



Christ Church, Rawdon

Located in the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat people.

The Celebration of the Funeral of Verna Asbil-Negm

This service will be held in Christ Church on Saturday June 11th, at 11am, and, barring technical problems, live-streamed on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/789373873?pwd=cG94T3Z2MHQwTkRwZTJhVWRpL0kwZz09> and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pg/christchurchrawdon/posts/. You can also hear the audio by telephone at 438 809-7799 (when prompted, enter the meeting ID: 789 373 873). Evening Prayer (from the four parishes of the Laurentians) is offered daily, Monday through Friday, except holidays, 5pm, online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87202496304> or by phone at 438 809-7799, meeting ID: 872 0249 6304.

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We ask that all wear masks as they enter the church, removing masks only when communion is received.

The Celebrant [BAS p576]: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

In the midst of life, we are in death; from whom can we seek help? From you alone, O Lord, who by our sins are justly angered. **R: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts; shut not your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord. **R**

O worthy and eternal Judge, do not let the pains of death turn us away from you at our last hour. **R**

O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, with your servant Verna, 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. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-5; read by the Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalms 121, led by Anne Millar

Refrain: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? **R**

He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. **R**

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; The Lord himself watches over you; **R**

The Lord is your shade at your right hand, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. **R**

Second Reading: Romans Ch. 1: 8-12, read by Brenda Purcell

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will, I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift so that you may be strengthened—or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

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Gospel Processional Hymn CP 522, Rock of Ages

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.**

**Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.**

The Ven Dr Edward Simonton OGS: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [6: 35-40]. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day."

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

Gospel Recessional Hymn CP 522, Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

**Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee**

PROMULGATION OF THE WORD

The Ven Dr Edward Simonton OGS

Let us rise and confess the faith of our baptism, saying:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated 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 Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Eulogy: The Asbil Family

Intercessions and Thanksgivings [BAS p579] Led by John Clague

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in 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. **Hear us, Lord [R].**

May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection. **R**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **R**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind. **R**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love. **R**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **R**

Grant us grace to entrust Verna to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy and remember her according to the favour you bear for your people. **R. Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn at the Preparation of the Altar, CP 615, Just as I am

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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.. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 6 [BAS p207]

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

..., we acclaim you, and glorify your name, as we sing,

**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, Hosanna in the highest.**

..., this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

..., in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

The Breaking of the Bread:

This is the bread which has come down from heaven. **Those who eat this bread will live for ever.**

The Gifts of God, for the People of God: **Thanks be to God**

Archdeacon Simonton and Fr. Clark will both distribute communion.

They shall stand at opposite sides of the congregational seating. We ask that those who wish to receive process – with a modest amount of social distancing, down the side aisles, receive communion, and then continue to process up the centre aisle and back to their pews.

Hymn at the Communion, CP 212, The strife is o'er, the battle done.

Celebrant: God of love, you have fed us at the table of your kingdom. Teach us to trust, without fear, in your eternal goodness and mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen. **Amen.**

The Commendation [BAS p586]:

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, 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.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant, Verna. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Blessing & Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

At the Grave

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit. [*Romans 8:11*]

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. [*Psalm 16:9*]

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore [*Psalm 16:11*]

It is with a sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ that we commend to almighty God our sister Verna, and we commit her ashes to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to Verna, O Lord. **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

May 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, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**