

Office for the Dead

Prayers for Rodney Kilcup

INTRODUCTION

Leader: God, + come to my assistance.

ALL: Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
ALL: – as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Alleluia.

HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives in majesty above;
He lives to guide his church with love.

PSALMODY

ALL: Ant. 1 The bones that were crushed shall leap for joy before the Lord.

Choir 1: Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. *
In your compassion blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt *
and cleanse me from my sin.

Choir 2: My offenses truly I know them; *
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned; *
what is evil in your sight I have done.

Choir 1: That you may be justified when you give sentence *
and be without reproach when you judge.
O see, in guilt I was born, *
a sinner was I conceived.

Choir 2: Indeed you love truth in the heart; *
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean; *
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Choir 1: Make me hear rejoicing and gladness, *
that the bones you have crushed may revive.
From my sins turn away your face *
and blot out all my guilt.

Choir 2: A pure heart create for me, O God, *
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, *
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Choir 1: Give me again the joy of your help; *
with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways *
and sinners may return to you.

Choir 2: O rescue me, God, my helper, *
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O Lord, open my lips *
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Choir 1: For in sacrifice you take no delight, *
burnt offering from me you would refuse,
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit, *
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

Choir 2: In your goodness, show favor to Zion: *
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, *
holocausts offered on your altar.

Choir 1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
Choir 2: as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL: Ant. 1 The bones that were crushed shall leap for joy before the Lord.
Leader: Ant. 2 At the very threshold of death, rescue me, Lord

Canticle: Isaiah 38:10-14, 17-20

Choir 1: Once I said, *
“In the noontime of life, I must depart!

To the gates of the nether world I shall be consigned *
for the rest of my years.”

Choir 2: I said, “I shall see the Lord no more *
in the land of the living.
No longer shall I behold my fellow men *
among those who dwell in the world.”

Choir 1: My dwelling, like a shepherd’s tent, *
is struck down and borne away from me;
You have folded up my life, like a weaver *
who severs the last thread.

Choir 2: Day and night you give me over to torment; *
I cry out until the dawn.
Like a lion he breaks all my bones; *
day and night you give me over to torment.

Choir 1: Like a swallow I utter shrill cries; *
I moan like a dove.
My eyes grow weak, gazing heavenward: *
O Lord, I am in straits; be my surety!

Choir 2: You have preserved my life *
from the pit of destruction,
When you cast behind your back *
all my sins.

Choir 1: For it is not the nether world that gives you thanks, *
nor death that praises you;
Neither do those who go down into the pit *
await your kindness.

Choir 2: The living, the living give you thanks, *
as I do today.
Fathers declare to their sons, *
O God, your faithfulness.

Choir 1: The Lord is our savior; *
we shall sing to stringed instruments
in the house of the Lord *
all the days of our life.

Choir 2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
Choir 1: as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

All: Ant 2. At the very threshold of death, rescue me, Lord

Leader: Ant 3. Let everything that breathes give praise to the Lord

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord Let mind and heart be in your song: this is to glorify God with your whole self (Hesychius).

Choir 1: Praise God in his holy place, *
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his powerful deeds, * praise his surpassing greatness.

Choir 2: O praise him with sound of trumpet, *
praise him with lute and harp.
Praise him with timbrel and dance, * praise him with strings and pipes.

Choir 1: O praise him with resounding cymbals,*
praise him with clashing of cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes * give praise to the Lord.

Choir 2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:
Choir 1: as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL: Ant 3. Let everything that breathes give praise to the Lord

READING (Assisting Minister) Thess 4:13-18

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers,
about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest,
who have no hope.
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive, who are left
until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.
For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel
and with the trumpet of God,
will come down from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds

to meet the Lord in the air.
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.
Therefore, console one another with these words.

Leader: if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus; alleluia
ALL: Bring with him those who have fallen asleep, alleluia.

LITANY

The minister leads those present in the following litany.

Leader: Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the
power of his Cross and Resurrection.

Assisting minister:
Risen Lord, pattern of our life forever:
Lord, have mercy.
ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Assisting minister:
Promise and image of what we shall be:
Lord, have mercy.
ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Assisting minister:
Son of God who came to destroy sin and death:
Lord, have mercy.
ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Assisting minister:
Word of God who delivered us from the fear of death:
Lord, have mercy.
ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Assisting minister:
Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory:
Lord, have mercy.
ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Assisting minister:
Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls, give peace to
Rodney forever:
Lord, have mercy.
ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Assisting minister:

Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless Rodney's
family and friends who gather around him today: Lord, have mercy
ALL: Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Friends, our true home is heaven. Therefore, let us pray to our
heavenly Father as Jesus taught us:

ALL:
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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Lord Jesus, our Redeemer, you willingly gave yourself up to
death, so that all might be saved and pass from death to life.
We humbly ask you to comfort your servants in their grief
and to receive Rodney into the arms of your mercy.
You alone are the Holy One, you are mercy itself;
by dying you unlocked the gates of life for those who believe in you.
Forgive Rodney his sins, and grant him a place of happiness,
light, and peace in the kingdom of your glory for ever and ever.
ALL: Amen.

ACCLAMATION

Leader: Let us praise the Lord.
ALL: And give him thanks.

Mass of Christian Burial to follow shortly.

Prelude:

- *Holy is His Name (Talbot)*
- *In Christ Alone*
- *Only in God (Talbot)*
- *The Lord is My Light (Walker)*
- *How Great Thou Art*