

A LITURGY IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

**RICHARD RATHBORNE GRAHAM HOBSON** JULY 28, 1931 – MAY 23, 2021

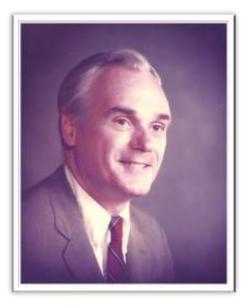
> Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Episcopal/Anglican

## **IMMANUEL CHAPEL**

3737 Seminary Road Alexandria, Virginia

> June 2, 2021 3:00 p.m.

## RICHARD RATHBORNE GRAHAM HOBSON 1932 - 2021



Richard Rathborne Graham (Dick) Hobson, husband of Kathleen Stanton Hobson (Kay), passed away early in the morning on Sunday, May 23, 2021 in Alexandria, Virginia. By his side were his wife of 60 years, as well as all his children and one grandchild who gathered in person and by phone to share their great love for him.

Richard Hobson was born in Orange, New Jersey on July 28th, 1931, to Robert Archer Hobson and May Hartley Carmichael. He spent his early years at the Hobson family farm "The Forest" and "The Forest Lodge" in Goochland County, Virginia before moving with his immediate family to Alexandria, Virginia in 1940 where he attended Ft. Belvoir and Douglas MacArthur Elementary Schools, George Washington High School and Episcopal High School. After graduating from Episcopal in 1949, he attended Princeton University, as part of the school's Navy ROTC unit. Following graduation from Princeton in 1953, he served as a Naval officer in the Atlantic Fleet and with the Naval Bureau of Personnel for three years. He

then attended Harvard Law School (Class of '59), where he and three classmates won Harvard's prestigious Ames Moot Court Competition. Dick remained deeply grateful for scholarship opportunities that enabled him to enjoy an extraordinary education and lasting friendships made at these institutions.

During his time at Harvard Law, Dick met and fell in love with Kathleen Pittman Stanton (Kay) of Grosse Ile, Michigan who was working in book publishing with Houghton Mifflin. Even in his last days, he beamed at telling the story of how their love was meant to be! They were married in Grosse Ile on December 10th, 1960 and lived in Boston for the first years of their marriage while Dick worked for Arthur D. Little management consulting. In 1962, they moved to his hometown of Alexandria where Dick was the ninth lawyer to join a great group of colleagues forming Bauknight, Prichard, McCandlish and Williams, a firm that later became Booth, Prichard and Dudley, and then later still McGuire Woods. In 1976, he was elected by the people of Alexandria to serve in Virginia's House of Delegates where he served two terms until 1980. Dick was a devoted and energetic servant in local and state politics and civic organizations throughout his life, including chairmanships on the Virginia State and Alexandria Democratic Committees, President and Board Member of the Seminary Hill Civic Association, President and Board Member of the Alexandria Library Company, President of the Board of Directors of Different Drum School, Trustee of the Virginia Historical Society, Trustee of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation, Inc. and a member of the American Law Institute and Lambda Alpha International global land economics society.

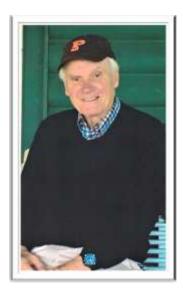
Faith in God was the foundation of his life and a driving force for his love and commitment to family and community. He was a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Episcopal Church and active since the 1940's at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill where he served as Senior Warden and many terms on the vestry. He was also a devotee of Shrine Mont, an Episcopal church retreat center in Orkney Springs, Virginia where he and Kay have enjoyed an annual gathering of friends and family from the 1960's to this day.

Richard is survived by his wife, Kathleen Stanton Hobson, their children, Richard R. G. Hobson, Jr. of Alexandria, Henry Lee Stanton Hobson and his wife Ann of Dallas, Texas, Anne Hartley Hobson

Wensing and her husband Kevin of Alexandria, and Kathleen Annette Archer Hobson Davis and her husband Mark of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Dick loved and was so proud of his eight grandchildren, Ann Blake Hobson, Kathleen Vaughan Hobson, Henry Lee Hobson, Madeline Stanton Davis, Jonathan Trey Hobson, Ava Kathryn Hobson, Anderson Miller Davis and Grace Hartley Hobson Wensing. Dick was the consummate family man and considered his family to be his most important legacy.

