



Robert Owen Crummey
April 12, 1936 – November 6, 2023
&
Nancy Nesbit-Crummey
October 22, 1933 – September 29, 2023

We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,
we have a building from God, a house not made with
hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 Corinthians 5.1

Requiem for Robert Owen Crummey
& Nancy Nesbit-Crummey
December 2, 2023
St. John's West Toronto

Celebrant & Preacher: Mother Alexandra Stone
Deacon: The Reverend Evelyn Butler
Eulogists: Jim Crummey & Ida Parsons
Eucharistic Assistant: Lisa Rumble
Readers: Lorraine Crummey & Clare Whiston
Intercessor: Sheila Crummey
Piano & Organ: John Stephenson
Vocalist: Danie Friesen
Technical Assistance: Michael Taylor

Readings:
Ecclesiastes: 3.1-8; Psalm 121; 1 Corinthians 15.51-57;
John 14.1-6

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Wendat, the Anishinaabe, the Mississauga of the Credit and the Haudenosaunee, the first people of this land.

We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred on this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced.

With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit.

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYERS

Please stand as you are able.

CELEBRANT: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Christ. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die. And everyone who has life, and is committed to me in faith, shall not die forever.

John 11.25-26

DEACON: Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In God's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

John 14.1-3

CELEBRANT: I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8.38-39

HYMN

Please remain standing.

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of
sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

Refrain

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their
eyes. **Refrain**

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world
was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the
wind. **Refrain**

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream
dreams;

our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.

With bold new decisions your people arise. **Refrain**

James K. Manley, 1975

CELEBRANT: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the
Saviour of the world. We are
gathered to worship, to proclaim
Christ crucified and risen, to
remember before God our brother
Bob and our sister Nancy, to give
thanks for their life, to commend
them to our merciful redeemer, and
to comfort one another in grief.

All who are baptized into Christ
have put on Christ. In their baptism,
Bob and Nancy were clothed with
Christ. In the day of Christ's coming,
they shall be clothed with glory

CELEBRANT: Eternal God, maker of heaven and
earth, who formed us from the dust
of the earth, who by your breath
gave us life, we glorify you.

ALL: We glorify you.

CELEBRANT: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

ALL: We praise you.

CELEBRANT: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

ALL: We worship you.

CELEBRANT: The grace of Jesus the Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Bob and our sister Nancy. We thank you for giving them to us to know and to love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.

Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of Jesus the Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus the Christ, our Saviour.

ALL: **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3.1-8 Read by Lorraine Crummey

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

Sung by Danie

Please remain seated.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15.51-57

Read by Clare Whiston

A Reading from 1 Corinthians.

Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, 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 will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Francis Patrick O’Brien, 2018

THE GOSPEL

DEACON: May God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

DEACON: The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to John.

ALL: Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

DEACON:

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In God's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Teacher, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to God except through me.

DEACON: The Gospel of Christ

ALL: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

EULOGY

Jim Crummey & Ida Parsons

*Please be seated.***SERMON**

Mother Alexandra Stone

*Please remain seated.***HYMN***Please remain seated.***Just As the Deer**

Just as the deer longs for the water brooks,
So longs my soul, for you, O Lord my God.
All that I am thirsts for the living spring
Of your kind presence welling deep within.
Why now so full of heaviness my soul?
Why such disquiet deep within my heart?

Deep calls to deep in cataracts of thunder;
Your floods and rapids crash across my life.
My tears have been my food both day and night;
My God, why now have you forgotten me?
Why now so full of heaviness my soul?
Why such disquiet deep within my heart?

All through the day my God will comfort me,
And in the night my voice will raise God's song,
And I will go to worship in God's house.
God of my life, to you I raise my prayer,
And when I come into your presence, Lord,
My barren soul will blossom with new life.

Brian Ruttan, paraphrase of Psalm 42, 1933
Jean Sibelius (1865 – 1957), FINLANDIA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand as you are able.

INTERCESSOR: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

ALL: Hear us, O God.

