

**Nov 1, 2020 ■ Church of St. John the Divine**  
**CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ALL SOULS'**  
**WITH COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

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*We acknowledge these ancestral territories of the Lekwungen people.*

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Officiants: The Rev. Patrick Sibley and Stephanie Wood

Reader: Karen Coverett

Music: MacRae Choral Scholars of the Church of St. John the Divine

Director of Music: David Stratkauskas

Organist: Emily Markwart, Senior Sutton Organ Scholar

### ***A note about COVID-19 safety:***

*Please remain in your places through the service except in case of emergency.*

*The toilet, located through the door at the front left, is for emergency use only.*

*At the end of the service, after the clergy have left, please feel free to leave during or after the organ voluntary, maintaining physical distance.*

*Listed music is subject to substitution in the event of changes of personnel or situation.*

### ***A note about language:***

*In our worship, we use language which is poetic and filled with metaphor and wonder – realising that any language about God is limited.*

*We use some ancient words which may seem odd, or may seem to refer to God as male, or in terms which elsewhere we might not choose to use. The poetry and the metaphor are there not to restrict or define our understanding of God, but to remind us that our words are never enough to talk about the Divine: instead we use the beauty of the words and music in our worship to help us glimpse just a little of the God beyond all words.*

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# Order of Service

## Organ prelude

*Please stand (as able) as the clergy enter.*

*A welcome is given by the Rev'd Patrick Sibley.*

*Please stand for the responses.*

## The Responses

*Musical setting: Tallis, arr. Larkin*

*Cantor:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir:* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Cantor:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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

*Cantor:* Praise ye the Lord.

*Choir:* The Lord's name be praised.

## Psalm

*Psalm 121*

*Please sit for the Psalm, but stand at the final 'Glory be to the Father...'*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills \* from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord \* who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved \* and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel \* shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper \* the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day \* neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil \* yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in \* from this time forth  
for evermore.

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.

## First Lesson

Wisdom 3.1-9

*Please sit during the reading of the lesson.*

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.

## Magnificat

*Text: Lk. 1:46-55 Music: Adrian Batten (1591-1637)*

*Please stand.*

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and the meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

## Second Lesson

John 11.21-27

*Please sit during the reading of the lesson.*

Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

## Nunc Dimittis

*Text: Luke 2:29-32. Music: Batten*

*Please stand.*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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## Apostles' Creed

*All may join in reciting the creed.*

**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.**

## Responses, Lord's Prayer, and Collects

*Cantor:* The Lord be with you;

*Choir:* And with thy spirit.

*Cantor:* Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel for the prayers.*

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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 them that trespass against us; And lead  
us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*Cantor:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save the Queen;

*Choir:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Cantor:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*Choir:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save thy people;

*Choir:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Cantor:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*Choir:* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*Cantor:* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Choir:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*First Collect, of the day:*

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Second Collect, for Peace:*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*Third Collect, for Aid Against All Perils:*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Anthem**

*Text and Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

*Please sit as the choir sings the anthem.*

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts:  
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers, but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.

O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal;  
suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from thee.

**Sermon**

*Please sit*

## Act of Commemoration

*Please come forward to light your candle, if you wish to do so, during the recitation of the names of the Departed.*

*If the name of the person you are remembering is to be read aloud, you may wish to come forward after the name is read.*

*In any event, due to the current health protocols, please come forward one at a time, and maintaining at least 2 metres distance from each other at all times.*

*At the conclusion of the reading of the names of the deceased, the choir sings the Kontakion of the Dead:*

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;  
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,  
and to earth shall we return.

For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,  
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

All of us go down to the dust;  
yet even at the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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*Setting: Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)*



## Intercessions

*Please sit or kneel for the intercessions.*

## Final Hymn

*Text John Ellerton (1826-1893) Music: ST CLEMENT*

***In line with current Covid regulations the congregation is asked not sing.***

*Words are provided for meditation on the text of the hymn; please sit as the choir sings the hymn.*

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy church, unsleeping  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
thy faithful 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

## The Blessing

*Please stand.*

## Organ Voluntary

***Please remain seated until you can leave maintaining appropriate physical distance.***

***If you wish to make a contribution towards the ministry of the Church of St John the Divine, you will find a collection plate at the exit.***

***Thank you for attending tonight's service. We wish you a pleasant and safe week.***

***There are recycling bins for this service sheet by the exit, as well as hand-sanitizing stations.***





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