

Service of Christian Burial for
Donald Robert Hale
January 23, 1939 – February 21, 2024



Monday, February 26, 2024 at 2PM

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
5800 Backlick Road ~ Springfield, VA 22150
Rev. Dr. Albert W. Triolo, Pastor
Christan A. Michaelsen, Organist

PRELUDE

WELCOME

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

P Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

C We glorify you.

P Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

C We praise you.

P Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

C We worship you.

P To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN, *Here I Am, Lord*, ELW #574

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Don. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

1ST READING, A Reading from Isaiah (43:1-3A 5-7), *read by Cindy Saylor*

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth —
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23, read by McKenzie Minard

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴Though 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.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

2ND READING, Revelation (22:1-5), read by William Minard

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Following the Gospel:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY, Pastor Albert

HYMN, *You Are Mine*, ELW #581

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: David Haas

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1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
 all will know my name. *To refrain*
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Refrain
 Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

To stanzas 3 and 4

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION, *Each petition is followed by:*

P God of mercy,
C hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE COMMENDATION

P Let us commend Don to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Don. 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.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

THE BENEDICTION

P The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN, *Eternal Father*, ELW #756

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav-'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

All are invited to join the family for a reception following the service.

POSTLUDE

Donald Robert Hale

January 23, 1939 – February 21, 2024

Age 85, died Wednesday, February 21, 2024, of lymphoma cancer and other health complications. Don was born January 23, 1939, in Appleton, Wisconsin; son of the late Donald E. and Evelyn (Kressin) Hale of Appleton. On November 2, 1962, he married Julia Ann Seiler of Arlington, Virginia whom he met at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. while on tour and serving in the U.S. Navy (July 1958 - July 1962). Don graduated from Appleton West High School in 1957 and received his B.A. from the University of Maryland in August 1973. After serving in the U.S. Navy, Don entered the U.S. Civil Service where he held positions in the Departments of Defense, Commerce, State and Treasury in Information Technology. Don was the original designer of the Electronic Filing System (eFile) used by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to process electronically submitted tax returns. Don retired from Federal Service in February 1994 after 37 years with the government. After his government career, Don held various positions in the private sector working for Electronic Data Systems (EDS), PriceWaterhouse Coopers (PwC), Science Applications International (SAIC), and Anteon Corporation until forced into retirement due to health issues. Don and his wife, Julia were members of St. Marks Lutheran Church of Springfield, Virginia where services will be held Monday, February 26th at 2:00 PM, visitation from 1:00-2:00 PM prior to his interment at Highland Memorial Park in Appleton. Don is preceded in death by his grandson, Jonathan Joiner (2022). Survivors include: his wife Julia, two daughters Tanya Ann Joiner of Bristow, Virginia, and Cristi Hale (Andy) Minard of Marietta, Georgia. Grandchildren include Christopher Joiner, McKenzie, Drew and Will Minard along with and many loving nieces and nephews.