INTERCESSOR: May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

ALL: Hear us, O God.

INTERCESSOR: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

ALL: Hear us, O God.

INTERCESSOR: Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

ALL: Hear us, O God.

INTERCESSOR: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

ALL: Hear us, O God.

INTERCESSOR: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

ALL: Hear us, O God.

INTERCESSOR: Grant us grace to entrust Bob and Nancy to your never-failing love which sustained them in this life. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, and remember them according to the favour you bear for your people.

ALL: Hear us, O God.

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT: May the peace of Jesus the Christ be
 always with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

We take a moment to share the peace.

HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

Please remain standing.

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 eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

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**

Michael Jonas, paraphrase of Psalm 91, 1979

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

God of mercy, accept the worship
we offer you this day. Increase, we
pray, our faith, deepen our hope, and
confirm us in your eternal love. We
ask this in the name of Jesus the
Christ.

ALL: **Amen.**

CELEBRANT: May God be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **We lift them up to God**

CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

CELEBRANT: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose victorious rising from the dead has given us the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy, O God of Hosts,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of Our God.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

CELEBRANT:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
 we proclaim his resurrection,
 we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

ALL: **Amen.**

CELEBRANT: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

ALL: **Abba, Amma, Beloved, your name be hallowed, your reign spread among us, your will be done well, at all times, in all places, on earth as in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Let us not fail in the time of our testing. Spare us from trials too sharp to endure. Free us from the grip of all evil powers. For yours is the reign, the power and the glory, the victory of love, for now and eternity, world without end. Amen and Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CELEBRANT: Christ, we died with you on the cross.

ALL: **Now we are raised to new life.**

CELEBRANT: We were buried in your tomb.

ALL: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

CELEBRANT: Live in us that we may live in you.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant them rest eternal.**

Francis Patrick O'Brien, 2018

We welcome you to receive the Holy Eucharist at St. John's.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion at this time are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you wish to be blessed.

For health reasons, please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Gluten free hosts are available.

HYMN

For the Splendor of Creation

For the splendor of creation
that draws us to inquire,
for the mysteries of knowledge
to which our hearts aspire,
for the deep and subtle beauties
which delight the eye and ear,
for the discipline of logic,
the struggle to be clear,
for the unexplained remainder,
the puzzling and the odd:
for the joy and pain of learning,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the scholars past and present
whose bounty we digest,
for the teachers who inspire us
to summon forth our best,
for our rivals and companions,
sometimes foolish, sometimes wise,
for the human web upholding
this noble enterprise,
for the common life that binds us
through days that soar or plod:
for this place and for these people,
we give you thanks, O God.

Carl P. Daw Jr., 1990

Gustav Theodore Holst (1874 – 1934), THAXTED

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

CELEBRANT: God of hope,

ALL: God of love, you have fed us at the table of your kingdom. Teach us to trust, without fear, in your eternal goodness and mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Glory to God

ALL: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

Kontakion of the Departed

Sung by Danie Freisen

Traditional

W. J. Birkbeck (1969 - 1916), translator

Sir W. Parratt (1874 - 1924), musical editor

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend your servants Bob and
Nancy.

Acknowledge, we pray, sheep of
your own fold, lambs of your own
flock, sinners of your own
redeeming. Receive them into the
arms of your mercy, into the blessed
rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company
of the saints in light.

ALL: Amen.

DISMISSAL

DEACON: Go forth in the name of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,

To shine upon you and be gracious,

And be gracious, unto you.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,

To shine upon you and be gracious,

And be gracious, unto you.

The Lord lift up the light

Of his countenance upon you.

The Lord lift up the light

Of his countenance upon you.

And give you peace.

And give you peace.

And give you peace.

Amen.

John Rutter, 1981

POSTLUDE

*Thank you for joining us to celebrate the life and pray for the
repose of the souls of Bob and Nancy Crummey*

A light reception will follow in the church.

*Those joining on Zoom may wish to say a few words. Please
indicate in the chat if you would like to speak.*