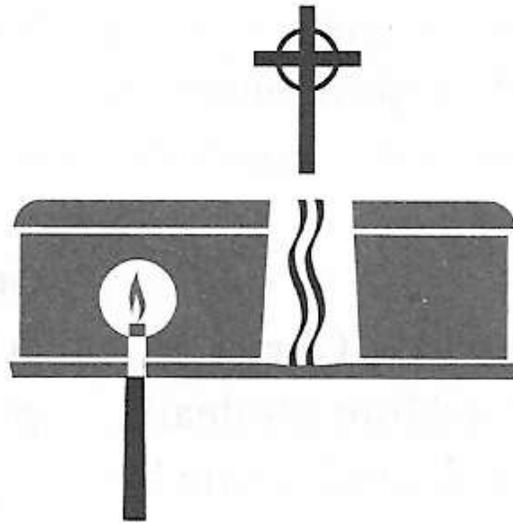


*Peace be with you*



*The Rev. Dr. Robert Warren Harris*

*October 10, 1950 – October 16, 2020*

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Born:                   October 10, 1950  
Died:                   October 16, 2020

## The Order for Christian Funeral

Saturday, November 14, 2020,  
at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Greenville, PA



*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

Apostolic Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother in  
Christ, Robert. 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 your aid, so we may see in death the gate to  
eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by  
your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your  
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# *Word*

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3a

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

- 1 But 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.
- 2 When 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.
- 3 For I am the Lord your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

*(The psalm will be sung by the Cantor.)*

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- 3 though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.
- 6 The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- 9 behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.
- 10 "Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-39

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and

those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (*Sung by the Cantor*)

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is the first born of the dead.  
To him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Hear a reading of the Holy Gospel, according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

*(After the gospel is proclaimed, concluding:)*

1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10 But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." 11 After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. 15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection

and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

Hymn of the Day (*Sung by the Cantor*)

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high ;  
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—  
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

## Apostles' Creed

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

**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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust Robert to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Welcome into your presence all family and friends who have completed their journey on this earth, and have gone to their rest in the hope of rejoicing with you forever in heaven. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain 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 in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## *Meal*

Music during Offertory (*sung by Cantor*) Interlude on *Ich Will dich lieben*  
(Blersch)

*The altar is prepared for the celebration of the Sacrament, a celebration of Christ's victory over death, and Christ's continuing nurture of the Church.*

*(The assembly stands.)*

### Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

God our Redeemer,

receive all we bring you this day –

these gifts and the offering of our lives.

Refresh us with this holy food and drink

that we may reach the promised land,

the Easter feast of victory in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy and gracious Father:

in your infinite love you made us for yourself;

and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,

you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son,

to share our human nature, to live and to die as one of us to reconcile us to

you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross,

and offered himself in obedience to your will,

a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering therefore the life he offered for us,  
and celebrating his glorious resurrection,  
we lift this bread and cup before you.

Send your Holy Spirit,  
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son  
as the holy food and drink of unending life,  
may serve you in unity, faithfulness, and peace,  
until you bring us with Robert and all your saints  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

This we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## Breaking of Bread

*As the bread is broken:*

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

## Communion of the Faithful

***Procedure for Communing:** We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.*

*(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)*

Music during distribution (*sung by Cantor*)    O Lord, Support Us    (Becker)

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life,  
until the shadows lengthen  
and the evening comes  
and the busy world is hushed,  
the fever of life is over  
and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy,  
grant us a safe lodging,  
and a holy rest,  
and peace at the last;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*(The assembly stands.)*

#### Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

#### Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Sending

Let us commend Robert to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Nunc Dimittis (*sung by the Cantor*)

(Nelson)



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
and will be for - ev - er. A - - men

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Robert. 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.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Sending Hymn (*Sung by the Cantor*)

Thine Is The Glory

1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on *Repton*

(Blersch)

*Pastor Harris was buried in Punxsutawney next to his wife, Jan.*

## *Serving Today*

Presiding Minister ..... Bishop Michael Lozano  
Preacher ..... Pastor Brenda Martin  
Organist..... Maidene Hackett  
Cantor ..... Andy Yoos  
Deacon ..... Catherine Mott  
Crucifer ..... John Logan  
Lector ..... Eleanor Yeager, Pastor Harris' sister  
Altar Guild ..... Bonnie Long  
Ushers ..... Bob Massing  
Bonnie Massing

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