



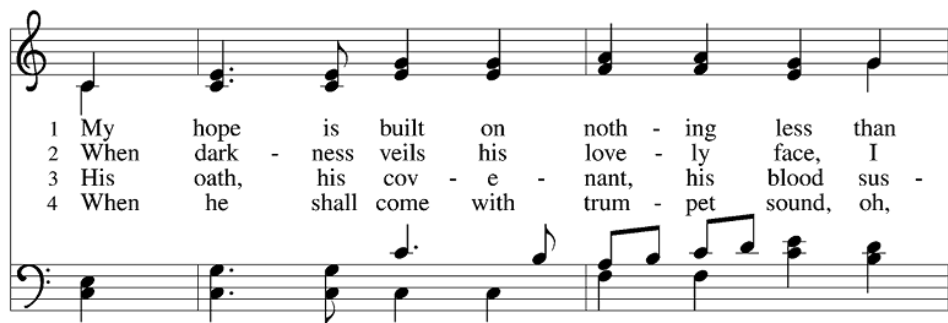
*In Memory of  
of Robert Cruickshank*



## *Opening*

- P:** *In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We gather to commend Bob to him rest in Christ. This is the last act of caring that we can give to him for we trust in the hope of the promise Jesus made to abide with him until the day of resurrection. Therefore, even in the midst of our grief we can still echo the words God's people have always declared; "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous."*
- C:** **For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.**
- P:** *Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver them from death.*
- C:** **Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.**
- P:** *Let your steadfast love, O Lord, abide with us as we hope in your word.*
- C:** **Amen.**

*The white pall is placed on the casket as a sign and reminder of Bob's baptism and the promises he received through that water and Word: that the God who claimed him in life now abides with him in death until the coming Day of Resurrection when Christ returns to bring the final victory over death and welcomes him into The Kingdom.*



1 My hope is built on nothing less than  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

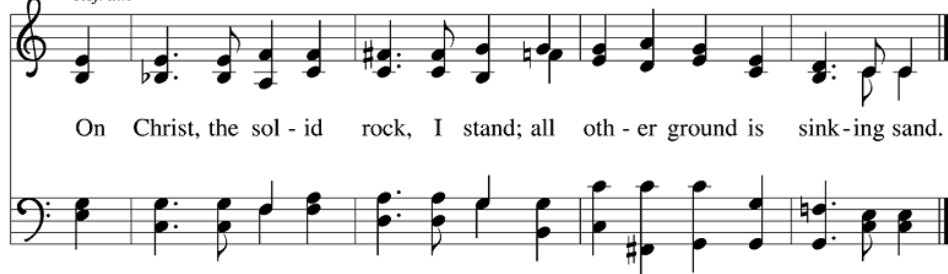


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are -  
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

## Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## *Greeting*

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

## *Prayer of the Day*

*P: Let us pray.*

**C: Gracious God come, be with us now as we gather around the hope of our faith. Enliven our minds with the memories we share. Console our hearts with the confidence of Your favor for Bob. Bring us peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## *Lesson*

## **Habakkuk 2**

I will stand at my watch post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what the Lord will say to me, and what the Lord will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud, their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith."

*R: The word of the Lord!*    **C: Thanks be to God!**

## *Psalm*

**23**

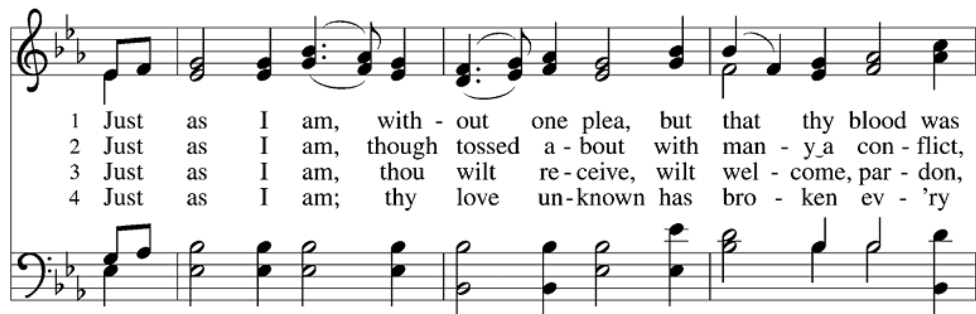
*The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.*

