



# Funeral Service for John Rasmussen

First Lutheran Church Milford, Iowa

December 22, 2020

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*The hymns today were selected by John's daughters, Mariyn and Cadence.*

Prelude

Entrance Liturgy

Processional Hymn: "Hymn of Promise"- Jennifer Johnson

## **Verse 1**

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

## **Verse 2**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

## **Verse 3**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Liturgy of the Word

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

P: Let us Pray...

**C: Amen**

Psalm 23

Remembering

First Scripture Reading: Lamentations 3:22-25

Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 18:1-2

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-7

Sermon Pastor Perry Aalgaard

The 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, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

P: Dear Lord, grant us the grace to entrust *John* to your never failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people. In your mercy.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

P: God of all grace, you sent your son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by His death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection has 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 shall 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, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

"The Lord's Prayer" - Darin Partello

The Commendation

Benediction

P: Let us go forth in peace.

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

Recessional Hymn: "Go Tell It On The Mountain"- Jennifer Johnson

**Chorus**

**Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born**

**Verse 1**

**While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light (Chorus)**

**Verse 2**

**The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth (Chorus)**

**Verse 3**

**Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn (Chorus)**

Postlude