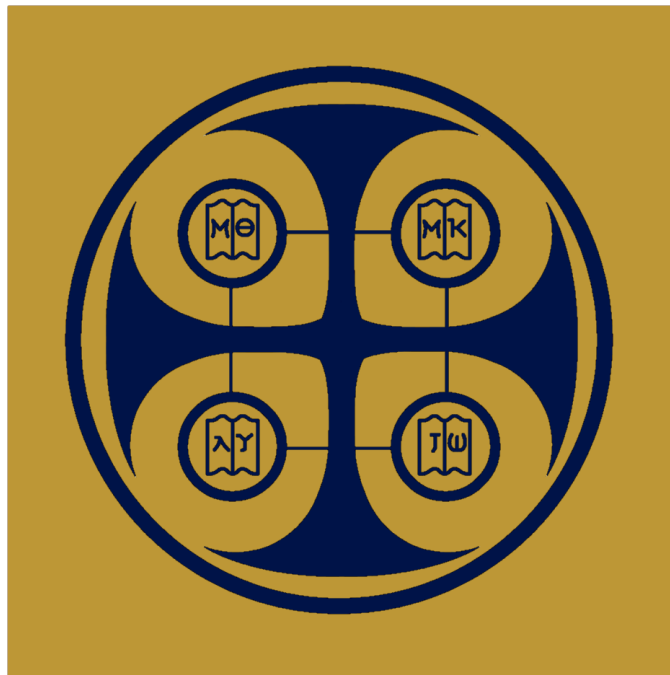


*To the Glory of God
and the Everlasting Life
of*



Robert M. Phillips III

Born: March 17, 1954

With the Lord: March 5, 2021

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021
1:00 IN THE AFTERNOON
REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUSTIN, TEXAS



Robert M. Phillips III

1954-2021

He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,
for the old order of things has passed away.

Revelation 21:4

The Service of Entrance

THE PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

❖ THE HYMN OF INVOCATION

Martin Luther, 1529

EIN' FESTE BURG

Martin Luther, 1529



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sab - a - oth his name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:



and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;

People: He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Let us pray. Almighty God, you who by the death of your Son, Jesus Christ, have destroyed death, and by his rest in the tomb, have sanctified the graves of your saints, and by his glorious resurrection, have brought life and immortality to light, so that all who die in him abide in peace and hope: receive, we beg, our unfeigned thanks for the victory over death and the grave which he has obtained for us and for all who sleep in him; and keep us, who are still in the body, in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for you on earth, and with all around you in heaven, in union with him, who is the Resurrection and the Life, even Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE EULOGY

Rev. David Cassidy

THE PRAYER FOR COMFORT

Minister: Let us pray.

People: O God of grace and glory, we remember today our brother Bob. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion console us as we mourn. Give us your aid that we may see in death the gate to eternal life for your beloved. Enable us to persevere, until we are reunited with those who have gone before us in Christ. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Service of the Word



THE PSALTER LESSON

Hannah Phillips – Psalm 84:10-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Stephanie Phillips Wharton – John 10:10-11, 27-30

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

❖ HYMN FOR CONGREGATION

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2002

JERUSALEM

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is — found; he is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on — flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground his bod - y — lay, light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in — death— this is the



light, my strength, my song; this corn - er - stone, this sol - id —
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious -
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fin - al —



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his



cease! My com - for - ter, my all in
 fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
 me; for I am his and he is
 hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid— here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

THE FIRST EPISTLE LESSON

Paul Phillips – Romans 8:28-32, 35, 38-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND EPISTLE LESSON

Hutch Hubby – 2 Corinthians 4:5-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN FOR CONGREGATION

Charles Wesley, 1738

SAGINA

Thomas Campbell, 1825



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con-dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and



in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing



pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing
tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy
 love!), and bled for A - dam's help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy
ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell
 head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap -



love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
all! Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -
 all, im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 proach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through



die for me?
quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 found out me. *fol - lowed thee.*
 Christ, my own.



be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

THE THIRD EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Jack Smith – 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE FOURTH EPISTLE LESSON