**C: He makes me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leads me beside the still waters.**

*He restores my soul:  
he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*  
**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.**

*You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies:  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.*


*Surely goodness and mercy will follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Do not be like others who seem to have no sense and no grounding! No! Instead, you are to always be level-headed - calm and collected – sticking with being faithful even in the most challenging moments – speaking the truth of the Gospel until your final breath. You must take up this work, now, because I, Timothy, am wearing out and will soon be leaving this life. But I do so knowing that I have fought the good fight, and I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. What I now look forward to is receiving that crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on the day of resurrection - and not only to me but to everyone who has taken Christ's ministry to heart.

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God

Verse

Children of the Heavenly Father

781

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Remembrances

## Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

## Gospel

Matthew 11

In that critical moment Jesus was saying . . . "Come to me, all those exhausting themselves and being burdened, and I will give rest to you. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me! For, I am gentle and have a soft heart, and you will find a quiet space in your lives. For my yoke is effective, and my load is light."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

## Sermon

## Hymn.

I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry

**732**



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

## Prayers

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks and praise to you, for by your cross and empty tomb you have turned the silent darkness of death into the way of light, hope and everlasting joy in your kingdom.  
Lord in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us when we fail to put our trust in you. Write your promise anew on our hearts and enlighten our minds to glory in the mystery of your wisdom. Make us certain that because Jesus lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love. Lord in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, draw near to all who mourn. Make the comfort of your loving presence known to them that they may turn to you and find the strength and their hope renewed and that their joy may be restored. Make each of us bearers of your love, that we will always support one another. Lord in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit upon those who are awaiting death this day. Give them the peace that only you can give, the hope that only you can offer, and the all-encompassing love that will never abandon us. Lord in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** O Lord support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen, and evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

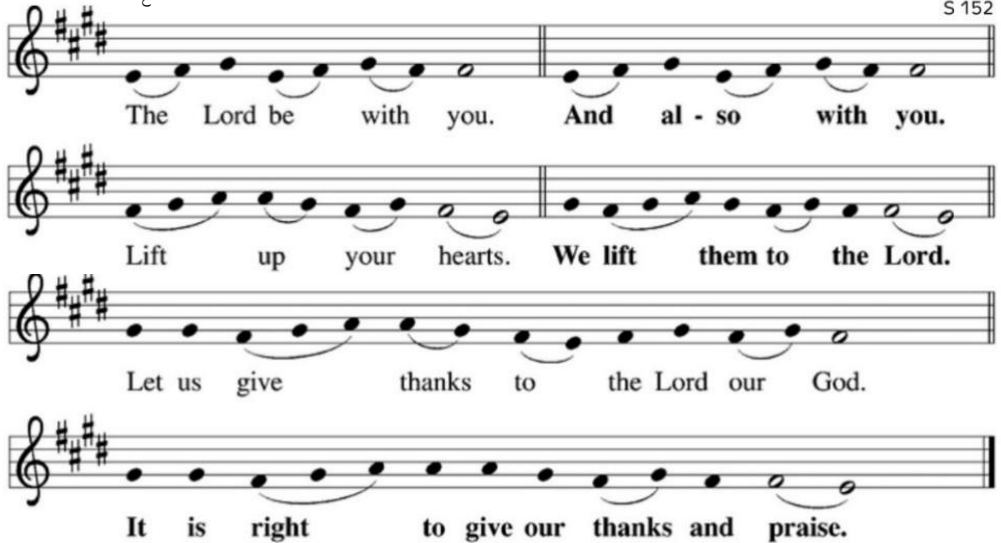
## Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of our Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## Holy Communion

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The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*R. It is indeed . . .*

S 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Eucharistic Prayer and 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**

