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Ecumenical Centre Chapel, Friday 24 May 2019, 12:00
A service of remembrance and celebration
for the life, witness and ministry
of



Rev. Robina Winbush
(16 July 1957 – 12 March 2019)



Rev. Norman Tendis
(15 August 1967 – 11 March 2019)

Musical Preparation

(Please rise¹)

Lighting of Candles – Mr Doug Chial and Rev. Gerhild Herrgesell

Moment of Silence

Opening Sentences – Dr Agnes Abuom

L: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

C: If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;

L: So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

C: For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

L: 'I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,

C: nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

L: nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

C: will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

For all the saints

Ralph Vaughan Williams



1. For all the saints who from their la - bours rest, who thee by
2. Thou wast their rock, their fort - ress and their might, thou, Lord, their
3. O blest com - mun - ion! fel - low - ship di - vine! We feeb - ly
4. But lo, there breaks a yet more glor - ious day; the saints tri -
5. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through gates of



faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy name, O Je - sus,
cap - tain in the well - fought fight, thou in the dark - ness
strug - gle, they in glor - y shine; yet all are one in
umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray: the King of glor - y
pearl streams in the count - less host, sing - ing to Fath - er,



be for - ev - er blest.
drear their one true light. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
thee, for all are thine.
pass - es on his way.
Son and Ho - ly - Ghost.

(Please be seated.)

¹ as you are able

Opening Prayer – H.E. Metropolitan Prof. Dr Gennadios of Sassima

- L: Merciful God, our Creator,
in whose presence there is no darkness and no death:
- C: we worship and adore you, the Living God.**
- L: Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life,
who tasted death for everyone
and who brought life and immortality to light:
- C: we praise your name for victory over death and the grave.**
- L: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life,
comforter of all who sorrow:
- C: we praise your name for the light and hope
of your presence within our hearts.**
- L: Before you, Holy and Triune God,
we offer our worship and adoration,
even in the face of death and the grave:
- C: blessing and honour
glory and power,
wisdom and strength,
belong to you, now and forever. Amen.**

Welcome – Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit

Tribute to Norman Tendis – Ms Athena Peralta

- **Refrain: Nähme ich Flügel der Morgenröte und blieb am äußersten Meer.
Würd' auch dort Deine Hand mich führen und halten, Du bist bei mir.**
*(If I took wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me. – Written by Rev. Astrid Tendis-Knehy.)*

Responsive Psalm 139 – Prof. Dr Isabel Apawo Phiri

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- ² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.** *Refrain*
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
- ⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.** *Refrain*

¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,”
¹² **even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**
¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

Refrain

Tribute to Robina Winbush – Rev. Dr Angelique Walker-Smith

(Please rise.)

□ Blessed assurance

Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915), USA

Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908), USA

1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, perf-ect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
3. Perf-ect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and

vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his
sight; an - gels des - cend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of
blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his

blood. This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my
love.
love.

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - iour all the day long.

(Please be seated.)

New Testament Readings: Romans 12: 4-21 – Ms Emily Evans

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,
⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.
⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;
⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in
generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. ⁹ Let love be genuine;
hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one
another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in
hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend
hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice
with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not
be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay

anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

□ **Ecumenical Centre Choir**

Gospel according to Matthew 12: 15-21 – Mr Dinesh Suna

¹⁵ Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. ¹⁶ He warned them not to tell others about him. ¹⁷ This was to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁸ "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. ¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. ²⁰ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory. ²¹ In his name the nations will put their hope."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

(Please rise.)

□ **Da berühren sich Himmel und Erde**

1. Wo Men - schen sich ver - ges - sen, die We - ge ver - las - sen
 1. When we for - get our old way, our need for our own way,
 und neu be - gin - nen, ganz neu, da be - rüh - ren sich
 start fresh, start o - ver, start new, Earth and Heav - en are
 Him - mel und Er - de, dass Frie - den wer - de un - ter uns,
 meet - ing, re - joic - ing, sing - ing that Peace has found a home.
 da be - rüh - ren sich Him - mel und Er - de, dass
 Earth and Heav - en are meet - ing, re - joic - ing, for
 Frie - den wer - de un - ter uns.
 Peace has found a home with us.

2. Wo Menschen sich verschenken,
 die Liebe bedenken
 und neu beginnen, ganz neu,
Refrain

3. Wo Menschen sich verbünden,
 den Hass überwinden
 und neu beginnen, ganz neu,
Refrain

2. When we remember loving,
 the way of self-giving,
 start fresh, start over, start new,
 Earth and Heaven are meeting, rejoicing,
 singing that Peace has found a home.
 Earth and Heaven are meeting, rejoicing,
 for Peace has found a home with us.

3. When once we feared a stranger,
 but now love a neighbour,
 start fresh, start over, start new,
 Earth and Heaven are meeting, rejoicing,
 singing that Peace has found a home.
 Earth and Heaven are meeting, rejoicing,
 for Peace has found a home with us.

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(Please be seated.)

