

**The Christian Funeral Service**  
of  
**Henry Edward Klingspon**  
at  
**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Waterloo, Ontario**  
*Service of the Word*

**Prelude**

**Invocation**

*(The sign of the cross is made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

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

**C** *Amen.*

**Remembrance of Baptism** *(The casket is covered with the pall.)*

**P** In Holy Baptism Henry 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 were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

**C** *We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.*

**Entrance**

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

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

**Opening Hymn: LSB# 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

1. So nimm denn meine Hände  
und führe mich  
bis an mein selig Ende  
und ewiglich.  
Ich mag allein nicht gehen,  
nicht einen Schritt:  
wo du wirst gehn und stehen,  
da nimm mich mit.
2. Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear,

For You, the Rock of Ages,  
Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding,  
In peace I go.

3. Wenn ich auch gleich nichts fühle  
von deiner Macht,  
du führst mich doch zum Ziele auch durch die Nacht:  
so nimm denn meine Hände  
und führe mich  
bis an mein selig Ende  
und ewiglich!

### Kyrie

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

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** *And with your spirit.*

**P** Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness to Henry and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labours. Grant that we also may be faithful to death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*                      *(Please be seated)*

### Old Testament Reading: *Job 19:23–27*

<sup>23</sup>“Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup>Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
<sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27</sup>whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

**Epistle:** *Revelation 7:9–17*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** *Thanks be to God.*

**Verse** (*Please stand*)

**P** For God so loved the world

**G** *that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**Holy Gospel:** *John 10:11–16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to the chapter.

**G** *Glory to You, O Lord.*

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.  
<sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.  
<sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** *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.

**G** **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.** *(Please be seated)*

**Hymn: LSB# 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart**

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;  
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,  
    With tender mercy cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share.  
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare  
    If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.  
    Thou art the portion I have sought;  
    Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2. Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave  
My body, soul, and all I have  
    In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place  
May glorify Thy lavish grace  
    And help and serve my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
Let Satan not my soul defile.  
    Give strength and patience unto me  
    To bear my cross and follow Thee.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,  
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,  
    That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
    Until Thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me,  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
    O Son of God, Thy glorious face,  
    My Savior and my fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.

**Sermon**

**Reading of the Obituary**

**Prayers of the Church** *(Please stand)*

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

**P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into 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.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption and seated with You at Your heavenly banquet.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** Give to the family of Henry and all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love.

Lord in Your mercy,

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of Your Church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** We give thanks for Henry and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home, that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Saviour 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.

**C** *Amen.*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.**

### **Commendation**

*(Please be seated)*

***Following the Lord's Prayer, the pastor goes to the head of the casket, and says:***

**P** Confident in the hope of eternal life, let us commend our brother , to the loving mercy of our Father, who will raise up his body on the Last Day.

### **Canticle of Commendation**

**P** Jesus says "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

**C** ***Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles 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** Jesus says "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

### **Prayer of Commendation**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** *And with your spirit.*

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of a reunion with those who die in the faith and at the last a joyful resurrection to everlasting life. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend Henry trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** *Amen.* (Please stand)

**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 on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance on 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# 880 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow**

1. Now rest beneath night's shadow

The woodland, field, and meadow;

The world in slumber lies.

But you, my heart, awaking

And prayer and music making,

Let praise to your Creator rise.

2. The radiant sun has vanished,

Its golden rays are banished

From dark'ning skies of night;

But Christ, the Sun of gladness,

Dispelling all our sadness,

Shines down on us in warmest light.

3. Now all the heav'nly splendor

Breaks forth in starlight tender

From myriad worlds unknown;

And we, this marvel seeing,

Forget our selfish being

For joy of beauty not our own.

4. Lord Jesus, since You love me,

Now spread Your wings above me

And shield me from alarm.

Though Satan would devour me,

Let angel guards sing o'er me:



This child of God shall meet no harm.

5. My loved ones, rest securely,  
For God this night will surely  
From peril guard your heads.  
Sweet slumbers may He send you  
And bid His hosts attend you  
And through the night watch o'er your beds.

**Officiant:** Rev. Joel V. Kuhl

**Organist:** Kevin Lee

**Pallbearers:** Mark Rau

Peter Hafemann

Paul Bollenbach

Peter Bollenbach

Jonathan Makrakis

Patrick Bollenbach

**Funeral Arrangement:** Erb & Good funeral home



**Henry Edward Klingspon**

was born June 11, 1934 in Sczawin, Poland to parents, Edward and Natalie (nee Elgert). He was baptized July 12, 1934 in Sczawin. On December 12, 1948 he was confirmed in the Lutheran faith in Irmenseul, Germany. Henry immigrated to Canada in 1949 with his parents and sister, Hanna. He was a graduate of KCI and afterwards the Ford Trade School in Windsor. On November 8, 1969, Henry married Marlene (Rau). They were blessed with two sons, Dave (Meredith) and Don (Mariesa). Henry was the proud Opi of Brooke and Lauren (Dave & Meredith's girls) and Quinn (Don & Mariesa's daughter).

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leaves to mourn, Marlene, Dave, Meredith, Don, Mariesa, Brooke, Lauren, Quinn, brother-in-law, Mark (JoAnn) and sister-in-law Debbie. His niece and nephews, Ruth (Takis), Paul (Karen), Peter (Tonya), Joe (Allison) and Jenny (Jake) and great nieces and nephews Jonathan (Stephanie), Natasha (Drew), Emily (James), Jenny (David), Patrick, Julia & Josh, Brenna and Lily, Ryan and Paige. Henry died on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at the age of 87 years and 16 days. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!