Joey Phillips – 1 John 4:7-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

❖ **HYMN FOR CONGREGATION**

Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

IT IS WELL

Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; when
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3. My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound, and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

Rev. Eric Landry

The Service of Prayer



PRAYERS OF PETITION

Minister: Let us pray to the Lord Jesus Christ: who loves us so wondrously, who is the resurrection and the life. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to trust you, Lord Jesus, for your love toward us is mysteriously deep as well as it is rich in mercy.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Lord, you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn for Bob and dry the tears of those who weep. You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend. Comfort us in our sorrows.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Give faith and courage to those who are grieving, that they may have strength to reach the days ahead in the comfort of a sure and certain hope of a blessed reunion in heaven with Bob, who is now absent from the body, but at home with the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Call forth faith in all of us to look to you as the Resurrection and the Life, that the grave may prove for us to be the gate to eternal life, through which we pass together with you to our own joyful resurrection.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Jesus, we give you all praise and thanks, for by your death on the cross you destroyed the power of death and by your resurrection from the grave you have opened the kingdom of heaven to all who believe on you. Make us certain that because you live, we shall also live. Fill us with the hope that nothing—nothing above or below, no power or creature, nothing in life or even in death—can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer. 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ THE BENEDICTION

❖ THE DEPARTING HYMN

St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779

St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

AMAZING GRACE

Traditional American melody



1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved, how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
 And mortal life shall cease,
 I shall possess within the veil
 A life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we've first begun.

THE LESSONS

Psalm 84:10-12

A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you! (ESV)

John 10:10-11; 27-30

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. (KJV)

Romans 8:28-32, 35, 38-39

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 4:5-18

What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (ESV)

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. (KJV)

1 John 4:7-19

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. (ESV)

1 Corinthians 15:42-45, 50-58

So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, "*The first man Adam became a living being.*" The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "*Death is swallowed up in victory.*" "*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?*" The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (NKJV)

Robert M. Phillips III

On Friday, March 5, 2021, Robert M. Phillips III (“Bob”, “Bobby”, “Sparky”, “Dad”, and “Big Papi”), devoted husband and father of five children, passed into his Savior’s arms with his family by his side.

Bob was born March 17, 1954, (making him believe he was Irish) in Chicago, Ill. to Shirley and Robert M. Phillips, Jr. Childhood moves took him from Chicago, to Ft. Lauderdale, Cincinnati, and Minnesota and finally the great state of Texas where he received his History degree from the University of Dallas. He then earned his law degree from the University of Texas in 1979, and practiced law in Texas for over 40 years. In 1989, Bob became the first Board Certified Specialist in Criminal Law in Williamson County, and was later named a Texas Super Lawyer, featured in *Texas Monthly* magazine.

On August 4, 1979, he married his beloved Texas sweetheart, Jeanne Groesbeck. Together they poured their lives into raising their five children, David, Stephanie, Hannah, Paul, and Joey. Bob loved the game of baseball—his knowledge was encyclopedic and exceeded only by his passion and collection of memorabilia. He passed on his love for the game to each child and grandchild and was a Texas Rangers season-ticket holder for 25 years. The family etched many indelible memories at the team’s former home, The Ballpark in Arlington.

Bob lived and loved tenaciously, touching countless lives as a loyal husband, the most amazing Dad, Little League and Mock Trial coach, Sunday school teacher and elder at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, true friend, champion of the sovereignty and grace of God, and as “The Voice” of the Regents Knights for almost two decades. A lover of fine wine, great cigars, and beautiful words, Bob never shied away from the stage or microphone. He was passionate in debate, fervent in teaching the gospel, effusive in praise, and kind in nature. His unforgettable voice, often heard singing Sinatra, slipping into Cosell impressions, passionately explaining Scripture, cheering on his Texas Rangers, or leaving delightfully long voice mails will be deeply missed along with his twinkling eyes and contagious smile.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Shirley Phillips, and survived by his two sisters Nancy and Kathy. His legendary legacy lives on in his wife Jeanne, his five children, and his eight grandchildren.

**Please join us this evening at 7:00 p.m. for a “Celebration of Life,” here in Covenant Hall,
to share stories, memories, and toasts to celebrate Bob’s extraordinary life.**