



Jesus said, "For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost." Luke 19:10

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

April 23, 2022

In Loving Memory of

Richard Stanley Robertson

January 19, 1952 – March 30, 2022

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VICTORY CELEBRATION

A Christian memorial service is a worship celebration. Although there is sadness because we no longer have our loved one with us, we meet here to celebrate the joy of victory for Richard Stanley Robertson for ourselves as we believe that Jesus Christ has died for us and was raised back to life. We worship together.

CHRISTIAN OBITUARY

HYMN

“For All the Saints”

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

- P** We gather here today to receive and to share with each other the comfort and strength of our Lord.
- C** **In His Word is both life and hope which is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- P** In You, O Lord, do we trust. Be with us this day as we need and seek Your guidance and direction in grief and sorrow.
- C** **In You, O Lord, do we trust. And so, we make our beginning in the name of the Father Who created us, the Son Who redeemed both body and soul, and the Holy Spirit Who made this earthly body the temple of our Lord. Amen.**
- P** O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today, Richard, our brother in Christ. We thank You for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion here on earth. In Your unlimited compassion, console us who mourn. Enable us, Lord, to be able to see in death the gate to eternal life and that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by Your call, we are reunited with Richard and those who have gone before us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God the Father Who loved us, and by His grace gave us eternal life, strengthen you in every good deed and word. (*2 Thess. 2:16–17*)
- C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23 (ESV)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

“Shepherd Psalm”

D. and J. Hall/arr. M. McDonald

Ascension Choir

Phyllis Ernsberger, violin

Barbara Greco, cello

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NLT)

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. ⁴ Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. ⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. ⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered His kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹ God has now revealed to us His mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill His own good pleasure. ¹⁰ And this is the plan: At the right time He will bring everything together under the authority of Christ-- everything in heaven and on earth. ¹¹ Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for He chose us in advance, and He makes everything work out according to His plan. ¹² God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. ¹³ And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago. ¹⁴ The Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised and that He has purchased us to be His own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify Him.

GOSPEL PROMISE

Luke 19:1–10 (ESV)

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received Him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

HYMN

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

MESSAGE

“FAMILY”

Luke 19:1–10
Rev. Jim Sprenkle

“Majesty”

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, Honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne Unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high The name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty.
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

PRAYER

P O God, our Father in Heaven:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Holy Spirit, our Counselor:

C **Grant us Your peace.**

P O, how glorious is that Kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ.

C **They are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb wherever He goes.**

P Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

C **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen.

P Loving and merciful God, if it were not for the promise of the resurrection and life eternal, we could not endure the sorrow which has come upon this gathering. Only the assurance of Your continual presence enables us to carry on during these times. Lord, do not let these loved ones mourn as those who have no hope. Comfort them day after day with the precious promise of Your Word. Give them grace to come to You and to find rest for their souls.

Merciful God, You have appointed us to endure trouble and sorrow with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into glory. Enable us to be strong in faith to the end and to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come. We pray through Jesus.

C **Amen.**

THE 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.**

THE COMMENDATION

P Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Richard Stanley Robertson. We humbly ask, Lord, that You acknowledge him as a sheep of Your fold, a lamb of Your flock, and a sinner whom You have redeemed. Receive him into Your merciful arms, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in Heaven.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

(Elderly Simeon spoke the following words when Baby Jesus was presented to him in the temple.)

Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel. *Luke 2:29-32*

May God enable you to see Jesus as your salvation. In the name of the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain:

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain

“Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won.” Refrain

Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

Remembrances can be made to:
Ascension Lutheran Church – Richard Robertson Memorial

Officiant: **Rev. Jim Sprengle**
Musician: **Brad Hall**

All are invited to the Community Room for food and fellowship.

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Richard Stanley Robertson, son of Richard S. Robertson, Sr. and Edna J. Fagerson, was born in Portland, Oregon on January 19, 1952, and died on March 30, 2022, at the age of 70 years, 2 months, and 11 days. Richard was confirmed at Ascension Lutheran Church, Portland, on September 12, 2004, and was a member Ascension at the time of his death.

Richard served his Lord through his church home as he went on many mission trips, helped with soccer clinic, served in the sound booth, as an usher, worship assistant, choir member, Human Care Board member, hospitality committee helper, Property Management Board member, and “early bird” church opener and coffee maker. Richard also traveled to the Holy Land on two occasions, and he was always ready to share his experiences on the Sea of Galilee, in Jerusalem, Masada and the Dead Sea, and Mount Sinai.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Richard Sr. and Edna. Surviving to mourn his death are the friends he made during his earthly journey and his family at Ascension Lutheran Church.