

In Celebration
of the
Life and Memory
of



Ronald J. Toperzer, Sr.
March 1, 1941 - September 20, 2022

10:00 A.M.
Saturday, October 15, 2022

Voluntaries

J.S. Bach, H.W. Davies, J. Brahms
E. Elgar

Entrance Anthems

All standing, the Officiant says

I am the Resurrection and the 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.

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.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Opening Hymn *(Sung by all)*

*Refrain: Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.*

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *(refrain)*
2. Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *(refrain)*
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *(refrain)*
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. *(refrain)*

words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

Officiant Let us pray.

Prayer for Ronald

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 Ronald, 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.*

Prayer for the Family

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Ronald's family – Stephanie, Ron, Rachel, Tim, Melissa, Mary Ellen Brian, Julie, John, and seven adored grandchildren, to whom he was Pap Pap, and brother Curtis Toperzer. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3

1. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; **2.** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; **3.** to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23

1. The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3. He restoreth my soul: *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. (KJV)

Epistle

1 John 3:1-2

1. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Please remain standing for the reading of the Holy Gospel

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.

Prayers of the People

Please respond to each prayer by saying, “hear our prayer.”

The Litanist says

Almighty God, you knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we pray, to your whole Church in heaven and on earth, your light and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,
People *hear our prayer*

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy,
People *hear our prayer*

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you in faithful obedience.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Grant us grace to entrust Ronald to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you show to all your people.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

People *hear our prayer*

Silence may be kept.

The Officiant continues

Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And with your spirit.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Offertory

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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Great Thanksgiving *(Remain standing)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who rose victorious from the dead and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People sing

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, * and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, 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.

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Ministration of Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Music

1.

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout The universe displayed.

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (*refrain*)

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
sent Him to die I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin. (*refrain*)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home what joy shall fill my heart;
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!” (*refrain*)

words: Stuart K. Hine
music: *O Store Gud*, Swedish folk melody;
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2.

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon
we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see
the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King, no more cryin'
there we are goin' to see the King, no more cryin' there we are goin'
to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King, no more dyin'
there we are goin' to see the King, no more dyin' there we are goin'
to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

words: Andrae Crouch
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The Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Commendation

Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
People ***Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

Officiant 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 decree, 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.

People *Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing,
but life everlasting.*

The Officiant continues

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Ronald. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him 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

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.*

Closing Hymn

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *(refrain)*

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *(refrain)*

words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915), music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words.

Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

The Officiant says

As the body is borne from the church the following canticle will be said. Please remain standing, as the family leaves.

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, *
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation, *
which you have prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be 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 ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Luke 2:29-32

Voluntary

Toccata – Finale (Symphony 5)

C.M. Widor

Worship Participants

<i>Homilist</i>	The Rev'd Canon B. Keith Allen
<i>Celebrant</i>	Bishop John Miller
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev'd Deacon Debra Gordon
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mary Margaret Hatch
<i>Organist</i>	Brady Johnson
<i>Readers</i>	Katie Toperzer
	Mary Tatro
	Maddie Tatro
<i>Ushers</i>	James Reamy
	John Campani
	Bill Blomberg
	Larry Lauffer

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Vero Beach Hospice House*

*We invite all of you to join us for a reception in the Community Center
immediately following the service, followed by a reception in the Café.*

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by 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.*

Ronald J. Toperzer, Sr.

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So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. – Luke 11: 9-10



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