



## **Captain Henry William (Hank) Vondette**

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*THEY that go down to the sea in ships,  
and occupy their business on the great waters;  
These men see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.*

# Memorial Service for Hank Vondette

Held at St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's Church

July 27, 2006 at 1:30 pm.

Prelude (Organist)

Lois Carter

## Opening Sentences

### Hymn: Eternal Father Strong to Save (Words: William Whiting)

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard  
and hushed their raging at thy word,  
who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep;  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

### The Prayer used in Her Majesty's Canadian Navy.

O ETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: Be pleased to receive into thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the Fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH, and her Dominions,

and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Commonwealth and Empire may in peace and quietness serve thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours; and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer for Home and Loved Ones**

O GOD, who art present in every place: Look down with thy mercy upon those whom we love, now absent from us; give thine angels charge over them, and defend them from all dangers of body and soul; bring us together again, if it be thy holy will; grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to thee, may draw nearer to one another, and in the end, united in thy presence, may evermore rejoice together in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Prayer for Stedfastness:**

**O LORD God, when thou givest thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through him that for the finishing of thy work laid down his life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Psalm 107:23-31**

(Audrey Haigh)

THEY that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business on the great waters;

These men see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep: their soul melteth away because of the trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

So they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivereth them from their distress.

For he maketh the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad, because they are at rest; and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

O that men would therefore praise the LORD for his goodness, and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**The Armor of God**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. (NIV)

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel: John 14:35-40**

(John Hopkins)

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

*Reader:* This is the Gospel of Christ.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

## **Hymn: For All the Saints**

(Ralph Vaughan Williams)

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
and singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Apostles' Creed:**

**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.**

## **Sermon: Rev. Ken Bell**

### **Anthem: Unto the Hill Around**

(Lois Carter)

## **Prayers**

*Minister:* The Lord be with you;

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Minister:* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Minister:* Lord, have mercy upon 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

*Minister:* O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us;

*People:* **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

*Minister:* Graciously look upon our afflictions, O Lord;

*People:* **Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.**

*Minister:* Make thy servants to be numbered with thy Saints;

*People:* **In glory everlasting.**

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us (by his holy Apostle Saint Paul) not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in Jesus: We meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is this our brother Hank doth; and that, at the Resurrection in the last day, we with him may receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

**Hymn: I Feel the winds of God Today** (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,  
Though heavy, oft with drenching spray, and torn with many a rift;  
If hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at His behest, and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,  
Until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years;  
If cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be;  
Lord, let me feel Thy freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget Thy love and how that love was shown,  
Lift high the blood red flag above; it bears Thy Name alone.  
Great Pilot of my onward way, Thou wilt not let me drift;  
I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift.

People: **O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Final Blessing & Dismissal**

**Please join Ursula and the family for a reception  
in the hall following the service.**



**Bravo Zulu, Hank**  
(Well Done)