



The Feast of All Faithful Departed
November 2, 2020
7 p.m.
A Vigil of Prayer

Bold text indicates parts for the Assembly to say. Please consider staying muted for a cleaner sound – even as you speak aloud in your space.

Smaller italic text offers directions for the service.

The Gathering

The service begins with

The Greeting

Presider Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Anthem

The service continues with this anthem, said responsively by the Presider and People.

In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who by our sins are justly angered.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayers,
but spare us, O Lord.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

O worthy and eternal Judge,

do not let the pains of death
turn us away from you at our last hour.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Proclamation and Response

The First Lesson

Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 130

Book of Common Prayer, p. 784

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and

the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

John 5.24-27

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, 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 judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

The Rev. Joseph Peters-Mathews

Vicar of the Congregation

The Prayers

Presider Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death.

Almighty God, who has knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we ask you, to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace...Hear us risen Lord

All **our resurrection and our life.**

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

All **our resurrection and our life.**

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...Hear us risen Lord

All **our resurrection and our life.**

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

All **our resurrection and our life.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on your, they may know the consolation of your love...Hear us risen Lord

All **our resurrection and our life.**

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

All **our resurrection and our life.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting...Hear us risen Lord

All **our resurrection and our life.**

Grant us grace to entrust those we love and will name to your never-failing love; receive them into the arms of your mercy, and remember them according to the favor which you give to your people...Hear us risen Lord

All **our resurrection and our life.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom...Hear us risen Lord
All **our resurrection and our life.**

The Presider concludes with

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with blessed Hilda, Patrick, and all your saints, to receive the crown of life which you promise to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray
All **Our father in heaven,**
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be don,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,,
 and the glory are yours.
 now and forever.

The Commemoration of the Departed

Presider You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power.

People **For you have created all things,
and by your will they have their being.**

Presider You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nation.

People **You have made them to be a kingdom and priests
serving our God,
and they will reign with you on earth.**

The names of those who have died in the last year -- submitted in advance and added the night of -- are then read and said aloud. After each name, a bell and silence will follow.

Following all the names, the Presider begins the anthem:

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

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; 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.

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,**

neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Presider says a prayer of commendation.

Sending Forth

Announcements

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty who creates, redeems, and sustains us, be with you this night and forevermore.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Presider Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

“In the New Testament, the word “saints” is used to describe the entire membership of the Christian community, and in the Collect for All Saints’ Day the word “elect” is used in a similar sense. From very early times, however, the word “saint” came to be applied primarily to persons of heroic sanctity, whose deeds were recalled with gratitude by later generations.

“It is believed by many scholars that the commemoration of all the saints on November first originated in Ireland, spread from there to England, and then to the continent of Europe. However, the desire of Christian people to express the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ by a commemoration of those who, having professed faith in the living Christ in days past, had entered into the nearer presence of their Lord, and especially of those who had crowned their profession with heroic deaths, was far older than the early Middle Ages.

“Beginning in the tenth century, it became customary to set aside another day – “All Souls’ Day”– as a sort of extension of All Saints on which the Church remembered that vast body of the faithful who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church. It was also a day for particular remembrance of family members and friends.

“Though the observance of the day was abolished at the Reformation because of abuses connected with Masses for the dead, a renewed understanding of its meaning has led to a widespread acceptance of this commemoration among Anglicans, and to its inclusion as an optional observance in the calendar of the Episcopal Church.” -- *Holy Women, Holy Men*

This service draws from the Burial of the Dead (I and II) in the *Book of Common Prayer* as well as

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/times-and-seasons/all-saints-advent#mm312>

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