"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Blessed indeed . . . that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"



+ Donovan Warren Dalbey +

In Memoriam

Donovan Warren "Doc" Dalbey

Born + 7 January 1936
Baptized + 10 May 1959
Confirmed + 17 May 1959
Married + 22 May 1954
Died + 12 February 2023
In Nomine + Jesu

HYMN

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708

SENTENCES OF MORTALITY

REMEMBRANCE OF HOLY BAPTISM

In Holy Baptism, Donovan was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. Saint Paul in his letter to the Romans says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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."



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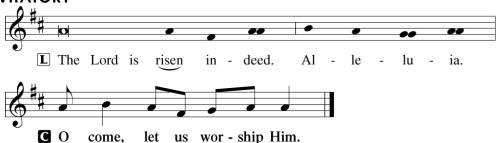
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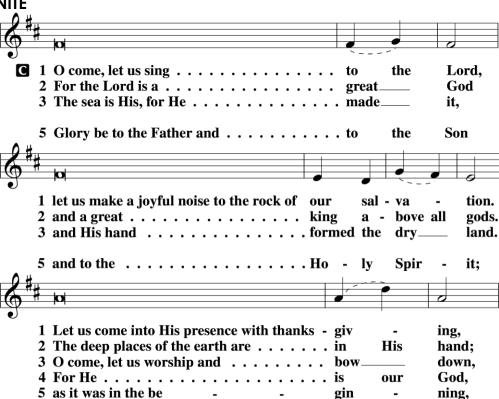
Praise to You, O Christ.

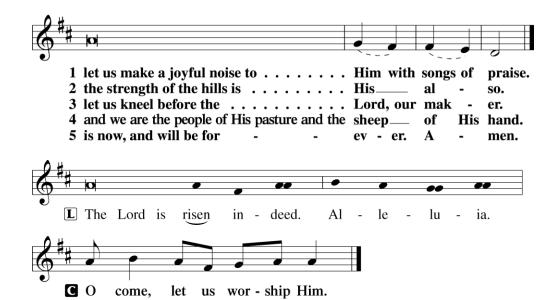
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INVITATORY



VENITE





PSALM 23



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.

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 restor- | eth 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 shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and \ to the Son* and to the \ Holy Ghost;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and ever shall be, world without end. | Amen.

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.

Sit

HYMN

Amazing Grace

LSB 744

+ SCRIPTURE READINGS +

Isaiah 25:6-9

Revelation 21:1-4

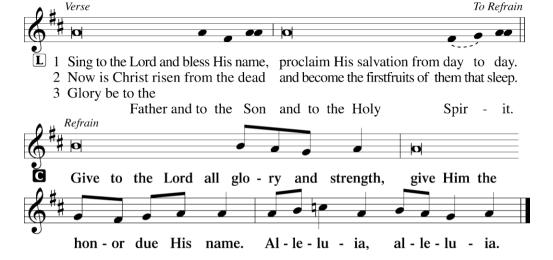
John 14:1-6

After each reading:

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Verse

RESPONSORY



Abide with Me **HYMN LSB 878**

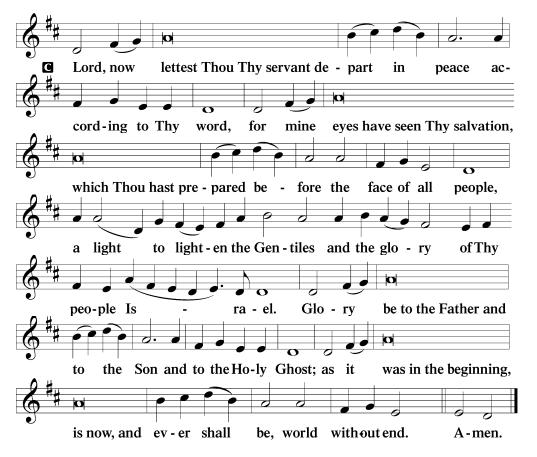
SERMON

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

"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."



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+ PRAYER +





SALUTATION & COLLECTS



P Let us pray. Almighty and Everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into One Holy Communion, the Mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Merciful Father, Your Dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. We remember with thanksgiving Your servant, Donovan, who trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, whose sorrows You have turned to joy, and who now stands in Your nearer presence. Strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come that we may await with joy our reunion in Your Heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



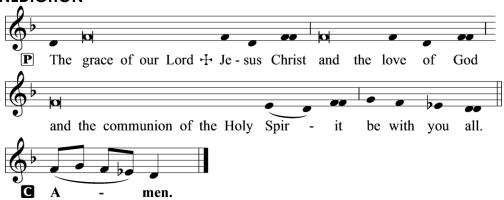
P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives 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.



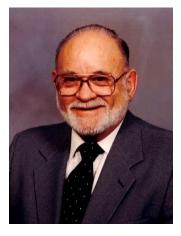
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BENEDICTION



HYMN What Is the World to Me LSB 730



Donovan "Doc" Dalbey, 87, of Sun City, AZ, died Sunday, February 12, 2023. Doc was born on January 7, 1936, in Barnes City, IA, the son of Gerald and Coral (Darland) Dalbey. He attended Barnes City Consolidated Schools until his senior year and then graduated from Madelia Public High School in Madelia, MN.

He joined the Army National Guard in St. James, MN on September 23, 1953, and then joined the United States Air Force on March 15, 1955. He served in assignments at Thule AFB, Greenland; McGuire AFB, NJ;

England AFB, LA; Webb AFB, TX; Bentwaters AFB in England; Tripoli AB, Libya; Volk Field A.N.G. Base, WI; Udorn AFB in Thailand during the Vietnam War; and his last assignment was at Luke AFB, AZ. He retired from the Air Force on October 31, 1978. In March 1979 he went to work for Allied Signal Engines Corporation as an aircraft engine Quality Control Inspector until his retirement on March 31, 1998.

On May 22, 1954, Doc married Leona Baarts. They were married for more than 60 years and raised 2 sons. His major joys in life were vacationing with his wife; his love of Jesus Christ; involvement in all church activities at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ; researching the genealogy of his family; making ladies jewelry; tinkering on cars; and watching his boys grow up.

Doc is survived by his sons, Steven Dalbey of Inlet Beach, FA; Stuart Dalbey of Waddell, AZ; one granddaughter, Lindsay (Dalbey) Darnell; and two great-granddaughters, Larissa Dalbey and Tatum Dalbey Gossner.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; his brothers, Denton and Noel Dalbey; and other relatives and close friends. He was interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona with his loving wife on March 15, 2023. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, a donation in Doc's name be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.