Sermon – Bishop Dr Mary Ann Swenson

Prayers of Intercession – Bishop Dr Staccato Powell & Dr Fulata Moyo

L: Almighty God, as members of the household of faith, we thank you for calling us together to be in communion with each other and with you. Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to our sins and be raised to newness of life. Remind us in this moment that we need not fear the grave, that we can live with the hope that as we pass through the gates of death, we will rise from the grave to the joy of the resurrection.

C: **God, hear our prayer.**

L: Merciful God, grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage and who continue to walk by faith, the daily leading of your Holy Spirit. Comfort all who are sick, strengthen those who are weak, give light to those in darkness and bring comfort all who mourn, especially the families, friends and colleagues of Norman and Robina. Might we in this hour find in you a sure confidence, that in your loving care, we can cast all our sorrow on you, and know the consolation of your love.

C: God, hear our prayer.

L: God of grace, we are thankful for the grace and humility that was evidenced in the lives of Norman and Robina. We thank you for the Christlikeness they exemplified in their daily lives. We are thankful for the fruit of the Spirit which was borne in their lives through walk of obedience to a life of faith and courage.

C: God, hear our prayer.

L: God, the giver of all, we recall and celebrate the many gifts which Norman and Robina shared throughout their lives. In their ministry and witness of the Gospel of Christ, we give thanks for their gifts of words, both preached and written, through which they brought new insights to many and taught your Word with faithfulness, clarity and relevance. We give thanks for their gifts of generous actions shared in their public and private witness. We are thankful for the gifts of their presence in which their very lives were a testament of the Spirit's work of renewing and reconciling all of God's creation.

C: God, hear our prayer.

L: Loving God, we remember today and honour that your servants, Norman and Robina, in their living and witnessing embodied the gift of your divine love. We are thankful that this love was tangibly expressed in their care for all people and for the environment; in their passion to foster unity and understanding especially where distrust and discrimination were constant threats; and in the grace they showed in welcoming the stranger and outsider in making space for them at God's table of love.

Above all, we thank you for your gracious promise not only to Norman and Robina, but to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall be made one again. Bring us with Norman and Robina and all your faithful people to the fullness of life you promise to those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: God, hear our prayer.

The Lord's prayer (*in our own languages*)

(Please rise.)

□ Siyahamba

Zulu

South Africa



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwe - nkhos', si - ya -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
 Kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht, kommt wir
 Nous mar - chons dans la lum - ière de Dieu, nous mar -
 Ca - mi - ne - mos a la luz de Dios, ca - mi -



hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwe - nkhos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the
 wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht. Kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in
 chons dans la lum - ière de Dieu. Nous mar - chons dans la lum -
 ne - mos a la luz de Dios. Ca - mi - ne - mos a la



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 ière de Dieu, nous mar chons dans la lum - ière de Dieu. Nous mar
 luz de Dios, ca - mi - ne - mos a la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -



ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, si - ya -
 march - ing, we are march - ing, we are
 wan - deln, kommt, wir wan - deln, kommt, wir
 chons, nous mar - chons, nous mar -
 ne - mos, ca - mi - ne - mos, ca - mi -



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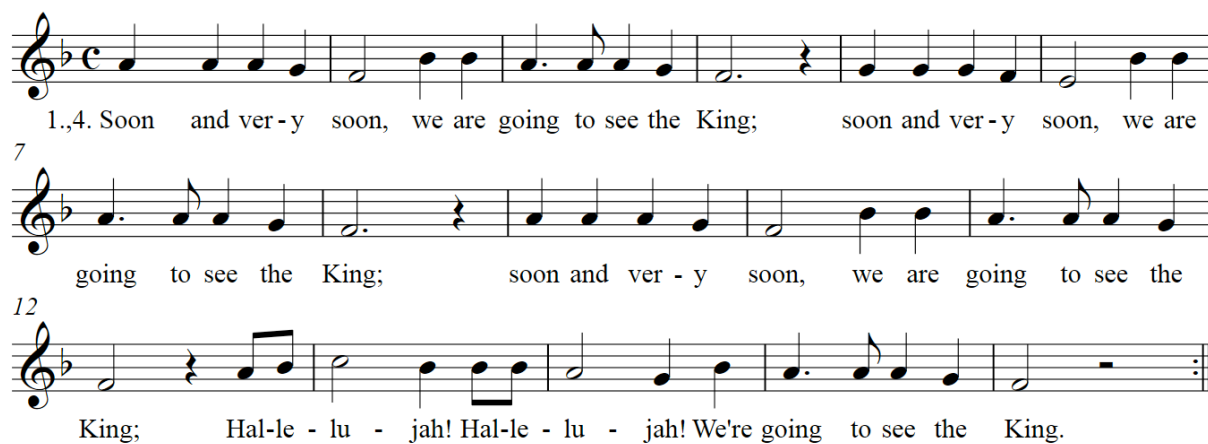
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Blessing and Dismissal

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.

□ Soon and very soon



1.,4. Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King; soon and ver - y soon, we are
7
going to see the King; soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the
12
King; Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

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2. No more crying there,
we are going to see the King;
no more crying there,
we are going to see the King;
no more crying there,
we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
We're going to see the King.

3. No more dying there,
we are going to see the King;
no more dying there,
we are going to see the King;
no more dying there,
we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
We're going to see the King.

