

The Funeral Service
of
Douglas H. Johnson
1953 † 2017



WE HAVE THIS
HOPE
as an anchor for the soul.
A HOPE BOTH SURE & STEADFAST.
Hebrews 6:19

Funeral Service of Douglas Harold Johnson
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS), Fairmont
1:30 p.m., Saturday, December 2, 2017



Stand

ENTRANCE HYMN: LSB 441 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

INVOCATION & REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P In Holy Baptism Douglas was clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”

C 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.

INTROIT: PSALM 23 (KJV)

P The LORD *is* my shepherd;

C I shall not want.

P He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

C He leadeth me beside the still waters.

P He restoreth my soul:

C He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

P Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou *art* with me;

C Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

P Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

C Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

C and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**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, SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

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 Douglas 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.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 95:1-7a (ESV)

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Psalm 118:14, 28-29 (ESV)

The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation...
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE (General)

P Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

C **to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: **St. John 6:37-40 (ESV)**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into 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.

Sit

SOLO: “Amazing Grace”

SERMON: “God Will Raise Doug on the Last Day” (John 6:37-40)

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to the family of Douglas 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Receive our thanks for Douglas and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P 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.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER SOLO

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."

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

BRIEF COMMITTAL (*Burial at sea will take place at a later date*)

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 by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C Amen.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves 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.

MEAL PRAYER

C Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest and let these gifts to us be blessed. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P 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.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: LSB 748 “I’m But a Stranger Here”

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MILITARY HONORS (*outside the church*)

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Lunch downstairs immediately follows the military honors.

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Bertram

Organist: Mr. Richard Eyerly

Soloist: Mr. Scott Fuhrman

