



**THE FUNERAL OF ANASTASIA CLAIRE BORRASSO**  
**JULY 9, 2017**

Anastasia Claire Borrasso  
June 30, 2017

Cherished daughter of Matthew and Holly Borrasso; loving sister of Enzo; beloved granddaughter of Mark and Bonnie Hughes, Joe and Lisa Borrasso, and Karen Johnstone; adored niece of Rebekah Hughes, Jacob Hughes, Jennifer (Lou) Peters, Joseph (Sarah) Borrasso, Trevor (Paulina) Borrasso, and Mollie (Ryan) Dixon; dear cousin of Gia and Josie Peters, and Sofia and Sienna Borrasso; precious great-granddaughter of Carol Erland, Andrew and Josie Borrasso. She is preceded in death by her great-grandparents Earl Erland, Hazel Koblitz Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Tunstall Lemon, Nancy Rucker Hughes, and Claire Zander Lemon.

**Opening Hymn:**

**Christ Be My Leader**

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1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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**Invocation:**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Remembrance of the Word:

**P** In St. Paul's letter to the Romans we hear that, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." And in Isaiah we hear God promise, "so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Anastasia Claire Borrasso heard the word of her Lord. She heard His promise that her sins were forgiven. She heard how He overcame death when He rose again Easter morning. She heard how His life, death, and resurrection were not just for the world in general, but for her specifically. In short, she heard His gospel. Because of this, because of God's promise that through the hearing of His word it will succeed in the thing for which He sent it, we can rest assured that Anastasia rests with her savior. We take comfort in the confident hope that this child will be raised to life with Christ in the resurrection on the Last Day.

**C** Amen.

### Kyrie:

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day:

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Anastasia 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.

**C** Amen.

**First Reading:**

*Psalm 139:13–18*

For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there were none of them.  
How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
If I would count them, they are more than the sand.  
I awake, and I am still with you.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading:**

*Romans 10:14–17*

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed?  
And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?  
And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are  
they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful  
are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not  
all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what  
he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing  
through the word of Christ.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please Rise)*

Verse:

- P** Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
**C** to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel:

*John 4:46–54*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



Hymn of the Day:

**I Am Jesus' Little Lamb**

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1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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Sermon: "The Man Who Went Home With Only A Word In His Pocket"

Martin H. Franzmann

Confession of Faith:

*Apostles' Creed*

**P** God has made us His people through the work of Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** 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.

Prayer of the Church:

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**P** Heavenly Father, Your Son bore all our griefs and carried all our sorrows. Strengthen the faith of these grieving parents and all who bear this heavy burden. Help them to rely on Your boundless mercy and to trust that their little one, who has been gathered into Your loving arms, will rise on the Last Day; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Nunc Dimittis:**

**P** "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."

**C** 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.

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.

**P** "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."

**The Committal:**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, by Your three-day rest in the tomb You hallowed the resting places of all Your children, promising resurrection to our mortal bodies. Bless ✠ this urn that the body of our sister Anastasia may sleep here in peace until You awaken her to glory, when she will see You face to face and know the splendor of the eternal God, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** We now commit the body of our sister Anastasia Claire Borrasso to her resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

**P** May God the Father who created this body; may God the ✠ Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who through the Word sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

**C** Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer:**

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

**C** 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.

**Concluding Collect:**

**P** Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the resting places of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### Easter Acclamation:

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.

**C** Amen.

### Benedicamus and Benediction:

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### Closing Hymn:

Abide with Me

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1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

- 6      Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
        Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
        Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
        In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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The family asks for your prayers as they continue to mourn this loss.*

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*In loving remembrance...*



*Precious Little One*

*I'm just a precious little one who didn't make it there.  
I went straight to be with Jesus, but I'm waiting for you here.  
Many dwelling here where I live, waited years to enter in.  
Struggled through a world of sorrow a world marred with pain and sin.  
Thank you for the life you gave me, it was brief but don't complain.  
I have all of heaven's glory, suffered none of earth's great pain.  
Thank you for the name you gave me, I'd have love to bring it fame.  
But if I'd lingered in earth's shadows, I would have suffered just the same.  
So sweet family don't you sorrow. Wipe those tears and chase the gloom.  
I went straight to Jesus' arms from my loving Mother's womb.*

*—Author Unknown*