The family would like to thank Richard's devoted caregivers, including Leslie Romero, Ishmail Kamara, Quinton Peacock and Prince Nti.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations may be made in Dick's memory to two of his favorite communities: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill and Shrine Mont.





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## THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD, RITE II

Prelude: Cela Sans Plus Ah, Holy Jesus (*Herzliebster Jesu*) Die Nacht Oh Come and Mourn With Me Awhile\* Eternal Father, Strong to Save Josquin de Prez Johann Cruger Wilhelm Wurm John Dykes William Whiting and John Bacchus Dykes

\* organ, horn, and trombone

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty 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."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

#### **Opening Sentences:**

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 has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

- Clergy: The Lord be with you. People: *And also with you.* Clergy: Let us pray.
- **Collect:** O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Richard, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*





## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### The First Lesson: Isaiah 40: 28-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

The Word of the Lord Response: Thanks be to God

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#### Hymn 662: "Abide with me"

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read by Kathleen Hobson Davis

#### Psalm 121

read by Lee Hobson

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- 8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on and forevermore.

## The Epistle: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

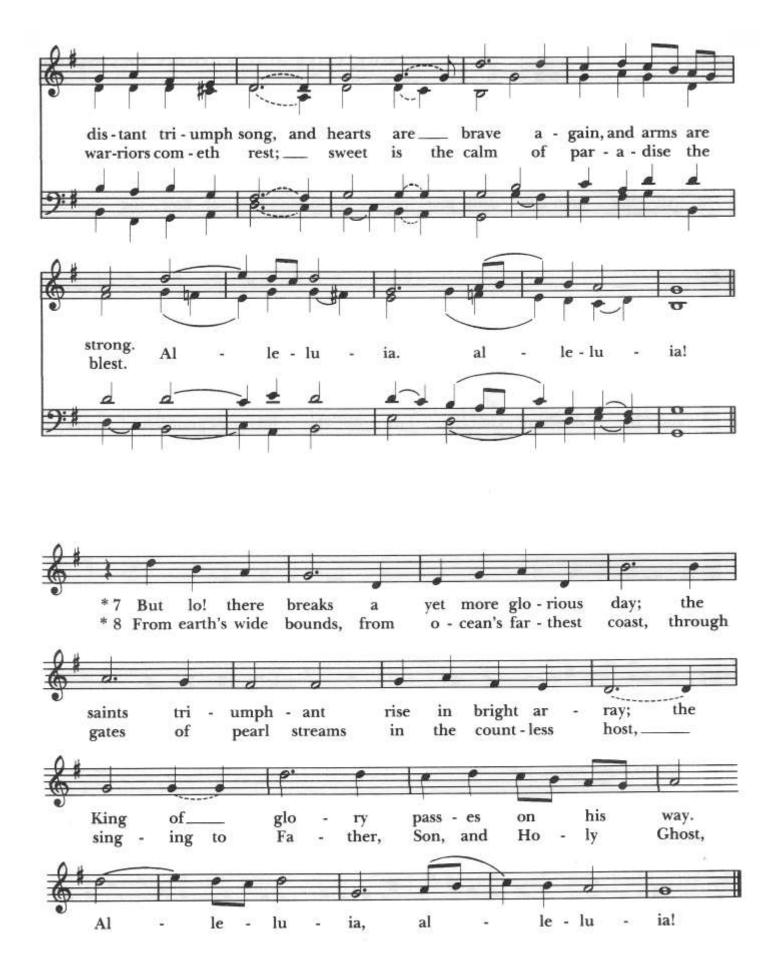
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord Response: *Thanks be to God* 

Sequence Hymn 287 "For all the saints, who from their labors rest" verses 1,3,7, and 8 Sine Nomine

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#### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:24-27

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ* 

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell - and great was its fall!"

The Gospel of the Lord Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.* 

The Homily: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say:

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.

#### **The Prayers**

For our brother, Richard, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Richard, and dry the tears of those who weep. *Hear us, Lord.* 

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. *Hear us, Lord*.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life. *Hear us, Lord.* 

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven. *Hear us, Lord.* 

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints. *Hear us, Lord.* 

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom. *Hear us, Lord.* 

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

The Celebrant concludes with the following collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother, Richard, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.* 

#### The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 525 "The Church's one foundation" ple

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Aurelia



#### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, continues:

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### Then, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S130 (from the front of The Hymnal 1982)

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#### The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

#### Celebrant and People

#### We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Mary Magdalene, blessed Peter, James and John, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.* 

*Agnus Dei S158* (from the front of The Hymnal 1982)



The congregation remains seated during Communion

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## **Music During Communion:**

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Johann Sebastian Bach

## THE BRASS TRIO

Jason Covey, trumpet Alexis Lovelady, horn Aaron Moats, trombone

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#### **Post Communion Prayer**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

#### **Celebrant and People**

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 the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### THE COMMENDATION

The Clergy take their places at the urn.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, Richard, with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; 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.

# Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the urn, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Richard. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, 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. *Amen.* 

#### The Blessing

#### The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. People: *Thanks be to God.* 

Recessional Hymn 473 "Lift High the Cross" (see page 21 of this bulletin)

Crucifer



Postlude: "Ode to Joy"

Ludwig van Beethoven

## SERVING TODAY:

#### **Officiant**:

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr., Rector, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

#### **Assisting Clergy**:

The Rev. Susan D. Parsons, Associate Rector The Rev. Sam Sheridan, Assistant Rector The Rev. Charles W.B. Fels, *Retired* Church of the Good Shepherd, Knoxville, TN

#### **Crucifer:**

Grace Hartley Hobson Wensing, granddaughter

#### Readers:

Kathleen Annette Archer Hobson Davis, daughter Anne Hartley Hobson Wensing, daughter Henry Lee Stanton Hobson, son

#### Intercessor:

Richard Rathborne Graham Hobson, Jr., son

#### **Flower Arrangements:**

Sarah B. Glassco Candy Levin

#### Musicians:

THE BRASS TRIO: Jason Covey, trumpet Alexis Lovelady, horn Aaron Moats, trombone

Dr. Jane Tavernier, organist

#### Ushers:

Roz Kerns Tom Kerns Bryant Mitchell Katherine Smith Catherine Stanish

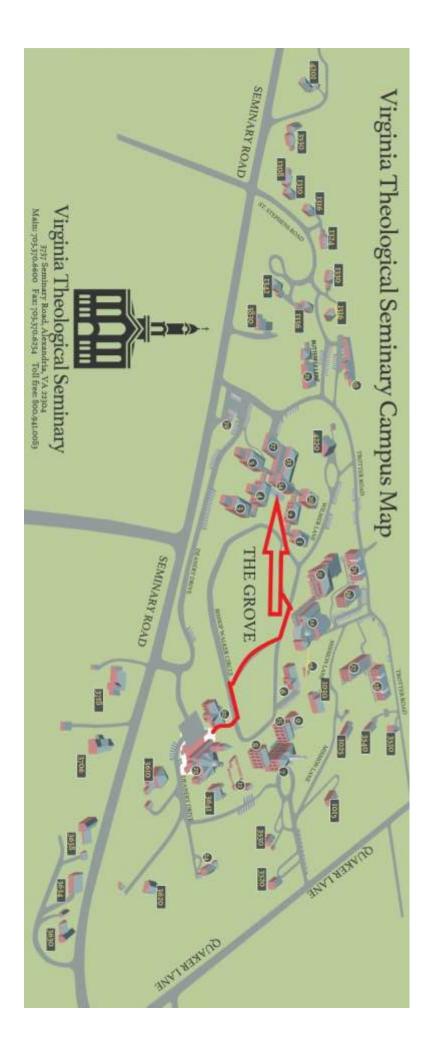
Audio-Visual:

John Bednar



The family welcomes everyone to a reception following this service in Scott Lounge, indicated on the enclosed map (page 23). Scott Lounge is a short walk along Bishop Walker Circle, and there is ample parking at the end of campus for those who prefer to drive.

The immediate family will join after a brief private Committal in the chapel garden.



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Darrell Wilson	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds
David Atwood	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Co-steward: Social Justice
Harrison Clark	Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Danette "Dani" Gentile Kauffman	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Kristi Kubista-Hovis	. Register, Outreach, and Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brooke Roberts	
Phyllis Sims	Fellowship, Senior Ministry
Francine Wargo	Worship
Shawn Whitman	
Rachel Wilson	

#### SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
6:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II Zabriskie Chapel Memorial Garden

> *Online* <u>www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org</u> Immanuel's YouTube channel

#### **PRIEST ASSOCIATES**

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke The Rev. Jan A. Maas The Rev. John R. Smucker The Rev. Canon Rosemari G. Sullivan The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade



#### **RECTOR EMERITA** The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God's plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: "*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel*," to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.

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