

A Service for All Souls Commemoration of the Departed

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3pm

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Words of welcome introduce the service.

In the name of Christ, who died and was raised by the glory of the Father, we welcome you: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

We meet this day to remember all who have died, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our praises to almighty God.

I have set the Lord always before me:

All God is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.

Show us your mercy, O Lord:

All And grant us your salvation.

For with you is the well of life:

All And in your light shall we see light.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls
you uphold us in life and sustain us in death:
to you be glory and praise for ever!

For the darkness of this age is passing away
as Christ the bright and morning star
brings to his saints the light of life.

As you give light to those in darkness
who walk in the shadow of death

so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants
that death may be for them the gate to life
and to unending fellowship with you;
where with your saints you live and reign
one in the perfect union of love
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom. (*Chapter 3, verses 1-9*)

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 forever. 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Bible Reading

A reading from the Book of Revelation. (*Chapter 21, verses 1-5a*)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said,
“See, I am making all things new.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Short Address

Commemoration

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

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

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.

**All 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 to be remembered are read aloud and candles are lit.

Nunc dimittis *set to music by Geoffrey Burgon*

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, is now, and ever shall be :

world without end. Amen.

This is the will of him that sent me,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
All **and I will raise them up at the last day.**

Lord God, creator of all,
you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.
According to your promises,
may all who have died in the peace of Christ
come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom,
where there will neither be sorrow nor pain,
but life everlasting.
All **Alleluia! Amen.**

Grant to us, Lord God,
to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but for those also whom we love
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;
that as we believe your power to have raised
our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
so may we trust your love
to give eternal life to all who believe in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

The Prayers

During the prayers we use the response

Hear us, risen Lord
All **our resurrection and our life.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won,
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed.
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluia!

He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

The Dismissal

May God give *you* his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy, in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among *you* and remain with *you* always

All Amen.

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

All Thanks be to God.