

A Choral Service of Evening Prayer
for All Saints'
November 1, 2026
7:00 PM



PRELUDE

Marcel Dupré

Magnificat V, Op. 18, no. 4

SERVICE OF LIGHT

OPENING SENTENCES

Response:



Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **Response**

We are illumined by the brightness of his rising. **Response**

Death has no more dominion over us. **Response**

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

No mortal life you have made is without eternal meaning,
Creator God. No earthly fate is beyond your redeeming.
Blessed be the God who consoles us in all our affliction,
so that we may be able to console those who are in any
affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves
are consoled by God.

(2 Corinthians 1:3a, 4)

**With reverence and affection, we also remember
before you, O everlasting God, all our departed
friends and relatives. Keep us in union with
them here, through faith and love toward you, that
hereafter we may enter into your presence and
be numbered with those who serve you and look
upon your face in glory everlasting; through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 673**

Jesus, Light of Joy

LAUDA ANIMA

(Following the hymn, the congregation may be seated.)

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Jesus, Light of Joy

1 Je - sus, light of joy, sur - round us; let your splen - did
 2 Now the shad - ows fall a - round us; now the eve - ning
 3 With the saints we lift our voic - es, God of pow - er,

glo - ry shine: source of ev - ery earth - ly bles - sing,
 has be - gun: still your gra - cious light is with us,
 God of might. All cre - a - tion shines with glo - ry,

heav - en's ev - er - last - ing sign. Al - le - lu - ia,
 bright - er than the morn - ing sun. Al - le - lu - ia,
 sing - ing prais - es day and night: al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, we a - dore you, light di - vine.
 al - le - lu - ia, God of glo - ry, Three - in - One.
 al - le - lu - ia, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly light.

The images of light in this text are drawn from the ancient Christian vesper hymn *Phos hilaron*, which dates from at least the 3rd century. (For other versions, see nos. 671 and 672.) That rather brief original hymn is augmented here in the third stanza by language based on the *Sanctus*.

EVENING PRAYER

PRECES/PRAYERS

John Sanders

Officiant: O Lord, open thou, our lips.
Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.
Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Officiant: 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.
Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.
Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM 34

Edgar Day

I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt His name together.
I sought the Lord and He answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon Him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in Him!
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.

PSALM PRAYER

O God, graciously hear us, for we seek you alone. Deliver us from our fears and terrors, quiet us with the peace that passes understanding, and let us taste your goodness, which makes us radiant with joy;
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1st is All Saints' Day. It is celebrated in worship each year on the first Sunday in November.

At the time of the Reformation, the New Testament understanding of "saint," as including all believers, was recovered; and in contemporary understanding, it is the day when we celebrate all Christian people of every time and place, living and dead.

Magnificat (*Song of Mary*)

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiceth 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 meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He rememb'ring 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

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1-3

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

Orlando Gibbons

Nunc Dimittis (*Song of Simeon*)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, and is now,
and ever shall be world without end.
Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
 Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called children of God.
 And blessed are the persecuted for the sake of righteousness.
 And blessed are you, persecuted for my sake.
 Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the Kingdom of Heaven.

THE PRAYERS

John Sanders

Cantor: The Lord be with you.
 Choir: And with thy Spirit.
 Cantor: Let us pray.
 Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord,
 have mercy upon us. Our Father which 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 debts, As we forgive
 our debtors. 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 state.
 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.
 Cantor: Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over
 the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new
 Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his
 resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and
 where he lives and reigns forever and ever.
 Choir: Amen.
 Cantor: O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the
 strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you
 for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for
 your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to
 the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for

us, your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ.
 Choir: Amen.
 Cantor: O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of
 your presence:
 Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in
 companionship with one another your abounding
 grace may increase among us; through Jesus
 Christ our Lord.
 Choir: Amen.

The anthem, *The Souls
 of the Righteous*, was
 given to the Glory of God
 in memory of Elinor and
 Ralph Harrison and Doris
 and Marshall Semngson
 by Marjorie Proctor.

ANTHEM

Geraint Lewis

The Souls of the Righteous

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
 and the pain of death shall not touch them.
 To the eyes of the foolish, they seemed to perish,
 But they are in peace.

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN

Mack Wilberg

Let Peace Then Still the Strife
The congregation is invited to sing verses 3 & 4 with the choir.

1. Let peace then still the strife,
 The loneliness and grief,
 Come heal the piercing silence of passing.
 And sweet familiar strains,
 The voices lost in death,
 Arise in songs of hope everlasting.
 Then let the voices roll,
 As waves upon the sea;
 Come forth and break upon us, refreshing.

2. And barren coves be filled
 O'erflow with reverie!
 Let mem'ry salve as Gilead's caressing.
 And though the balm be spread,
 Let tender rifts remain
 That breaking hearts not yield to forgetting.
 For hearts rent wide at death,
 Unfolded to our dead,
 Hear singing from beyond sunlight's setting.

3. Then sing, beloved ones,
Reach o'er the summer sea.
Pour forth thy boundless love for us living!
Sweep into ev'ry soul,
Make music of our tears,
Turn all our songs to joy and thanksgiving!
And when we silent pass,
From far across the sea
Let praises ring for life's wond'rous blessing.

4. Then sing ye living souls!
Sing generations past,
Swell high the tide of life, us refreshing!
Sing forth as with one voice,
Bear silent grief away,
Resound with peace and hope everlasting!
And all who wait and sing,
Sing on from earth and heav'n
And make our crossing forth joyful passing!

Choir only: Oh, make our crossing forth joyful passing! Amen!

***DISMISSAL**

***THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
(Signs of peace may be shared by all.)

POSTLUDE

Marcel Dupré

Toccata for All Saints' on "Placare Christe servulis," Op. 38, no. 16
("Christ Forgive Thy Servants")

*(Those who are able may stand.)

Tonight @ Westminster

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Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR

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Save the Date!

Thursday, December 10, 7:00 PM

Light in the Darkness Concert

Westminster Choir

David Angell's string quartet and Philip Keveren, pianist



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