

Memorial Service

Honoring

John Roper

(ca. 1645-1697)



Roper Union II
St. Peter's Parish Church
New Kent County, Virginia
8:00 P.M. October 3, 2003

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The Reverend Dr. Richard S. Roper, Presiding

Prelude:

Mr. Samuel Bruce

Greeting:

God gathers us from the farthest parts of the earth.

God brings together a great variety of people.

Surely God will meet us here.

Surely God will save the people.

Come with radiant delight before our God.

Come with joyous dancing and singing.

God gives us life in a watered garden.

God brings us joy and gladness and abundance.

+Collect:

Richard Roper

Lord God remind us of the love we knew at our birth, the love even now being reborn within us, and the love you call us to remember and share as we meet and greet one other in your name. *Amen.*

+Hymn:

558

Faith of Our Fathers

Prayer of Remembrance:

Responsively

Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breath, give thanks to you:

For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage,

Whose lives have empowered us,

Whose influence is a healing grace,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For dear friends and family members
Whose faces we have never seen,
Whose faces we see no more,
But whose love is with us for ever.

We lift up thankful hearts.

That we may now be dedicated to working for a world
Where labor is rewarded and fear dispelled

*O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage
Day by day we magnify you,
And worship your name, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson: I Maccabees 2:51-64 Lord Roper

Remember the deeds performed by our ancestors,
Each in his own generation,
And you shall win great honor and everlasting renown.
Was not Abraham tried and found faithful,
Was not that what accounted as making him just?
Joseph in the time of his distress maintained the Law,
And so became lord of Egypt.
Phinehas our father, in return for his burning fervor
Received a covenant of everlasting priesthood.
Joshua, for carrying out his task,
Became judge of Israel.
Caleb, for his testimony before the assembled people,
Received an inheritance in land.
David for his generous heart
inherited the throne of an everlasting kingdom.
Elijah for his consuming fervor for the Law
was caught up to heaven itself.
Hananiah, Azariah and Mishael, for their fidelity,
were saved from the flame.
Daniel for his singleness of heart
was rescued from the lion's jaw.
Consider, then, how in generation after generation
all who hope in him will not be found to falter.
Do not fear the threats of the sinner,
all his brave show must come to dunghill and worms.

Exalted today, tomorrow he is nowhere to be found,
for he has returned to the dust he came from
and his scheming is brought to nothing.
My children, play the man and be courageous,
for it will bring you glory.

Greetings from British "Cousins":		Lord Roper
+Psalter:	Psalm I	Responsively
A Remembrance of John Roper and his Descendants:	Richard Roper	
Presentation of the Memorial Plaque:	L. David Roper	
Remarks:	Mr. Stephen Miles Senior Warden, St. Peter's Parish	
+Hymn:		287
	<i>For All the Saints</i>	
Benediction:		
Postlude:		

In Memoriam

John Roper (ca.1645-1697)

St. Peter's Church, New Kent, Virginia

Vestryman. 1685 -1697

Warden 1687-1690

Boundary Committee 1686-1697

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