Service of Christian Burial for Masih Salik

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11:30 AM

Ascension Lutheran Church “The Good News Place”
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Solo

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!

744 Amazing Grace

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Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the +I+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

P In Holy Baptism Masih 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 Jesus 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.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.
C Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 Masih 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.

Sit
Old Testament Reading

1But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

2When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

3For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

4Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.

5Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.

6I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

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

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Verse

P Alleluia, alleluia Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
C to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

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 everlasting. Amen.

Sit

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort
   this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who
   once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; He lives all glorious
   in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry
   soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.
   He lives all blessings to impart.

5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives and grants me daily breath;
   He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
   He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives my Mansion to prepare;
   He lives all blessings to impart. He lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav’nly friend; He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
   He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, all glory to His name!
   He lives, while He lives, I’ll sing; He lives, all glory to His name!
   He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
   He lives my mansion to prepare;

8 He lives all glory to His name!
   He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
   Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
   I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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

P Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.
Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give to the family of Masih 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,

hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have 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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

Receive our thanks for Masih 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,

hear our prayer.

O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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 Dimittis

A “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.

A “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.”

Concluding Collect

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Family Remembrances

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction and Dismissal

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.
922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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Footprints in the Sand

Mary Powers (nee Fishback) claims she wrote the poem on a Canadian Thanksgiving weekend in 1964 while at Echo Lake near Kingston, Ontario.

One night I dreamed a dream. As I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said once I decided to follow you, You'd walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you. Never, ever, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."