



# THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 at 4:00 PM

## Festal Evensong for All Hallows' Eve



Fra Angelico, *The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs* (c. 1423-24).

*Sung by the Cathedral Choir,  
Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir,  
and the University of King's College Chapel Choir*

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The congregation stands as the choir enters.*

## Introit

Justorum animae

W. BYRD (c.1539-1623)

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,  
et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.  
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,  
illi autem sunt in pace.

*The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and there no torment shall touch them.  
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die:  
but they are in peace.*

## Opening Sentence

*The congregation remains standing for the exhortation and kneels when called to confession.*

## Exhortation

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

## Confession

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

## Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

## Preces

B. ROSE (1916-96)

### *Precentor:*

*O Lord, open thou our lips;*

*O God, make speed to save us;*

*The congregation stands for the "Gloria Patri".*

*GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,*

*and to the Holy Ghost;*

*Praise ye the Lord;*

### **Choir:**

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Name be praised.

*The congregation sits after the choir sings the first verse of the psalm,  
and stands for the "Gloria Patri" as the choir sings the last verse.*

## Psalm

**34** *Benedicam, Domine.*

S. S. WESLEY

1 I WILL always give thanks unto the Lord; / his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; / the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

3 O praise the Lord with me, / and let us magnify his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me; / yea, he delivered me out of all my fears.

5 O look unto him and be lightened; / and your faces shall not be ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him; / yea, and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, / and delivereth them.

8 O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: / blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints; / for they that fear him lack nothing.

10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; / but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

11 COME, ye children, and hearken unto me; / I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
12 What man is he that desireth to live, / and would fain see good days?  
13 Keep thy tongue from evil, / and thy lips, that they speak no guile.  
14 Depart from evil, and do good; / seek peace, and pursue it.  
15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, / and his ears are open unto their prayers.  
16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, / to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, / and delivereth them out of all their troubles.  
18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, / and will save such as be of an humble spirit.  
19 Great are the troubles of the righteous; / but the Lord delivereth him out of all.  
20 He keepeth all his bones, / so that not one of them is broken.  
21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; / and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.  
22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants; / and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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 congregation sits for the Old Testament Lesson.*

## **First Lesson      II Esdras 2. 42 – end**

*The First Lesson is written in the Second Book of Esdras, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter, beginning at the 42<sup>nd</sup> verse.*

I Esdras saw upon the mount Sion a great people, whom I could not number, and they all praised the Lord with songs. And in the midst of them there was a young man of a high stature, taller than all the rest, and upon every one of their heads he set crowns, and was more exalted; which I marvelled at greatly. So I asked the angel, and said, Sir, what are these? He answered and said unto me, These be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God: now are they crowned, and receive palms. Then said I unto the angel, What young person is it that crowneth them, and giveth them palms in their hands? So he answered and said unto me, It is the Son of God, whom they have confessed in the world. Then began I greatly to commend them that stood so stiffly for the name of the Lord. Then the angel said unto me, Go thy way, and tell my people what manner of things, and how great wonders of the Lord thy God, thou hast seen.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

*The congregation may stand or remain seated for the Office Hymn.*

**Office Hymn**      *Jesu, Salvator saeculi.*

*MODE I*

1 O Saviour Jesu, not alone  
We plead for help before thy throne;  
Thy Mother's love shall aid our prayer  
To win for us that healing care.

2 For souls defaulting supplicate  
All orders of the Angel state,  
The Patriarchs in line to thee,  
The Prophets' goodly company.

3 For souls in guilt ensnarèd pray  
The Baptist, herald of thy way,  
The wielder of the heavenly keys,  
The apostolic witnesses.

4 For souls polluted intercede  
Thy Martyrs, hallowed in their deed,  
Confessors high in priestly power,  
And they who have the virgin dower.

5 Let all who served thy Church below,  
And now thy heavenly freedom know,  
Give heed to help our lingering strife  
And claim for us the crown of life.

6 To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
All honour, praise and glory be  
From age to age eternally. Amen.

*Words:* Latin 9<sup>th</sup> century, translated by T. A. Lacey (1853-1931)

*The congregation stands for the Magnificat.*

**Magnificat**      *The St. Paul's Service* by H. HOWELLS (1892-1983)

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 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.

*The congregation sits for the New Testament Lesson.*

## **Second Lesson    Hebrews 11. 32 – 12. 2**

*The Second Lesson is written in the Epistle to the Hebrews, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 32<sup>nd</sup> verse.*

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

*The congregation stands for the Nunc Dimittis and the Apostles' Creed.*

### **Nunc Dimittis    The St. Paul's Service by HOWELLS**

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.

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.

### **Apostles' Creed**

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.

## Mutual Salutation

B. ROSE

### **Precentor:**

*The Lord be with you;*

*Let us pray.*

### **Choir:**

And with thy spirit.

*The congregation kneels.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

## Versicles & Responses

### **Precentor:**

*O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;*

*O Lord, save the Queen;*

*Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;*

*O Lord, save thy people;*

*Give peace in our time, O Lord;*

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

### **Choir:**

And grant us thy salvation.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

And bless thine inheritance.

And evermore mightily defend us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## Collects

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (Eve of All Saints)

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (Trinity 22)

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 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.*

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.*

*The congregation sits for the Anthem.*

## **Anthem**

And I Saw A New Heaven

E. BAINTON (1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

*Words:* Revelations 21. 1 – 4

*The congregation kneels for the Prayers.*

## **Prayers**

### **Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom and the Grace**

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*The congregation stands for the Closing Hymn.*

**Closing Hymn**    **Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones**    **LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

2 O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, alleluia!  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing  
supernal anthems echoing:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

*Words:* J. Athelstan I. Riley (1858-1945)

*Music:* Melody *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
harm. R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
desc. P. Halley

**Voluntary**    **Cortège et Litanie**    **M. DUPRÉ (1886-1971)**

*Thank you for joining us for this Festal Evensong commemorating All Saints.*

*Next Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. the Cathedral Choir will sing the "Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré  
at a Solemn Requiem for Remembrance Sunday.*

*Please take a copy or two of the 'Sundays at Four' brochure to share with your family and friends.*





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