

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOR  
JOHN BARLOW WHITE  
FEBRUARY 19, 1975 — NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

*We stand.*

**INVOCATION**

**P** We begin this service in the saving name in which John was baptized, and now rests and lives for all eternity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

**P** We have gathered this day to remember the life and faith of John Barlow White. To praise God for all that He has given us in him, and to thank God for the gift of grace which we possess by faith in Jesus Christ. We praise God for the comfort found in the seal of the holy cross placed upon John at his Baptism which marked him as one redeemed by Christ the Crucified and joined him with Jesus Christ in the resurrection of the dead. We thank God for redeeming John's life so that we may face the future with confidence in the eternal life that he now possesses. Thanks be to God, that in His grace, we do not grieve as those who have no hope, but as those who place their trust in God!

**ENTRANCE SONG    "One Thing Remains"**

Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant in the trial and the change  
One thing remains  
One thing remains

Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
Never runs out on me (REPEAT)  
Your love

On and on and on and on it goes  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I never ever have to be afraid  
One thing remains  
One thing remains

In death in life I'm confident and  
Cover'd by the power of Your great love  
My debt is paid there's nothing that  
Can separate my heart from Your great love (REPEAT)

Your love

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## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**[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 John 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.

*We sit.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,

my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.  
One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.  
For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.  
And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.  
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."  
Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!  
For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the LORD will take me in.  
Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.  
I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!  
Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!

**[L]** This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**[L]** This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

## VERSE

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

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:32-36

**[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

**[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  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

*We sit.*

#### HYMN OF THE DAY      "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus in mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

#### Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!

Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels descending bring from above

Echoes of mercy; whispers of love. (refrain)

Perfect submission – all is at rest,

I in my Savior am happy and blest;

Watching and waiting, looking above,

Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (refrain)

SERMON

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **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."

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

### **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.

## CLOSING SONG

## "Amazing Grace"

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- 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    The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
     He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- 3    Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
     His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
- 4    Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,  
     Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.
- 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.

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## POSTLUDE



The large candle at the front of the sanctuary is the Paschal Candle, or Christ Candle. It is used particularly at Funeral Services, and at Baptisms to remind us of the intimate connection each Christian has with the Savior.

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