

# *Celebration of Life*



*for*

*Robert Gerald Corston*

*June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1960 - November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

## **Gathering Table**

*A Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada*

**Celebrant and Preacher:** Rev. Ann Camber

**Lay Reader:** Kim Bienvenue

**Readers:** Myndi Quirion and Jenilee Quirion

**Music:** Sandra Cosbey

**Altar Guild:** Erminie Reid

### ***Celebration of Life for Robert Gerald Corston***

**June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**11:00 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*

### **Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land**

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 treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in 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.

**Amen.**

**Welcome** to the family and friends of Robert Corston

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

**And also with you.**

**Hymn:** CP3 Morning has Broken

## **Collect**

O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, with your servant **Robert** 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.**

**First Reading** - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 by *Myndi Quirion*

### **A Time for Everything**

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23 (Said) - Myndi Quirion**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

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

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

**Amen.**

**Second Reading - 2 Timothy 2:8–12a – Jenilee Quirion**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Hymn:** CP565 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

**Lay Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew..

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Gospel Reading** - Matthew 11:25–30 - *Lay Reader*

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**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***

*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.

**Hear us, Lord.**

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.

**Hear us, Lord.**

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.

**Hear us, Lord.**

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

**Hear us, Lord.**

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.

**Hear us, Lord.**

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.

**Hear us, Lord.**

*Grant us grace to entrust **Robert** 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.*

**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.**

### **The Dismissal**

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 **Robert**. 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.**

**Grace will be said:**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Music:** On the Road Again (*recording*)

***The Nunc Dimittis is sung as the family leaves for the Parish Hall, please join them.***

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.**

*We will continue our celebration for **Robert** with food and fellowship in the Parish Hall here at Gathering Table. Please come share your stories and memories of **Robert** with his family.*

*Interment will take place at Riverside Cemetery*

***A thought:***

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

Rob is survived by his mother Hellen Corston, sisters Sharon Corston and Susan Lokstet, daughters Myndi Quirion (Warren Gagnon), Jenilee Quirion (Steven Goudie) and Helena Corston in addition to step-daughter Allison Taylor; grandchildren Mateo Goudie, Zeah-Oceane and Miika Lavoie and step-granddaughter Kallie Castellan; and as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and special friend Wendy Clarke.

He was predeceased by his father William Corston, brother Bryan in infancy, brother James, brother-in-law Brian Lokstet, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

If you desire, a donation to Gathering Table, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Foundation (CAMH) or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

They can be left in the Treasurer Chest at the back of the church. Envelopes are also available beside the Treasurer Chest.



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**Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2024**

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:7-8