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PSALM 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. ⁸ Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields ^[b] with fire.

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." ¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

1 JOHN 3 (NKJ)

¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!^[a] Therefore the world does not know us,^[b] because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

AN ELLIOT OF ALBANY SERVICE

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD

IN MEMORY OF
ERNEST W. BENSON



MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

12.00 NOON

HINES MEMORIAL
CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE REVEREND KENNETH D. MCMILLIAN
PASTOR

THE REVEREND CARLTON MAHONE
PRESIDING ELDER

BISHOP OTHAL H. LAKEY
PRESIDING PRELATE

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

THE MOMENT OF MEDITATION

MEDLEY OF SACRED HYMNS

THE SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 523

“ALL HAIL THE POWER”

ELLOR

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME! LET ANGELS PROSTRATE FALL; BRING FORTH THE ROYAL DIADEM, AND CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL. BRING FORTH THE ROYAL DIADEM, AND CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL. YE SEED OF ISRAEL'S CHOSEN RACE, YE RANSOMED FROM THE FALL, HAIL HIM WHO SAVES YOU BY HIS GRACE, AND CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL. HAIL HIM WHO SAVES YOU BY HIS GRACE, AND CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL. LET EVERY TRIBE AND EVERY TONGUE BEFORE HIM PROSTRATE FALL AND SHOUT IN UNIVERSAL SONG THE CROWNED LORD OF ALL. AND SHOUT IN UNIVERSAL SONG THE CROWNED LORD OF ALL.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WE 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 SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH AT 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 SPIRIT; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

THE INVOCATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

PSALM 46

DR. MAURICE CHERRY, READER

THE GLORIA PATRI

MIENEKE

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. AMEN.

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

I JOHN 3.1-3

THE REFLECTIONS

DR. WALTER JUDGE

THE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

THE PASTOR

THE BENEDICTION

THE SEVENFOLD AMEN

LUTKIN

ERNEST W. BENSON, the third of five siblings, was born July 22, 1939, in Evansville, Indiana. He earned his diploma from Lincoln High School, graduated from Evansville College (University of Evansville) with a B.S. degree, and earned his M.S. degree from Indiana University. After graduating from Indiana University, he accepted a job in the Department of Biology at Albany State College (University). After six years of teaching and research, he enrolled in the University of Georgia and was awarded his Ph.D. in Microbiology in 1973. In September, 1973, he returned to Albany State and served in a number of capacities: teacher, mentor, researcher, committee member, president of the ASU Foundation, professor of Biology and Chair of the Department of Biology before he was appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs, the position he held upon retirement. He served on numerous committees for the University System of Georgia, and in 2001, the Board of Regents of the University System conferred **Vice President Emeritus** status upon him.

In Evansville, Dr. Benson was an active member of the Watkins Temple Holiness Church. In 1965, he and his wife, Henretta Stallworth Benson (whom he married while she was a student at Albany State), joined the Hines Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church where he was an outstanding leader and a supportive member, Youth Advisor, Steward, Sunday School Teacher. He was a member of the board of directors for several organizations, including the YMCA, Albany Football Officials Association, Boys and Girls Club of Albany, Bank of America, Ritz Cultural Center, Phoebe Putney Hospital, Phoebe Putney Hospital Foundation, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and American Cancer Society. He presently serves as the Chairman of the Albany/Dougherty County Hospital Authority. Other affiliations include the Criterion Club (favorite activity: reading to the fifth grade class at Sylvester Road Elementary School for the past fifteen years), the Delta Delta Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi, and the Atlantic Coast Conference Football Officials Association. As an official with the Atlantic Coast Conference since 1974, Dr. Benson officiated over 250 regular season games and 26 bowl games, including two Orange Bowls. In 1996, he received the Joe Long Service to Officiating Award for service as an official and to the Association. In 2002, he received the Commissioner's Award, the highest award given to an ACC official.

Dr. Benson was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Lee F. Benson and Mrs. Nadine Benson, and a sister, Mrs. Lillian Franklin. He was a devoted family man and will be missed but fondly remembered by his wife and their two sons and their families: Rodger Ernest (wife Andrea, daughters Alexandra and Bria) and Rafer Matthew (wife Marcia, daughter Morgan and son Matthew), all of Columbia, South Carolina. Also left with fond memories to cherish are his brother Lee (Beverly), Wichita, Kansas; sisters Celestia Snaden (Lucian) and Ethel Hawkins (Lee), Evansville; nephew Donald Carr (Toni), Omaha, Nebraska; "son" Thomas Jordan (Melody), Atlanta, Georgia; God daughters Tara King, Tallahassee, Florida, and Marla Black Morgan, Alabaster, Alabama and many other friends and associates.