

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
A Liturgy for All Souls' Day



Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, November 1, 2020
6 p.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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Although we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints this coming Sunday, the actual calendar date for All Saints is Nov 1. Today, Nov 2, is the observation of All Souls' day, an observance that the church created as an extension of the Feast of All Saints'. Although saints are all persons who have died in fellowship with Christ, from the very earliest time, the word "saint" was most associated with persons of heroic sanctity. By the tenth century, it became customary to set aside another day on which the Church remembers the vast body of departed faithful who are not named saints and are not known to the wider church. This then became a day for particular remembrance of family members and friends. In keeping with this practice, we tonight will recall by name those who have been a part of our local church community who have died over the past year and those whose deaths have had particular meaning to those in our congregation.

While our liturgy constantly reminds us that not even death can prevail over the love God, we are human and we mourn the loss that the death of a loved one leaves in our lives. Our culture today seems to discourage direct expression of grief. Even in our churches we are often told to remember only that our loved ones are happy now, and we should be too. We are expected to hide our feelings, keeping them private, and to grieve in isolation.

In tonight's liturgy, we are given permission to not only celebrate in the promise of eternal life in Christ, but to acknowledge our loss and our grief with the support of our worshiping community.

A Requiem Mass is a eucharist offered for the repose of the soul or souls of one or more deceased persons. Over the last 1200 years, composers have written more than 2000 settings of music specifically for the Requiem liturgy. Often these compositions were the finest music ever written by the composer. The music of the liturgy helps draw us together in unity as a worshiping community and allows the liturgy to speak more fully to us. The music of the requiem, conceived by the composer and given life by the musicians, allows us to express and experience what we cannot put into words. Music allows the Holy Spirit to move in and through us in a way not possible otherwise.

Remembering our loved ones who have died is a gift that helps us live with the reality of our loss. Please accept this gift as you celebrate and mourn with us here tonight.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The ministers process in silence

REQUIEM AND KYRIE

John Rutter

Requiem æternam dona eis Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Te decet hymnus Deus in Sion:
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.

Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison.

*Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to
you: and light perpetual shine on them for ever.*

*You, Lord, are worshiped in Zion:
Your praises shall ever be sung in all Jerusalem;
O hear us, Lord, hear your faithful servants' prayer:
to you shall all flesh come.*

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have
mercy.*

Text: Missa pro defunctis

THE COLLECT FOR THE DEPARTED

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign

over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130

sung by the choir

John Rutter

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well
the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme
to mark what is done amiss;
O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee:
therefore shalt thou be feared.
I look for the Lord;
my soul doth wait for him;
and in his word is my trust.
My soul fleeth unto the Lord
before the morning watch;
I say, before the morning watch.
O Israel, trust in the Lord;
for with the Lord there is mercy,
and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

THE SECOND READING

I Corinthians 15:50-58

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will 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 imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your

victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

The Word of the Lord.

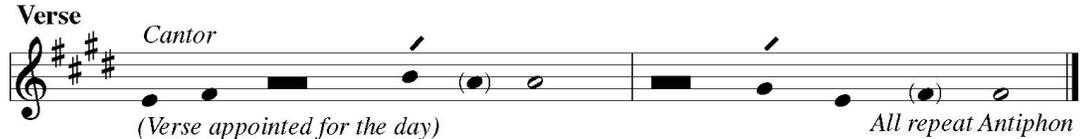
Thanks be to God.

Antiphon *Cantor, then All*



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse *Cantor*



(Verse appointed for the day) All repeat Antiphon

Cantor sings a verse. “anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life”

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 5:24–27

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

All standing, the Celebrant says

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us remember before God those who have gone before us in faith, and especially these persons commended to our prayers:

(The church bell tolls as the Necrology is read.)

Intercessor Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Give to your whole church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

PIE JESU

John Rutter

Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem,
Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem,
Pie Jesu Domine
dona eis sempiternam requiem.

*Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them rest,
Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them rest,
Blessed Lord Jesus,
Grant them eternal rest.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING-RITE II, PRAYER A

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The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.

