

A Prayer Service  
Celebrating the Life of

John Robert Henwood

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*The Celebrant says*

**I** am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die.

And everyone who has life, and has committed himself 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 has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies.

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.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*         *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*        Together, let us pray.

**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 John, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people sit.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE FIRST LESSON—*Wisdom 3:1-5,9*

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

<sup>1</sup>But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. <sup>2</sup>In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, <sup>3</sup>and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. <sup>4</sup>For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. <sup>5</sup>Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; <sup>9</sup>Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM 23 *King James Version*

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;\*  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

## THE EPISTLE—*Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39*

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth

comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **THE GOSPEL** — *John 14:1-6*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**J**esus said, <sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father'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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit.*

### **HOMILY**

*The people stand as they are able.*

## THE APOSTLES CREED

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

*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lay Eucharistic Minister*

God, your will for us is abundant life; receive John now into the fullness of life in your presence.  
***Hear our prayer.***

You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith; shed the brightness of your light on John, who also sought understanding. ***Hear our prayer.***

You are greater than all our ideas and images of you; draw John into the mystery of your being. *Hear our prayer.*

We know you as perfect Mercy and Love; welcome John in the grace of that love and mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

We praise you as the giver of life; gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life. *Hear our prayer.*

The Church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit; and so we commend John to you, giving thanks for the gift of his life. *Hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant*

May the Holy One, to whom all the desires of our hearts are known before we ask, hear our prayers for John, and for all who mourn, and grant us newness of life, and peace. *Amen.*

## THE COMMENDATION

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body. This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said*

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

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; 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.*

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

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

**I**nto your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant John. 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.*

## THE BLESSING

**T**he peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**LEM:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**People:** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*



**From The 1979 Book of Common Prayer (P. 507)**

*The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.*

*The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty 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 our Lord.”*

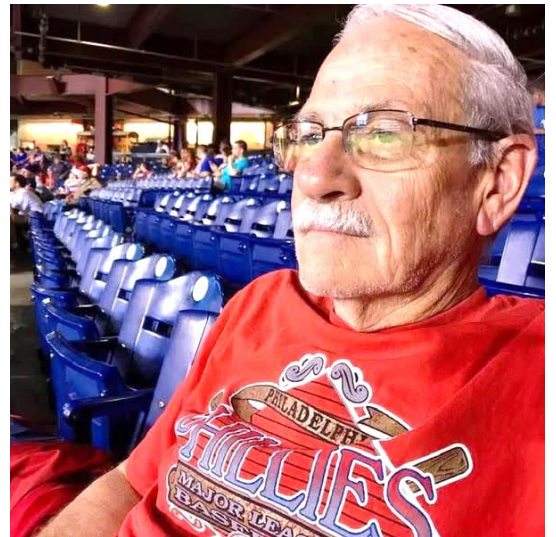
*This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.*

## John Robert Henwood

John Robert Henwood, of Hatboro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family and pastor, on Saturday, March 15, 2025. He was 82.

John was born in Philadelphia to the late Edward John and Margaret Dunn Henwood in 1942. When he was young, John and his family relocated to Glenside, where he graduated from Cheltenham High School in 1960. During his time in high school, John enjoyed wood crafting and making furniture that his family still uses today. this passion would follow him as an adult.

After graduation, John held a number of jobs. For many years he was an inside salesman for numerous industrial supply companies, most notably Standard Shannon for 20 years, and his family owned Henwood Industrial Supply for another 5 years. John was also a driver for Bucks County Transport for over 20 years.



John was a devoted member of Huntingdon Valley Methodist Church for many years, where he was an usher. John loved to golf, and was formerly a member at Lulu Country Club. John also loved to travel, taking yearly trips to the Caribbean, and the occasional trip to Disney World with his family, as well as water skiing at Fiddle Lake. John would also spend time with his friends in his bowling league.

John is survived by his wife of 46 years, Dianne Henwood, and their children Melissa Henwood and Christopher J Henwood (Valori). John is also survived by his brother, Paul E. Henwood (Carolyn), two grandchildren, Edward C. and Grace V. Henwood, and many nieces and nephews. Additionally, John is survived by his brother-in-law Bill Jones (Mary Lou), and sister-in-law Carol Jubinski (Rev Christopher).

In lieu of flowers, please consider making memorial contributions in John’s name to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Donations can be made online at <https://www.lls.org/>



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#### Fall-Winter Weekend Church Services

Sundays 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist in the church (10 a.m. Livestreamed)  
The first Sunday of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

#### Thursday Midweek Service

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office

#### Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### All Members of Saint Mark's are Ministers of the Church!

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