

In Loving Memory



*Ronald Frederick
Packer*

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Forever in God's Care

ENTRANCE SONG

Amazing Grace

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GREETING

Fr Krupa: We come together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr Krupa: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

(Fr Krupa Sprinkles the coffin with Holy Water)

Fr Krupa: In the waters of baptism, Ronald died with Christ and rose with Him to new life.

All: May he now share eternal life with Christ in glory.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

(Oliver, lights the candle)

Fr Krupa: In Baptism, Ronald received the light of Christ. This light is the promise of eternal life.

All: May Christ now welcome him into the Kingdom of Light and Peace.

Placing of Pall

(Placed on coffin by Candy and Daniel)

Fr Krupa: In Baptism, Ronald was clothed in the white garment which is the outward sign of our Christian dignity as sons and daughters of God.

All Say: May he stand before the Lamb of God dressed in the white robe of salvation.

Opening Prayer: Lord God, source and destiny of our lives, we thank you for the gift of Ronald Packer's life and the many kindnesses that he showed us. Now you have called him to yourself. As we grieve the loss of the one we have loved, we seek to understand your purpose. Draw him to yourself and give him full stature in Christ. Welcome him into paradise where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (Read by Candy)

Wisdom 4:7-15

The virtuous person, though he die before his time, will find rest.

Length of days is not what makes age honourable, nor number of years the true measure of life; Understanding, this is our grey hairs, untarnished life, this is ripe old age.

He has sought to please God, so God has loved him; as he was living among sinners, he has been taken up. He has been carried off so that evil may not warp his understanding or treachery seduce his soul; for the fascination of evil throws good things into the shade, and the whirlwind of desire corrupts a simple heart.

Coming to perfection in so short a while, he achieved long life; his soul being pleasing to the Lord, he has taken him quickly from the wickedness around him.

Yet people look on, uncomprehending; it does not enter their heads that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord, and protection, God's holy ones. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

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Second reading (Read By Daniel)

2 Timothy 4:6-8

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith.

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day; And not only to me, but to all those who have longed for his appearing. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please stand to welcome the Gospel.)

All: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Anyone who listens to my words and believes in the One who sent me, has eternal life.

Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Fr Krupa: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Krupa: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

“How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called sons and daughters of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Eulogy

by Family

HOMILY

Fr Krupa

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION / FAITHFULL

(Read By Oliver, Georga, Cody)

Fr Krupa: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his church. With confidence in the Salvation,

He brings; we now confidently offer our prayers for Ronald.

God our Father, we thank you for the loveliness of Grandpa's life, for his gentle strength. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who gather to mourn the death of Grandpa. That we may bear one another's burdens. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body. That they may never feel forsaken by God. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we, Grandpa's family, thank you for his/her presence in our lives and ask for your strength to continue our journey in love. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that Grandpa and all those who have died may be happy forever with you in heaven. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray, as St. Francis has, that we may not seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned and in dying that we are born to eternal life. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Krupa: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls hear the prayers of our Redeemer our Lord Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the Blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom where you live forever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Fr Krupa: Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us.

All Say: 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.

FINAL COMMENDATION

Photo Presentation of Ronald Packer's Life

Fr Krupa: So we reverently bring Ronald's body in its human imperfection. Let us pray with confidence to God who gives life to all things, that God will raise up this mortal body to the perfection and company of the saints. May God give Ronald a merciful judgment and forgive all his sins. May Christ the Good Shepherd lead him safely home to be at peace with God the Father. May he be happy for ever with all the other saints in the presence of the eternal King.

(The coffin is now incensed as a sign of respect)

SONG OF FAREWELL

Fr Krupa: Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Krupa: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to Abraham's side.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Krupa: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High. (We now pause for a moment of silent remembrance)

Fr. Krupa: Into Your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Ronald, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Christ on the last day. We thank you for all the blessings which you bestowed on Ronald in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant, and help us who remain to comfort one another until we all meet in Christ and are with you and our brother Ronald forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Fr Krupa: In peace, let us take Ronald's body to its place of rest.

PALL BEARERS accompany Ronald from the church.

RECESSIONAL SONG –

Be Not Afraid

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AT THE GRAVESIDE BLESSING OF GRAVE

Fr Krupa: Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you made holy the graves of all who believe in you and so make even the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies. Grant that Ronald may sleep in peace for we know you awaken him to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. We believe that even now he sees you face to face and in your light, he sees light and knows the splendour of God, for you live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

COMMITTAL

Fr Krupa: Because God has chosen to call our brother Ronald from this life to himself, we commit his body to the earth. For we are dust and unto dust we shall return.

(The coffin is now lowered)

Music:

Fr Krupa: But the Lord Jesus Christ will change our mortal bodies and make them like his own, in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead. So, let us commend our brother Ronald to the Lord, that God may embrace him in peace and raise up his body on the last day. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Fr Krupa: With longing for God's kingdom, let us pray:

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. Amen.

Fr Krupa: God of holiness and power, accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Ronald do not count his deeds against him for in his heart he always desired to do your will. As his faith united him to your people on earth, so may your mercy join him to the saints in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

PRAYER FOR THE MOURNERS

Fr Krupa: Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful; you are attentive to the prayers of the humble. Hear your people who cry out to you in our need and strengthen our hope in your lasting goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Fr Krupa: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Fr Krupa: May he rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Fr Krupa: May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Fr Krupa: May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us and gently wipe away every tear from our eyes: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.



*Thank you for being with us today to
celebrate Ronald's life. Your presence, kind
thoughts and support are sincerely
appreciated and bring great comfort to our
family during this difficult time.*




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