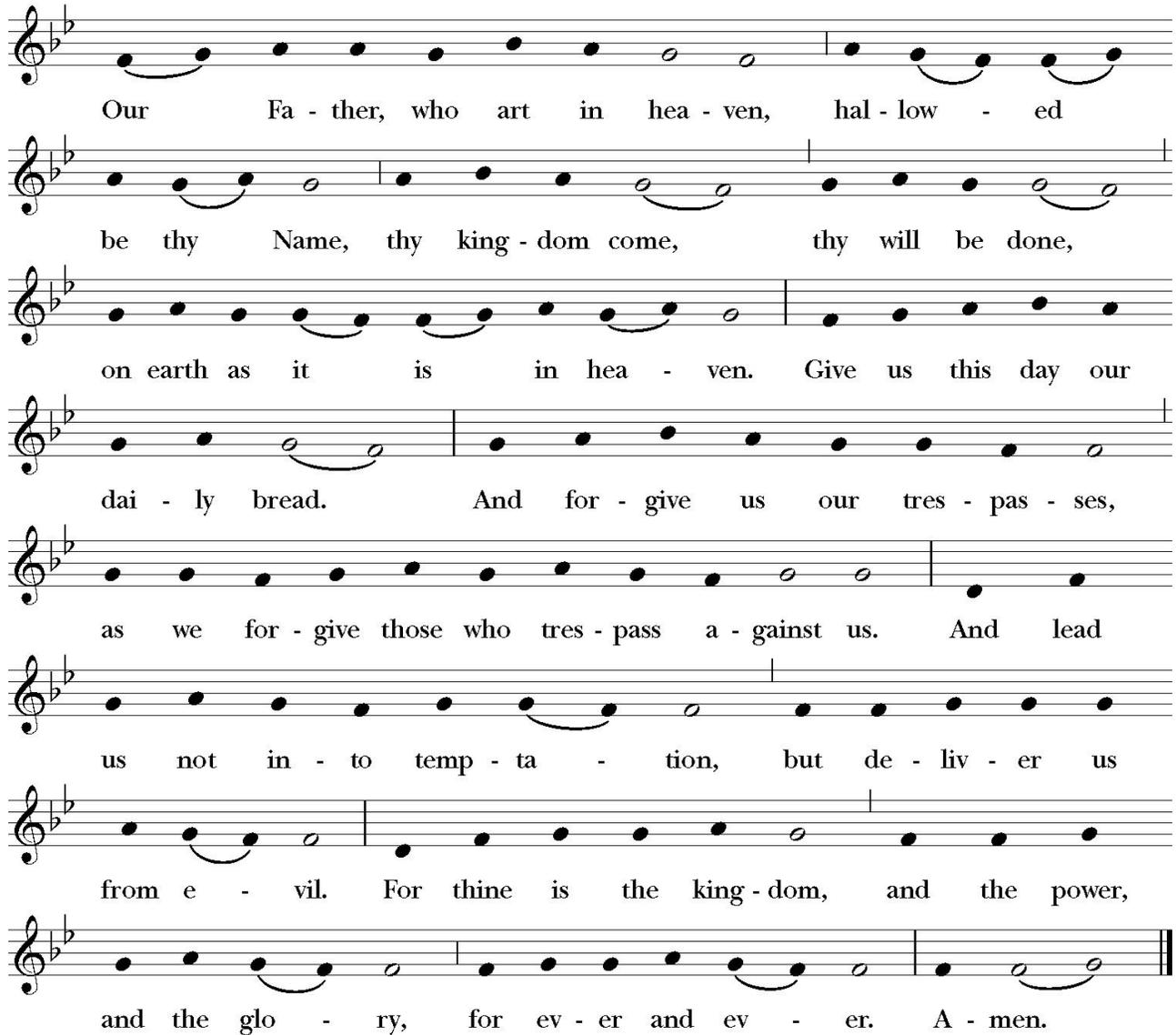
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN**

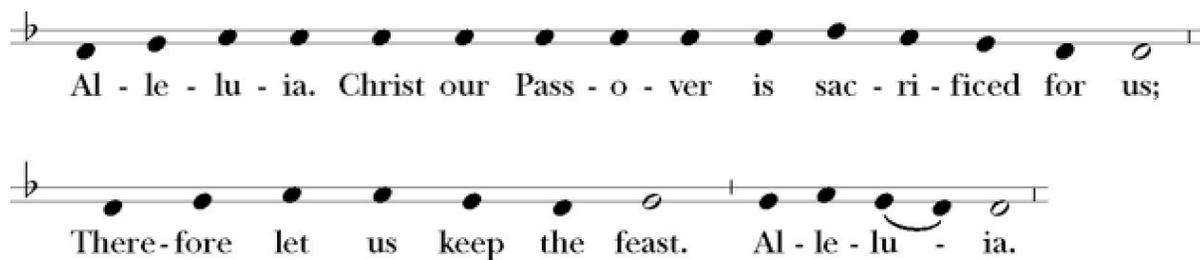
THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung by all)*



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept



Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Agnus Dei

John Rutter

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem

Man that is born of a woman
hath but a short time to live,
and is full of misery.
He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower;
he fleeth as it were a shadow.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.

In the midst of life, we are in death;
of whom may we seek for succor?
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.

I am the resurrection and the life,
saith the Lord;
He that believeth in me, though he were dead,
yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me
shall never die.

Text: Latin text from *Missa pro defunctis*; English texts from the *Burial Service, 1662 Book of Common Prayer*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

said by all

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.

THE BLESSING

the celebrant offers a blessing and the people respond, Amen. The people are seated.

LUX AETERNA

John Rutter

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,
for they rest from their labours.

Even so saith the Spirit, for they rest.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:
Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux
perpetua luceat eis.
Requiem aeternam.

*Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray: With
saints and angels ever dwelling, for your mercy's sake,
may they rest in peace.*

*Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to
you: and light perpetual shine on them for ever.*

DISMISSAL

The People depart in silence.

Worship Leaders:

Priest: The Rev. Dennis Campbell

Lectors: Yvonne Nipper

Intercessor:

The Episcopal Church welcomes you!



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