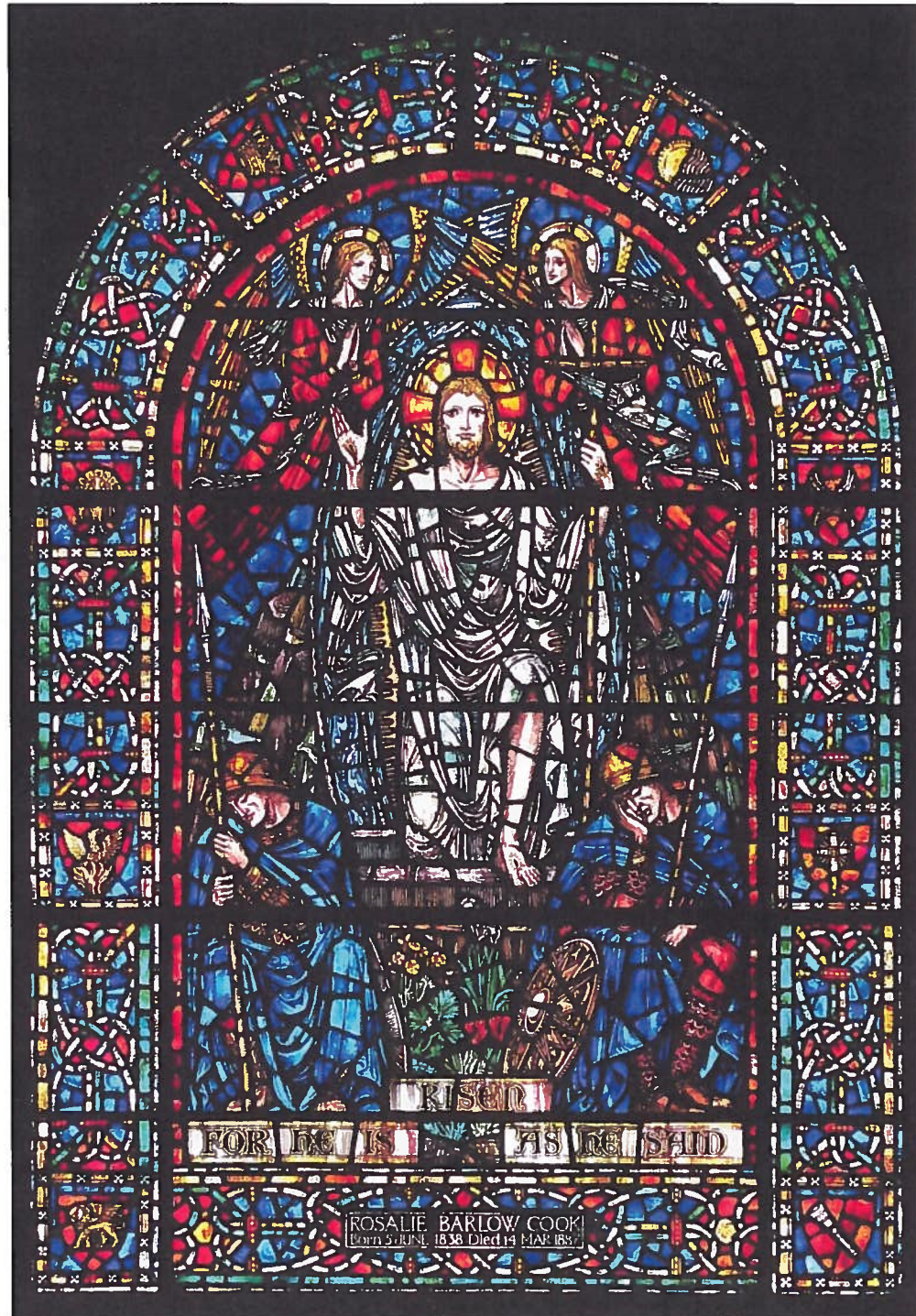


Thanksgiving for the Life and Ministry of
JOHN WESLEY OBETZ
June 29, 1933–February 12, 2015



March 12, 2015 • 3:00 p.m.
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Welcome and God's peace to all who gather here today to give thanks to God for the life and ministry of **John Wesley Obetz**.
You are invited to take part in the service as indicated in the order of service. Page numbers are from the red *Book of Common Prayer*.
Restrooms (handicap accessible) are located in Founders' Hall and in the ante-room to the clergy sacristy at the west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

THE PRELUDES

Variations on the tune PARACLETE

Symphonie Gothique: Andante sostenuto

Introduktion and Passacaglia in D Minor

Chorale Prelude: "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" BWV 659

Prelude in E Flat Major, BWV 552

Gerald Kemner

Charles-Marie Widor

Max Reger

Johann Sebastian Bach

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OPENING SENTENCES *All rise as able.*

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COLLECT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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HYMN "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Music is on page 7.

All are seated.

FIRST LESSON

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

ANTHEM “Like as the hart”

Herbert Howells

SECOND LESSON
1 John 3:1–2

“The Lamb”

Joyce Steeby, soprano

John Obetz

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 5:24–27 *All rise as able.*
When the Deacon announces the Gospel all respond
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.
At the conclusion of the reading all respond
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

REMEMBRANCES AND HOMILY *All are seated.*

APOSTLES' CREED *All rise, as able.*

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All 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 Ghost,
 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition the Leader says

Leader God of mercy and peace,

People Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY HYMN "Love divine, all loves excelling"

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A

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"Lift up your hearts"

blue *The Hymnal* 1982, hymn S120

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

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord"

blue Hymnal, hymn S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

 Christ is risen.

 Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
 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.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
 us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

COMMUNION

*All are invited to come forward to take communion or to receive a blessing.
 Communion is administered at the head of the central aisle.
 Please return to your seat via the side aisles..*

To take communion, receive the bread in your hands (for gluten-free bread cross your hands palms down).

*Drink the wine from the cup, or holding the bread in your hands, wait for the minister to dip the bread in the wine and place it onto your tongue.
 You may choose not to take the wine by crossing your hands over your chest. For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn "O God, our help in ages past"

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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *All rise, as able.*

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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.

HYMN "Hail thee, festival day!"

Music is on page 10.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE Fugue in E flat, BWV 553

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jan Kraybill, organist

Following the Postlude, all are invited to process to the Memorial Garden for the Committal.

The Committal

COMMITTAL

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;
 People **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
 People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

All are invited to greet the family at a reception in Founders' Hall immediately following the service.

You are invited to sign the condolence book located in Founders' Hall.



Our celebration this day 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 the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.



"Christ is made the sure foundation"

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

"Love divine, all loves excelling"

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

"O God, our help in ages past"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O God, our help in ages past". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics are printed between the staves. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and single notes.

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

"Hail thee, festival day!"

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for -

ev - er, day where-on Christ a - rose, break - ing the

king - dom of death. death.

1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the
 3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who rul - est the
 7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,

win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good
 glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her
 earth and the hea - vens, guard us from
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost

gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:
 gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
 harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide:

2 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the
 4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of
 6 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our
 8 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on
 life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 death, life thou be - stow - est on all:
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
 souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

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Assisting
Deacon
Remembrances
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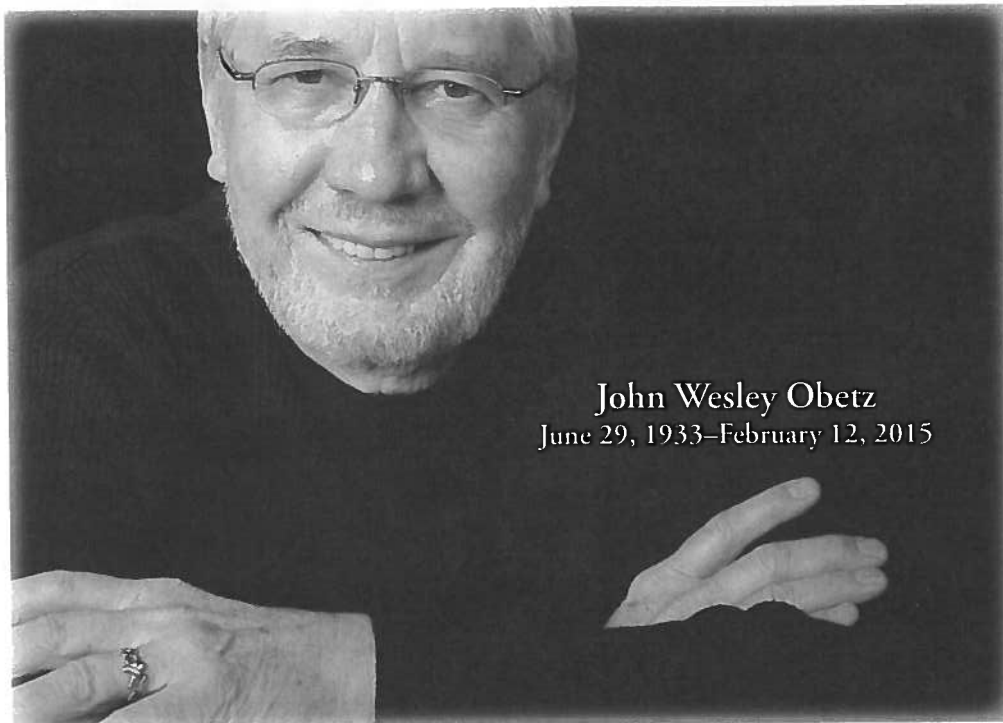
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John Wesley Obetz
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John Obetz was born to Hazel and Samuel Obetz in Reading, PA. He grew up primarily in Chicago. He then attended Northwestern University, receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees. He continued his musical education at Union Theological Seminary in New York City where he studied under Vernon de Tar and received his doctorate. He taught initially at Albion College in Michigan before becoming the Principal Organist in 1967, at the Auditorium for the international headquarters of RLDS, now known as Community of Christ, in Independence, MO. He recorded weekly organ recitals for "The Auditorium Organ" which was broadcast nationally from 1967–1993. He also taught for over 30 years as an adjunct associate professor of music at University of Missouri-Kansas City's Conservatory of Music. During his life he performed extensively throughout the United States and Europe, including Westminster Abbey and the Kennedy Center. He is survived by Grace, his loving wife of 61 years, his son Peter and wife Christy, two granddaughters, Taylor and Riley, his brother Wendell and wife Betty, his sister Janet Hofmeister, many nieces and nephews, and of course his "Kansas City Family" all of whom he greatly adored.



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