SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE in the CITY OF NEW YORK

The Rev. Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector



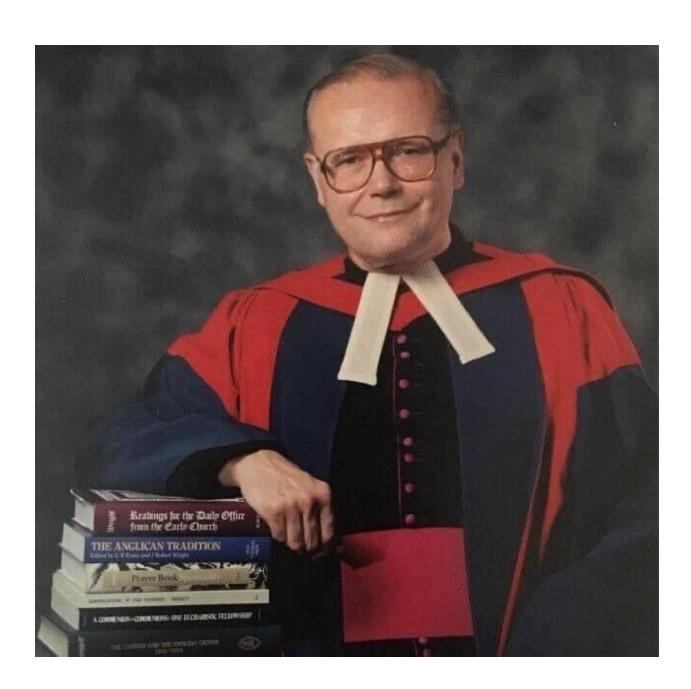
SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS

In thanksgiving for the life of

THE REVEREND PROFESSOR J. ROBERT WRIGHT

October 20, 1936 - January 12, 2022

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022 AT 5:30 PM





GOD'S love and power extend over all creation. Every life, including our own, is precious to God. Christians have always believed that there is hope in death as in life, and that there is new life in Christ over death.

EVEN those who share such faith find that there is a real sense of loss at the death of a loved one. We will each have had our own experiences of their life and death, with different memories and different feelings of love, grief and respect. To acknowledge this at the beginning of the service should help us to use this occasion to express our faith and our feelings as we say farewell, acknowledge our loss and our sorrow, and to reflect on our own mortality. Those who mourn need support and consolation. Our presence here today is part of that continuing support.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

SETTING Messa a Tre Voci Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir. At the entry of the Sacred Ministers, the Choir sings

INTROIT

REQUIEM aeternam dona eis
Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Ps. Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion; et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem:

Ps. Thou, O God, art praised in Sion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem:

Requiem aeternam...

Rest eternal...

Ps. Qui audis orationem, ad te omnis caro veniet propter iniquitatem.

Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Requiem aeternam...

Rest eternal...

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

SEEING that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

The Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir

Kyrie Eleison.

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Kyrie Eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe Eleison etc. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie Eleison etc.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servant Robert; and we pray that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive him more and more into thy joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served thee in the past, he may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON Proverbs 8:22-31

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

In Priase of Wisdom

THE LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

When there were no depths, I was brought forth;

when there were no fountains abounding with water.

Before the mountains were settled,

before the hills was I brought forth:

While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields,

nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

When he prepared the heavens, I was there:

when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

When he established the clouds above:

when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

When he gave to the sea his decree,

that the waters should not pass his commandment:

when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

Then I was by him, as one brought up with him:

and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing always before him;

Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

The lector concludes
The People respond
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-40, 97-104

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Tone I1)

LEGEM PONE

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law:

yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.

O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of: for thy judgements are good.

Behold, my delight is in thy commandments: O quicken me in thy righteousness.

QUOMODO DILEXI!

ORD, what love have I unto thy law: all the day long is my study in it.

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers: for thy testimonies are my study.

I am wiser than the aged: because I keep thy commandments.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way: that I may keep thy word.

