

In loving Memory of

ARNOLD GEORGE HABEL

23 May 1934 ~ 30 August 2025



Funeral Service: 9th September 2025

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamilton

Officiating Minister: Rev. Colin Huf



ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING:

P: God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

P: We begin this service of Celebration for the life of Arnold George Habel in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Our hope comes through God's Word and his gifts given in Holy Baptism

P: Since almighty God has taken Arnold out of this life, and as we have reason to hope that he is with Christ Jesus because of his faith and total trust in him, let us receive comfort from God's word, spoken by the apostle Paul:

"Don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Since we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection."

HYMN: 'What a Friend we have in Jesus' (LHS 426)

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| 1. What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer. | Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer. |
| 2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer. | 3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge!
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there. |

Joseph Scriven (1820-1886)

OBITUARY:

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has destroyed death and brings immortal life through the gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through Arnold.

(Printed copies are available after the service on request.)

VISUAL DISPLAY

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER

P: **Let us pray.**

P: Eternal God, our heavenly Father: be with us as we gather here in your presence to take leave of Arnold, and assure us that you are close to us as we mourn. As we hear your promises, help us to trust in them and accept the comfort they offer.

READINGS:

‘Psalm 23’ *Read by: Norman Habel*

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

‘John 3: 16-17’ *Read by Teddy Stackpool-Habel*

⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

‘John 10: 27-28’ *Read by Tim Habel*

²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

‘ROM 10:’ *Read by Debbie Habel*

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: ‘How Great Thou Art’ (LHS 881)

1. *O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:*
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!
2. *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:*
3. *But 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:*
4. *When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim: ‘My God, how great thou art!’*

O store Gud Carl Boberg 1859-1940

ADDRESS: 'John 10: 27-28'

HYMN: (LHS 543)

1. *Abide with me; fast falls the eventide,
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me
abide: When other helpers fail, and
comforts flee, Help of the helpless,
O abide with me.*
2. *Swift to its close ebbs out life's little
day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories
pass away; Change and decay in all
around I see; O Thou who changest
not, abide with me.*
3. *I need Thy presence every passing
hour; What but Thy grace can foil the
tempter's power? Who like Thyself my
guide and stay can be? Through cloud
and sunshine, O abide with me.*
4. *I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to
bless: Ills have no weight, and tears no
bitterness. Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph
still, if Thou abide with me.*
5. *Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing
eyes, Shine through the gloom, and
point me to the skies; Heaven's
morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee: In life, in death, O Lord,
abide with me.*

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

APOSTLES' CREED

P: In the face of death, let us confess our faith in the one true and living God, in whose name Arnold was baptised.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day
he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the
right hand of God, the Fa-ther almighty, from thence he will come to
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS

'LORD, HAVE MERCY'

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, our Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: we thank you for Arnold and what we have received from him. Sustain us in life and death, and let Your perpetual light shine on us and all people.

Be with those who mourn and comfort them in their grief. Help them support each other at this time. Remember Arnold's family. Lighten their sense of loss with your presence and wrap your loving arms around them.

As we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, prepare us all for the World to come. And when our last hour comes, support us by by Your power, and take us home to your Heavenly Kingdom, Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, remember us, and help us to pray the prayer you have taught us.

**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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.**

Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: The Lord watch over you, as you go out and as you come in † now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

RECESSION

P: In the sure hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, we take the body of our brother in Christ to its last resting place.
Let us go in peace.

C: **In the name of the Lord.**

HYMN: 'May the feet of God walk with you' (LHS 543)

*May the feet of God walk with you,
and his hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you,
and his ear hear your cry.*

*May the smile of God be for you,
and his breath give you life.
May the Child of God grow in you,
and his love bring you home.*

Aubrey Podlich 1946- (1983) LicenSing

PALL BEARERS:

Jamie Barham

Robyn Habel

Anjali Habel-Orrell

Teddy Stackpool-Habel

Lynette Purvis

Leigh Wedding

MUSICIAN: Angela McCreddin

FLAUTIST: Anna Rees

**The family of Arnold George Habel sincerely thank you
for your support and comforting words to us.**

**We would like to invite you to join us in the Hamilton Golf Club
for light refreshments immediately following the committal
at South Hamilton Cemetery.**

All welcome.

AT THE GRAVESIDE

GREETING

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Amen.

Friends in Christ: Our heavenly Father has taken our brother, Arnold from this life. Today we remember Arnold and we give thanks to God for what we have given through him.

WORDS OF COMFORT

St. Paul says: These bodies will die, but the bodies that are raised will live forever. As surely as there are physical bodies, there are spiritual bodies. The bodies we now have are weak and die. But they will be changed into bodies that are eternal. Then the Scriptures will come true, 'Death has lost the battle! Where is its victory? Where is its sting? We thank God for letting our Lord Jesus Christ give us the victory!'

COMMITTAL *The coffin is lowered into the grave.*

Since Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in his gracious wisdom has called our brother Arnold from this life, we commit his body to its last resting place: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Dust we are and to the dust we shall return. But we know that as Christ was the first to rise from the dead, he will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his in glory.

We commend Arnold to the Lord †, trusting in his infinite mercy.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who has created, redeemed, and sanctified, both body and soul.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies are beyond counting: Remind us that life is short and the hour of death unknown. Let your Holy Spirit guide our days on earth, so that by your grace we may serve you in the fellowship of your family, the Church. Keep us sure in faith, strong in hope, active in love, and ready for Christ's return. And when our earthly journey is ended, lead us rejoicing into your kingdom, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER:

P: Lord Jesus, remember us, and help us to pray the prayer you have 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 today 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, and the power, and the glory, for ev-er and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING:

The Lord give you comfort and peace; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit †, be with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL:

Christ has risen.

He has risen indeed.

Go in the peace of the Lord.

Amen.





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