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(The Hymns, Lessons, and Psalms of this service are the same ones chosen by Gordon for the Memorial Service of his sister, the Rev. Theresa Joan White, who died two years ago. She began her ministry as a nun, and was eventually ordained a Priest in the Church of England.)

Participating in the Service:

*The Rev. Edward R. Greene, Officiant
The Rev. Stephanie Batterman, Deacon
Diane Paterson and Mike Powers, Readers
Leah Zartarian and Will Neilson, Psalmists
Gard Conley, Responder
Carrie Strasburger and Gard Conley, Cantors
Frank Jacob, Zoom Host*

OPENING HYMN — 680 — O God, Our Help in Ages Past — Cantors

1/ O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2/ Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3/ Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

4/ A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5/ Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

6/ O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

OPENING ANTHEMS — *Officiant*

I am Resurrection and I am 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.

As for me, 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.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

THE COLLECT —

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

Responder: And also with you.

Officiant: 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 Gordon, 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.

THE FIRST LESSON — *Isaiah 61:1-3 — Diane Paterson*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of

mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Responder: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-12 — Leah Zartarian

- 1/ Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2/ Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3/ You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4/ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5/ You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6/ In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7/ For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8/ Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9/ When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10/ The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11/ Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12/ So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

THE SECOND LESSON — 2 Corinthians 4:16 - 5:9 — Mike Powers

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

The Word of the Lord.

Responder: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 — King James Version — Will Neilson

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

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.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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.

THE GOSPEL LESSON — John 5:24-27 — Deacon

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

Responder: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.
'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Responder: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A WORD OF REMEMBRANCE FROM CHARLIE DUFFY.

HYMN 671 — Amazing Grace — Cantor

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 so 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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED — Officiant

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER — Officiant

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Deacon

For our brother Gordon, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Gordon, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Responder: Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Responder: Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

Responder: Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

Responder: Hear us, Lord.

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

Responder: Hear us, Lord.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Responder: Hear us, Lord.

Gordon was ordained a Priest in your Church; accept the ministry which was his life's offering.

Responder: Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother Gordon;
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

After a moment of silence, the Officiant concludes:

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Gordon,
who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism.
Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death,
and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's
love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led
the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, to the ages of ages.

Responder: Amen.

THE COMMENDATION —

Deacon: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

Responder: where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Deacon: 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 ordain when you created me, 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.

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

Officiant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your
servant Gordon. 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.

HYMN 625 — “Ye Holy Angels Bright” — Cantor

1/ Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God’s right hand,
or through the realms of light fly at your Lord’s command,
assist our song,
for else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue.

2/ Ye blessèd souls at rest, who ran this earthly race
and now, from sin released, behold the Savior’s face;
God’s praises sound,
as in his sight with sweet delight ye do abound.

3/ Ye saints, who toil below, adore your heav’nly King,
and onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still, through good or ill, who ever lives!

4/ My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above;
and with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
till life shall end, whate’er he send, be filled with praise.

THE BLESSING — Officiant

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 eternal covenant: Make you perfect in
every good work to do his will, working in you that which is
well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be
glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL —

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Responder: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!