

✠ **Donald Eugene Donham** ✠

December 9, 1933 – April 3, 2026

*...he will
swallow up
death
forever.*

Isaiah 25:8

FUNERAL SERVICE

April 8, 2026

11:00 a.m.

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Pastor Eric Edwards

Dr. Priscilla Gabriel, organist

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“If with All Your Hearts” from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

Sylvester Makobi, tenor

*“If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith our God.
Oh! That I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!*

-Jeremiah 29:13; Job 23:3

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Rachel Spodek, soprano

*I know that my Redeemer liveth,
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth,
And tho’ worms destroy this body,
Yet in my flesh shall I see God.*

*I know that my Redeemer liveth:
For now is Christ risen from the dead,
The first fruits of them that sleep.*

-Job 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20

HYMN – LSB 677 – For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Choir: 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
 Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of Glory passes on His way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Choir: 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!*

△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
 farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
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INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P In Holy Baptism Don was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

G 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.

INTROIT – Psalm 65:1-4; antiphon: Liturgical text

- P** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.
- C** **Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.**
- P** O you who hears prayer, to you shall all flesh come.
- C** **When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.**
- P** Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Isaiah 25:6–9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121 – *Sung by the choir*

I to the hills lift up mine eyes, from where shall come mine aid.

Mine help doth from Jehovah come, which heav'n and earth hath made.

He will not let thy foot be moved, nor slumber; that thee keeps.

Lo he that keepeth Israel, he slumb'reth not, nor sleeps.

The LORD thy keeper is, the LORD on thy right hand the shade.

The sun by day, nor moon by night, shall thee by stroke invade.

The LORD shall keep thee from all ill: thy soul he keeps always,

Thy going out, and thy income, the LORD keeps now and aye. Amen.

Psalm 121 – *The Bay Psalm Book* (1640)

arr. Jean Berger

SECOND READING – Romans 8:18–25

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE – Hebrews 11:1

- A** Now faith is the assurance of things hope for,
- C** **the conviction of things not seen.**

HOLY GOSPEL – John 20:24–31

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**



HYMN – LSB 482 – This Joyful Eastertide

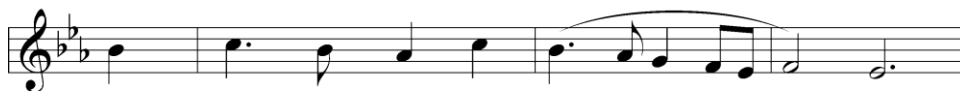
arr. Vernon Hoyle



Choir: 1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the

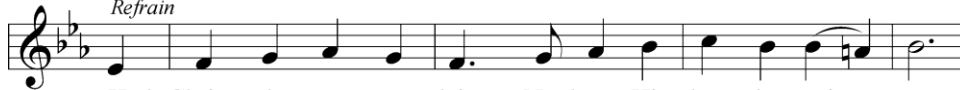


sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
slum - ber Till trump from east to west
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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 forever and ever.

Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS – Song of Simeon

P "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."

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;

Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation

which You have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal You to the nations

and the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P "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."

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray....through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CHORAL PRAYER – *God Be in My Head*

arr. Sydney Hugo Nicholson

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

-Sarum Primer, 1514

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

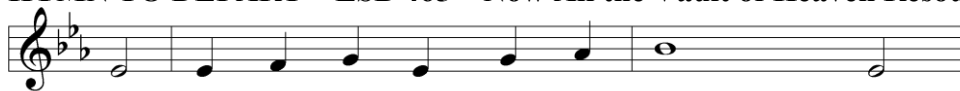
C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**



HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 465 – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 △ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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POST-SERVICE MUSIC

Thank you to today's choir members:

*Kathy Powell, Adele Gabriel, Ruth Engs, Lauren Gaskins, Randi Cox, Lois Paul,
Jen Edwards, Judy VanOsdol, Jim VanOsdol, Joanne Henline, Jean Scott,
Janet Hitzeman, Steve Hitzeman, Janet Schaefer, Trevor Jones, Robert Gilbert, Carl
Lenthe, Paul Brunner, Jaime Carini, Rachel Spodek, and Sylvester Makobi*

Donald Eugene Donham, age 92 of Bloomington, peacefully passed away Friday morning, April 3, 2026 at the Richland Bean Blossom Healthcare Center. Born December 9, 1933 in Terre Haute, he was the son of George L. and Emma (Kadel) Donham. He attended University High School – Bloomington, IN graduating in 1952. He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1956. He was a life member of Beta Sigma Psi. Most of his professional life was spent at Crane Naval Weapons Support Center, retiring in March 1989. Don was a faithful Charter Member of Faith Lutheran Church. In the church he participated in many bible study groups, the JOY Group, and was a long-time member of the church choir. In his younger years, he was an active member of the Jaycees and the Lions Club. In retirement he delivered flowers in Bloomington, and was a courier for a local bank. He enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 69 years, Janet Sue Donham. He is survived by his children: Scott (Shiela) Donham, Elizabeth (Dave) Biszantz, Michael (Julie) Donham, and Brian (Sherrie) Donham. Also surviving are 7 grandchildren – Ryan Biszantz, Erica Biszantz (Jimmy) Clapper, Matthew (Sarah) Donham, Jacob Donham, Allison Donham (Josh) Totten, Andrew Donham and Alexandra Donham: Four great grandsons – Evan, Luke and Drew Clapper, and Graham Totten. He is also survived by his sister Martha Elliott, sister-in-law Diana Martin, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be given to *Faith Lutheran Church* for the Faith Lutheran Youth group (FLY).

Thank you for being here today.

**We hope you will also join us for
lunch in the gym (estimated 1:45pm)
following the committal at Valhalla.**

- The Donham Family

✠ ✠ ✠ **THE COMMITTAL** ✠ ✠ ✠
(Valhalla Memory Gardens, Bloomington, IN)

PSALM– Psalm 121

BLESSING OF THE GRAVE

P ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

COMMITTAL

P ...keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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 forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT and BENECTION

P ...even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.

C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

