

Funeral for Alan Rowe

Thursday, December 3, 2020

St. Mark Lutheran

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Prelude

Family Remembrance & Reading of the Obituary

Invocation

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

C: Amen

Remembrance of Baptism

P: In Holy Baptism Alan Rowe was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all: of us who have been baptized into Christ were baptized into His death?"

C: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. (Rom 6:3-5)

Psalm 23 – Read Responsively

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 forever.

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy upon us

C: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 Alan 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

OT Reading: Proverbs 3:5-8 (read by Mark Rowe)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths
Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (Read by Kristin Rowe)

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Holy Gospel: John 11:20-27

So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Hymn: 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. Through many dangers, toils and
snares
I have already come
His grace has brought me safe thus
far
His grace will lead me home |
| 3. Yes when this flesh and heart
shall fail
And mortal life shall cease
Amazing Grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace | |

Sermon

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 everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer

P: Let us pray.

P: Give to the family of Alan and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

P: Give courage and faith to the bereave, that within the communion of Your Church they may have the strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord in your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

P: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord in your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

P: And grant us grace to be conformed to the likeness of Christ by sharing his sufferings, even as Alan was in his illness, that we may follow Christ in faith and know the power of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our thanks for Alan and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

**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,
forever and ever. Amen**

Nunc Demittus

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 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 all 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**

Benediction

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Postlude

The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences. Committal immediately follows the service at Pine Hill Cemetery.

Committal Service at Graveside

Psalm 130 Read Responsively

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O Lord

O Lord, hear my voice

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities

O Lord, who could stand

But with you there is forgiveness

That you may be feared

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits

And in his word I hope

My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning

More than watchmen for the morning

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love

And with him is plentiful redemption

And he will redeem Israel

From all his iniquities

Glory Be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor and the repose of the blessed dead. We give you thanks for the life of Alan Rowe. In this body You gave him life through which he blessed those here gathered. Give us faith to commend him to You and to await the resurrection of all flesh.

Also, Eternal Father, look graciously upon those gathered who grieve at the remembrance of Alan. Teach us so to number our days, to recall with gladness the many blessings bestowed through Alan and grant them your consolation and peace that he rests in your care. Through Jesus Christ, our savior and redeemer.

Amen.

Blessing of Final Resting Place

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your three-day rest in the tomb You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You, promising resurrection to our mortal bodies. Bless this grave that the body of Alan may sleep here in peace until You awaken us in glory. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Reading

The apostle Paul writes: ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15: 51-57)

P: We now commit the body of Alan to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

P: May God the Father who created this body; may God the Son, who by His blood redeemed this body, may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh

C: Amen

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you always.

C: Amen