*Distribution Hymns*

*Precious Lord Take My Hand*

**773**



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



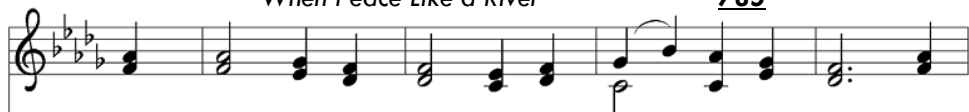
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

*When Peace Like a River*

**785**



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

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

### *Last Communion Prayer*

*A: Let us pray: Almighty God, at this moment we are keenly aware that this physical world is destined to pass away. Gift us with Your Spirit that we will also know the hope of your promise that you will renew and restore this creation in a new creation of glory on the day of resurrection. Fill us with the faith we need to trust this Word, that we will live in this world in a way that reflects our destiny in the next. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

### *Commendation*

*Now, Bob, we commend you to your quiet rest,  
 Eyes closed to the light and the dark,  
 Ears deaf to the sound and the silence,  
 Heart stilled to the stirring of love or anger.*

Body quieted to the energizing of pleasure or pain,  
 Mind free of all thoughts, memories or dreams,  
 With our eyes open now to the empty place you leave,  
 With our ears longing for the sound of your voice, your laugh, your breath,  
 With our bodies yearning to embrace yours just once more,  
 With our minds full of memories and mourning,  
 We commend you into the perfect peace you so well deserve and now have received.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake  
 we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Hymn*

Abide With Me

629



1 A - bid with me! Fast falls the e - ven - tide. The dark-ness  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day. Earth's joys grow  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour. What but thy  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless. Ills have no  
 5 Hold then thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes. Shine through the



deep - ens; God, with me a - bid. When oth - er help - ers  
 dim, its glo - ries pass a - way. Change and de - cay in  
 grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r? Who like thy - self my  
 weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? Where,  
 gloom, and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and



fail, and com - forts flee, help of the help - less, O a - bid with me.  
 all a - round I see. O thou who chang - est not, a - bid with me.  
 guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid with me.  
 grave, thy vic - to - ry? I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid with me.  
 earth's vain shad - ows flee. In life and death, O God, a - bid with me.



Go forth from this world Robert;  
In the love of God the Father who created you,  
in the mercy of Jesus Christ who redeemed you,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Robert, your servant.  
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,  
into the glorious company of all your saints.

The Lord bless him and keep him.  
The Lord make his face shine on him and be gracious to him.  
The Lord look upon him with favor and give him peace.

Rest eternal grant him O Lord and let Light Perpetual shine upon him.  
Amen. Amen. And Amen.

*Recessional*

*How Great Thou Art*

**856**

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

*Dismissal*

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Bob Cruickshank** passed away peacefully early Sunday morning. It's been a long, hard journey that we have traveled these past two years, but we also experienced miracles, compassion, and an abundance of love and support from our church family. Our hearts are also lifted by our faith in God's promises, which we know He always keeps. [*As Pastor Chris teaches us!*]

Bob was originally a Methodist but didn't attend church regularly until the day he walked through the doors of Grace and Pastor Kennedy asked him if he would help him put some new shingles on the church's roof where it was leaking. He did, and later told me, "I was so happy to have been able to help." From that day on Bob was a church-goer at Grace Lutheran Church. He helped clean the church (before we had a sexton), co-founded the Altar Guild, served on the Social Ministry Committee, the Congregational Council and as Council president. He also graduated from the Diakonia and Stephen's Ministry programs. One of his favorite activities was taking pictures of people participating in the life of the church.

Bob was born in Washington DC on the 17th of September, 1942. He grew up in Mount Vernon before moving to Yorktown heights in the 1970s. He worked for Verizon for 39 years as a lineman before retiring. He is survived by his wife Carol; his former wife, Diana; two daughters, Valerie (Marcello) and Donna (Tammy); 3 stepchildren, Rob, Vicky and Andy. Bob was also blessed with six grandchildren: Marcello, Matt, Pete, Sarah, Andrew and John to whom he will always be remembered as quote "#1 Poppy."

Life is a journey filled with ups and downs as we travel it. Bob was blessed with many happy and fulfilling days in his life. We know, that so the next part of the journey of Bob will be one of great joy and jubilation when he comes into his last home - heaven!