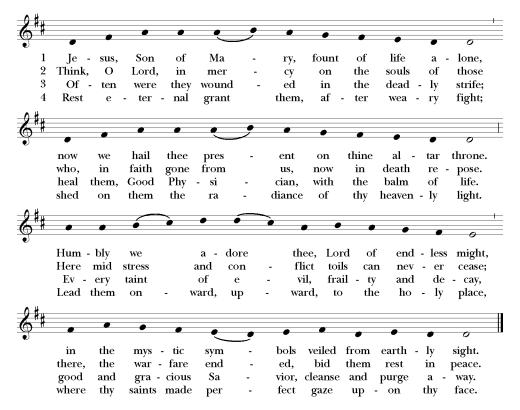
I have not shrunk from thy judgements: for thou teachest me.

O how sweet are thy words unto my throat: yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

Through thy commandments I get understanding: therefore I hate all evil ways.

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon him.

HYMN ADORO DEVOTE



THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew. People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disicples, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

REMEMBRANCE

People

read by Mr. Daniel Fowler

The People stand when the Celebrant goes to the Altar.

The Minister says

For our brother, Robert, let us pray to our Savior Jesus Christ who said: "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Jesus, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; be with us and all who mourn for Bob and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, O Christ.

Jesus, you wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend. Comfort us in our sorrow. Hear us, O Christ.

Jesus, you raised the dead to life. Give to our brother Bob eternal life. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Jesus, you promised paradise to the thief who repented. Bring our brother Bob to the joys of heaven. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Bob was washed in the waters of Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him a place in the company of your saints. Hear us, O Christ.

Bob was nourished with your Body and Blood in the Eucharist; grant him a place at the table at the banquet you have promised to your people at the close of the age. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Our brother Bob celebrated the liturgy of the Church on earth; Grant him a share in the worship of heaven. Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of Bob; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope. *Hear us, O Christ.*

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

Sir William H. Harris (1883-1973)

L OLY is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict: from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendor, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.

Alleluia.

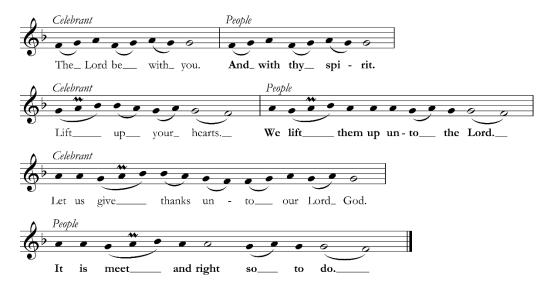
The Salisbury Diurnal, G. H. Palmer

HYMN

GENERAL SEMINARY



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Celebrant says the Preface

T is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, ▲ that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all thecompany of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

C ANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus O Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.

Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, holy, holy,

The People kneel.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,

O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those unable to receive Holy Communion)

BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar; I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there. Never permit me to be separated from thee!

O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed in one kind only at the Crossing.

Gluten free hosts are available; please ask the priest.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel. The Celebrant says this prayer

A LMIGHTY God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

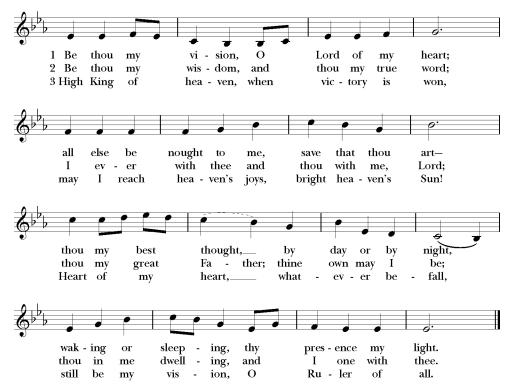
The Celebrant says

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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Deacon says

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. *People* Thanks be to God.

HYMN SLANE



ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir

attrib. Christian Geist (c.1640-1711)



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