

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF  
**JOHN JOSEPH MONTGOMERY HUGGINS, ODT**  
NOVEMBER 2, 1930 – DECEMBER 25, 2021



**CHURCH OF SAINT STEPHEN-IN-THE-FIELDS**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Opening sentences

*You are invited to stand as the chancel party enters.*

*Officiant* I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die.  
And everyone who has life, and is committed to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever. *John 11.25–26*

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me.  
In my Father's house are many rooms;  
if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?  
And when I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again and will take you to myself,  
that where I am you may be also. *John 14.1–3*

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, 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.  
*Romans 8.38–39*

### Welcome

**Hymn:** *How Great Thou Art* *performed by Pentatonix/Jennifer Hudson*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
consider all the works thy hand hath made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. *Refrain*

And when I think, that God, his Son not sparing;  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

*Please be seated.*

**Tributes:** Danny Andru, *Secretary Treasurer, Unifor National Council 4000*  
Anesta & Annette Huggins, *Brother & Sister-in-law*  
Adonis Huggins, *Son*  
Adonica Huggins, *Daughter*

## **Collect**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, the maker and redeemer of all,  
grant us, with your servant John and all the faithful departed,  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection;  
that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading**

*read by Alison Huggins, Daughter*

*Reader* A reading from the Revelation to Saint John the Divine.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I

am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

*Revelation 21.3-6*

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.

**All**                **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 139.1-17**

*read by Arleen Huggins, Daughter*

- 1        Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
          you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
          you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2        You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
          and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3        Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
          but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4        You press upon me behind and before  
          and lay your hand upon me.
- 5        Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
          it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6        Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
          where can I flee from your presence?
- 7        If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
          if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8        If I take the wings of the morning  
          and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9        Even there your hand will lead me  
          and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10      If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me,  
          and the light around me turn to night.”
- 11      Darkness is not dark to you;  
          the night is as bright as the day;  
          darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12      For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
          you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
- 13      I will thank you because I am marvellously made;  
          your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14      My body was not hidden from you,  
          while I was being made in secret  
          and woven in the depths of the earth.

- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them,  
they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all,  
my life span would need to be like yours.

### **Epistle**

*read by Griswold Liddie, Brother*

*Reader* A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." *1 Corinthians 15.51-54*

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*You are invited to stand.*

### **Gospel**

*read by Sherma (Wendy) Henderson- Daniels, Step-granddaughter*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to John.

**All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me

where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her. *John 20.11-18*

*Reader*            The Gospel of Christ.  
*All*                    **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily:** Mtr Maggie Helwig *Please be seated.*

**Apostles’ Creed** *You are invited to stand.*

*Officiant*        Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
*All*                    **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 to the dead.  
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 of the People** *led by The Rev’d Conrad Huggins*

**Peace**

*Officiant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All*                    **And also with you.**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

*No collection will be taken during the offertory hymn. If you would like to make a donation to Saint Stephen’s, please use one of the envelopes provided (on the table at the entrance) and place it in the basket there.*

**Offertory hymn: *It Is Well With My Soul***

*sung by the choir of Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea-billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul”.

*Refrain: It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought –  
My sin – not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend:  
“even so” – it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Text: Horatio Gates Spafford (1828–1888)

Music: Philip Paul Bliss (1838–1876)

**Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* God of mercy, accept the worship we offer you this day.  
Increase, we pray, our faith, deepen our hope,  
and confirm us in your eternal love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whose victorious rising from the dead  
has given to us the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal life.  
Therefore with angels and archangels  
and all who have served you in every age,  
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.  
  
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,  
“Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”  
  
After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,  
“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

*All* **Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**



*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.  
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.  
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* This is the bread which has come down from heaven.

*All* **Those who eat this bread will live for ever.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.  
Do not move forward until the officiant has given instructions for reception.  
If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion,  
please cross your arms over your chest as you approach.*

## **Music during Communion**

**Motet:** Ave Verum Corpus (*Byrd*)

*sung by the choir of Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields*

Ave verum corpus,  
natum de Maria virgine.  
Verre passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine:  
Cuius latus perforatum  
unda fluxit sanguine:  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.  
O dulcis, O pie,  
O Jesu filiae Maria, miserere mei.  
Amen.

*Hail, true body,  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
Truly suffering, was sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
flowed blood:  
Be for us a foretaste  
in the final judgement.  
O sweet, O merciful,  
O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me.  
Amen.*

**Motet:** If Ye Love Me (*Tallis*)

*sung by the choir of Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields*

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another Comforter.  
That he may bide with you forever:  
E'en the sp'rit of truth.

**Prayer after Communion** *You are invited to stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us  
with the spiritual food and drink  
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ,  
and 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 fullness of joy with all your saints;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All** Amen.

## Commendation

*Officiant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,  
*All* **where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.  
You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;  
and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.  
For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,  
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”  
All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Officiant* Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,  
we commend your servant John.  
Acknowledge, we pray, 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.  
*All* **Amen.**

## Blessing

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude: *Largo* (Handel)

*In lieu of flowers, memorial charitable donations may be made to the church. Cheques should be made payable to Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields. Donation envelopes can be found on the table at the entrance.*

John was predeceased by his beloved wife Lilian Viola Henderson Greenaway Huggins, who he grew up with in Dieppe Bay; and predeceased by his former wife and forever friend Wyvonie (Carrie) Helena West Huggins, who he met while an officer stationed in Antigua. Cherished by his devoted children Adonica (Atiba), Adonis (Ikoro & Adaku), Arleen (Zariah, and son-in-law Mathew), and Alison (Rochelle & Kadeem); and Janice (Nina, and son-in-law Roy). Adored by his step-children Althea (Sherma), the late Donna (Adam, and son-in-law Ian), the late Necia (Arron), Eleanor (Sophia & Georgina), and Anthony (Danielle, Joshua & Joel). Endeared by his siblings and their spouses the late Nora (Pappy), the late Ivy (George), the late Sylvia (Richard), Anesta (Annette), the late David, the late Hugh (Geraldine), Winston (Ethel), Ita, Earle (Winnifred), Griswold (Ruth), and their families.

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