

Celebration of Life for



Leonard Vernon Norris

January 24th, 1925- September 17th, 2023

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Jim Sutton

Music: Donna Hamill and GT Choir

Honour Guard:

Port Arthur Branch #5 Royal Canadian Legion

Legion Speaker: Captain (Ret'd) George Romick

***Gathering Table a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada***

October 26th, 2023

11 a.m.

The Resurrection Promises

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 is committed to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

John 11.25-26

Let not your hearts be troubled;
believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house are many rooms;

if it were not so, would I have told you
that I go to prepare a place for you?
And when I go and 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

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 our Lord.

Romans 8.38–39

Welcome to the family and friends of Leonard Norris

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Opening Music: **I Vow to Thee My Country**

I vow to thee, my country
all earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect
the service of my love

***The love that asks no question
the love that stands the test
that lays upon the altar***

the dearest and the best

The love that never falters
the love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice

And there's another country
I've heard of long ago
most dear to them that love her
most great to them that know

***We may not count her armies
we may not see her King
Her fortress is a faithful heart
her pride is suffering***

And soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase
and her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace

Collect

O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, with your servant ***Leonard*** and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

*Reader: Breanne Norris
(grand daughter)*

Isaiah 61: 1 – 3

The Good News of Deliverance

61 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: **Amazing Grace**

New Testament reading: *Reader: Ericka Norris
Grandchild*

1 John 3: 1 – 2

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The Word of The Lord
ALL: Thanks be to God

Please stand if able.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

*Reader: **Deb Belisle**
Daughter*

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

14 ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God,
believe also in me.

2 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?

3 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.

4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

5 Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you
are going. How can we know the way?’

⁶ 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 Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Eulogy

By Brian Norris (son)

Legion Speaker: **Captain (Ret'd) George Romick**

Music: **CP 528**

O God Our Help in Ages Past

Homily:

Rev. Ann Camber

Apostles' Creed -

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 Prayers of the People

Celebrant: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in 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 your peace.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: 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, Lord.

Celebrant: 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, Lord.

Celebrant: 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, Lord.

Celebrant: 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, Lord.

Celebrant: 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, Lord.

Celebrant: Grant us grace to entrust **Leonard** to your never failing love which sustained **him** in this life. Receive **him** into the arms of your mercy, and remember **him** according to the favour you bear for your people.

All: Hear us, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,**

**the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Music: **CP 24** **Abide With Me**

The Dismissal

Celebrant:: The eternal God is your dwelling place
 And underneath are the everlasting arms.

Commendation and Blessing

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

**You only are immortal, the creator and maker of
all; 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 servants with your
saints, where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend your servant **Leonard**
Acknowledge, we pray, 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.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis is said – the family will follow the lay reader and priest to the back of the church then make their way to the parish hall

Nunc Dimittis is said

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared

before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles

and to be the glory of thy people Israel

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be

world without end. Amen.

**A reception will be at the Port Arthur Branch #5
Royal Canadian Legion, on 229 Van Norman
Street where guest may gather. Family and those**

who would like to attend the committal will proceed directly to Riverside Cemetery and will join you at the Legion after the committal.

A thought:

“My understanding of life after death is in the way you touch everyone around you”.



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