



## *A Celebration of Life*



**Hugo Benson**  
*February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1932 – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

## **Prelude**

### **Opening Procession**

*The Celebrant says,*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though they die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed themselves to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us have life in ourselves,  
and none becomes our own master when we die.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.

*On Eagle's Wings*

***You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord  
"My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"***

Refrain:

***And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.***

***You need not fear the terror of the night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day  
Though thousands fall about you  
Near you it shall not come.***

Refrain

***For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways  
Upon their hands they will bear you up  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.***

Refrain

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

### **Collects for Burial**

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Hugo, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with Jacki and the Benson family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 25:6-9

*All sit.*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            ***Thanks be to God.***

## Second Reading

Revelation 21:2-7

I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                      ***Thanks be to God.***

*All stand.*

*It Is Well with My Soul*

LEVAS 188

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my  
2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should  
3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;  
2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,  
3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—  
4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.  
3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## **Eulogies & Homily**

### **Apostles' Creed**

*All stand as the Celebrant says*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say together,

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

*He descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*



## **Prayers of the People**

For our brother, Hugo, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Hugo, and dry the tears of those who weep.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother Hugo eternal life.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother Hugo to the joys of heaven.

***Hear us, Lord.***

Our brother Hugo was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

***Hear us, Lord.***

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

***Hear us, Lord.***

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother Hugo; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

## **Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

## **Special Music**

*Pat Hamilton*

## **Holy Communion**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name, as we say together:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, as you give us Jesus as our greatest gift, so we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. With Christ, make us a living sacrifice of praise. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we are bold to say together,

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized persons are welcome and encouraged to receive both the bread and the wine of the Eucharist. Those who are not baptized or who prefer not to receive communion are invited to come forward and cross their arms to receive a blessing. Those desiring a gluten-free wafer may request one when they come forward to receive communion.*

### **Commendation**

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Hugo with your saints,

*People* ***where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

*Celebrant* You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People* ***Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Hugo with your  
saints, where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

*The Celebrant then says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Hugo. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. ***Amen.***

## **Blessing**

May the Holy and Undivided Trinity guard your soul, guide your feet into the way of peace, and receive you into that place where there is no pain or grief but life eternal, and may the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

*The Celebrant says,*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

Hymn 671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
\*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*Please greet Jacki and the family in the Atrium immediately following the service  
for a festive, onsite reception*

*In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Hugo Benson can be made to*

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## **Worship Leaders**

*Celebrant & Homilist*

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