
in the Gospel we proclaimed today:*

”Now, will you also

Love one another as I have loved you.”

- John 13:34

*Our God, Our Breath of Life,
is a “Near/Farness” lover
who lives and breathes in our everyday lives.*

*Now that Laurette completely lives and breathes
this "Near/Farness" ONE LOVE
in the Fullness of Infinity,
May each of us know such fullness
in and through our own finite lives.*

*In that way of living and loving we will always be ONE with Laurette!
who is ONE in and with our God!*

LET THE COMMUNITY SHOUT "AMEN"! "SO BE IT!"