



CHORAL EVENSONG

6:00 P

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

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The Service of Light

Pre-service Music
Improvisation
(Chris Oelkers)

¶ *The church is dark, or partially so, when the service is to begin.*

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE SHORT LESSON

Officiant Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself." – *John 5:24-26*

THE PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Officiant Let us pray.
Lord Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for ever and ever.
People Amen.

Candlelighting

O Gracious Light (Russell Schulz – words adapted from *Phos Hilaron*)

Choir *O Gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever living Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.*

The Psalter

PSALM 23

(Russell Schulz)

Choir *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
You are the Good Shepherd; we will follow in your way.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You are the Good Shepherd; we will follow in your way.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
You are the Good Shepherd; we will follow in your way.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
You are the Good Shepherd; we will follow in your way.*

The Lessons

FIRST LESSON Wisdom 3:1-9

Lector 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 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.

NRSV

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MARY *The Magnificat*

(Russell Schulz)

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord,*
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
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 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.

Luke 1.46-55

Lector 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 forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. NRSV

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*

(Russell Schulz)

Choir 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.

Luke 2.29-32

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.

The Apostles' Creed

(P.120)

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

All 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.

Officiant 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.

Choir Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE DEPARTED

Officiant 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.

Choir Amen.

ANTHEM *Von guten Mächten (By Gracious Powers)* (Russell Schulz)

*By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting come what may,
we know that God is with us night and morning, and never fails to greet us each new day.*

*Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented, and evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation, for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.*

*And when this cup you give is filled to brimming with bitter suffering, hard to understand,
we take it thankfully and without trembling, out of so good and so beloved a hand.*

*Yet when again in this same world you give us the joy we had, the brightness of your Sun,
we shall remember all the days we lived through, and our whole life shall then be yours alone.*

The Prayers of the People with the Reading of the Necrology

Intercessor For our sisters and brothers, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,
"I am Resurrection, and I am Life."

Intercessor Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn,
and dry the tears of those who weep.

People Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor You raised the dead to life; give to our brothers and sisters eternal life.

People Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor Your promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sisters and brothers
to the joys of heaven.

People Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor Our brothers and sisters were washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;
give them fellowship with all your saints.

People Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor Our sisters and brothers were nourished with your Body and Blood;
grant them a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brothers and sisters;
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

People Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor Gracious God, we pray to you for our sisters and brothers, and for all those whom
we love but see no longer.

¶ *Here the necrology is read.*

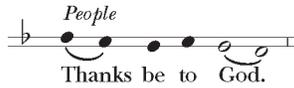
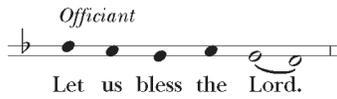
Officiant Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them;
and may the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People Amen.

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People Amen.

The Dismissal



Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People Amen.

Postlude
Improvisation
(Chris Oelkers)