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Dale Flory
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**Born A Child of Man— October 2, 1938
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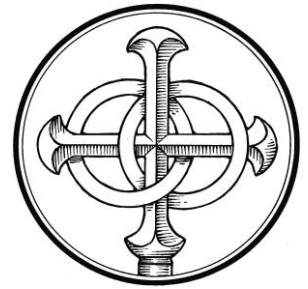
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✠ A WORD ABOUT FUNERALS ✠

A funeral according to Meriam Webster is the "observances held for a dead person before burial or cremation." We might think of a funeral as a public way of dealing with grief. Grief according to John W. Santrock is, "The emotional numbness, disbelief, separation anxiety, despair, sadness, and loneliness that accompany the loss of someone we love." The funeral is meant to help people come to grips with the reality of grief and accept the reality of death.



Funerals are common in many cultures. Funeral observances in the Bible were far different from those which we are accustomed to in the United States. A common element among them was having an extended time of mourning. For example, when Moses died, "The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over." Another characteristic was to have a funeral procession where people wailed and the body was carried off to the grave. In fact, it was common to pay people to cry out aloud (professional mourners).

Loss brings pain and crying. Even Jesus cried when Lazarus died, "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). It is healthy to mourn the loss of a loved one. Telling stories about the good and bad times we have had with the person may help with grief. It is good to set time aside to talk about the person and to cry together as a group. It is good to remember the loved one through old photographs, videos, and stories. Such time will bring many tears to our eyes as we remember a person. It is healthy to get out and talk with fellow family and to cry together.

As Christians we need not ignore the grieving process or to pretend it does not exist. We should participate, but we have an opportunity to do something different, that no other group of people can do: to have a worship service during this time of grieving. A time to not focus on the person who has died but upon our God who has done something for the person that has died and for us who are still alive.

Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 18, "Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. . . . Therefore encourage each other with these words." These words describe what Paul would have us say at the time of death, namely encouraging one another with the words of truth that come from scripture concerning the resurrection, etc.

Indeed, funerals are a time for us to acknowledge the death of a loved one, but it is also a time for us to acknowledge and hear about the death of Jesus Christ. Why the death of Jesus? Answer; there is no other death like Jesus' death. Yes, Jesus' death brought death to death. Yes, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have God's solid answer that death's sting is finished and that there is life after death in Jesus; a resurrected life. Thus, funerals are a time where our grief is met by the comfort of God's forgiveness of sins and the promised resurrection through Christ.

[The congregation is asked to Stand and Sing Hymn 525 as the family enters.]

Processional Hymn: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525

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 Dale 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.**

Psalm 23

P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

P He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C **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.**

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

C **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Kyrie

LSB 278

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 Dale 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.

[The congregation is asked to be Seated.]

Special Music: In the Garden

Steve Beaudoin

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 25

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.

²⁵"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 14:7-9

⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.

⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

[The congregation is asked to Stand.]

Verse

P Alleluia, alleluia

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

C to Him be the glory and power forever,
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 279

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

G 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.

[The congregation is asked to be Seated.]

Hymn of the Day: 878 Abide with Me

LSB 878

Sermon

[The congregation is asked to 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,

G hear our prayer.

P 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,

G hear our prayer.

P 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to the family of Dale 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 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive our thanks for Dale 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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 280

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

C **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

LSB 281

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 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.**

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."

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

C (Sing): Amen, amen, amen.

The congregation is asked to remain standing and sing Hymn 457 as the family exits.

Recessional Hymn: 457 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

LSB 457

Postlude

***Following the service, the family invites you to stay
for a meal in the Fellowship Hall.***