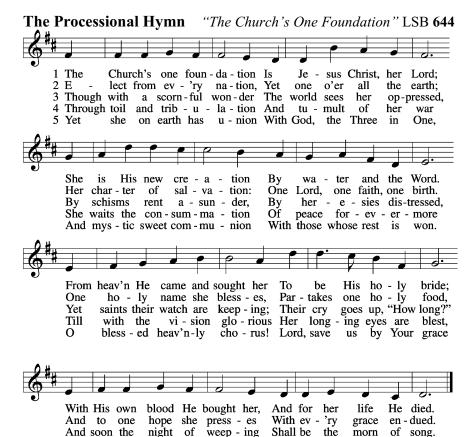


The Funeral Service of *Anna Johnson*

November 30, 2020 St. Johns Lutheran Church Park Rapids, Minnesota

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 Invocation

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

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And the great Church vic - to - rious

That we, like saints be - fore us,

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.

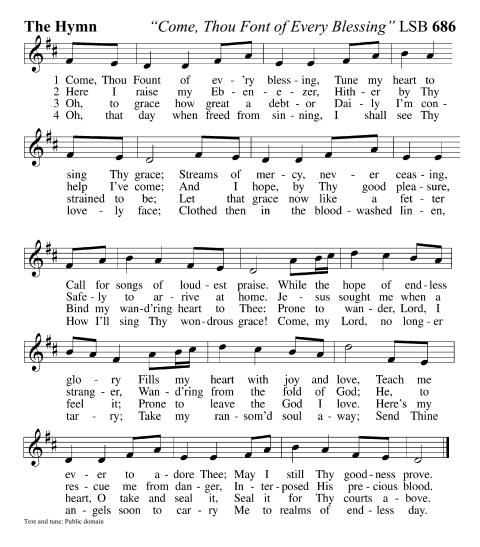
Romans 6:3-5

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.



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- 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.

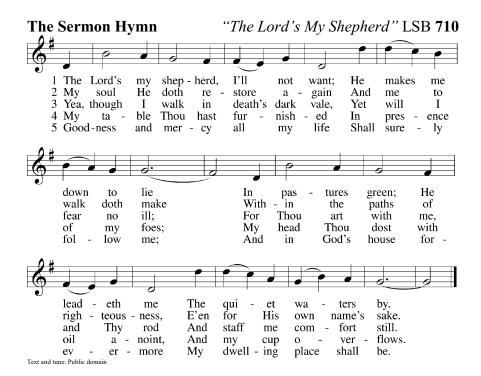
1 Peter 1:3-9

The Solo

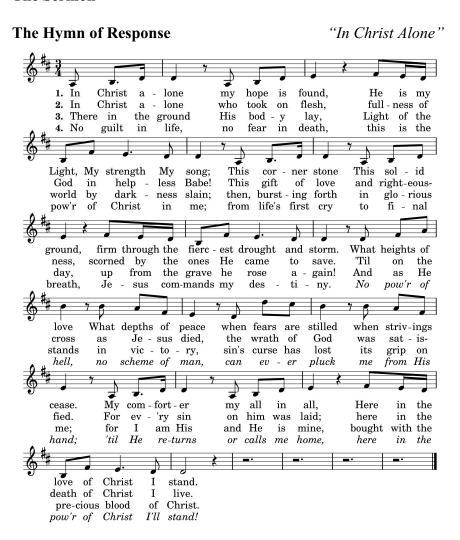
"Be Thou My Vision"

The Gospel Reading

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



The Sermon



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

C: Amen.

The Recessional and Postlude