



The Funeral Service of  
*Anna Johnson*

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St. Johns Lutheran Church  
Park Rapids, Minnesota

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*In this order of worship, the church voices the glorious certainty of the Christian faith: death is overcome, the grave is defeated, heaven is open. You are invited to lift up your hearts and join in thanksgiving to God for the mercy and grace He has shown to His child, Anna, and for the final victory now bestowed upon our dear departed sister in the faith.*

# The Processional Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation” LSB 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.

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## The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We gather together this day, in the presence of God and of His church, to receive comfort in our sorrow from the Word of God and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” *Matthew 11:28*

So praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

The Apostle Paul says: “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” And Jesus gives us this comfort: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

*2 Cor. 1:3-5; Rom. 6:23; John 11:25-26*

P: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

C: **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*1 Corinthians 15:54, 57*

P: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C: **then we also will appear with Him in glory.** *Colossians 3:4*

P: We will be before the throne of God

C: **and serve Him day and night in His temple.**

P: Never again will we hunger;

C: **Never again will we thirst.**

P: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our Shepherd; He will lead us to springs of living water.

C: **And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

*Revelation 7:15-17*

## **The Remembrance of Baptism**

P: In Holy Baptism, Anna was clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness that covered all her sin. As Romans 6 says: “Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

C: **If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.**

*Romans 6:3-5*

## The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray:

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness to Anna 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.

## The Hymn *“Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”* LSB 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

## The Responsive Reading Courage and Hope

P: Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.

**C: Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”** *Joshua 1:9*

P: For God did not give us a spirit of fear

**C: but of power and love and self-control.** *2 Timothy 1:7*

P: Fear not, for I am with you;

**C: be not dismayed, for I am your God;**

P: I will strengthen you, I will help you,

**C: I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.** *Isaiah 41:10*

P: “Seek the Lord while he may be found;

**C: call upon him while he is near;**

P: let the wicked forsake his way,

**C: and the unrighteous man his thoughts;**

P: let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

**C: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

P: For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

**C: neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.**

P: For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

**C: so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.** *Isaiah 55:6-9*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

P: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

**C: I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.**

P: My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

**C: I and the Father are one.”**

*John 10:27-30*

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**C: and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.**

P: [This inheritance is] kept in heaven for you,  
**C: who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**  
P: In this you greatly rejoice,  
**C: though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.**  
P: These have come so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—  
**C: may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.**  
P: Though you have not seen Him, you love Him;  
**C: and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,**  
P: for you are receiving the goal of your faith,  
**C: the salvation of your souls.**

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

**The Solo**

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

**The Gospel Reading**

*John 14:1-7, 15-21, 25-29*

**The Sermon Hymn**

*“The Lord’s My Shepherd” LSB 710*



1 The Lord’s my shep - herd, I’ll not want; He makes me  
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I  
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
walk doth make With - in the paths of  
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
fol - low me; And in God’s house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
righ - teous - ness, E’en for His own name’s sake.  
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

## The Sermon

## The Hymn of Response

*“In Christ Alone”*

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

Light, My strength My song; This cor - ner stone This sol - id  
God in help - less Babe! This gift of love and right - eous -  
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on the  
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as He  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. *No pow'r of*

love What depths of peace when fears are stilled when striv - ings  
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
*hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His*

cease. My com - fort - er my all in all, Here in the  
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid; here in the  
me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the  
*hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the*

love of Christ I stand.  
death of Christ I live.  
pre - cious blood of Christ.  
*pow'r of Christ I'll stand!*

## The Prayer of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

## The Nunc Dimittis

P: Jesus said, “My Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” *John 6:40*

C: **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, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.**

*Luke 2:29-32*

P: Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life. 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*

## The Benediction

P: The LORD has given and the LORD has taken away.

C: **Blessed be the name of the LORD.** *Job 1:21*

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. *Num. 6:24-26*

C: **Amen.**

## The Recessional and Postlude