



EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

The Church of St. John the Divine
5:00 pm — November 2, 2025

WELCOME!

We warmly welcome you to evensong this afternoon. Choral Evensong, a hallmark of the Anglican/Episcopal tradition, marks the day's end and prepares us for the coming night. The service's roots come out of ancient monastic traditions of prayer and were adapted five hundred years ago for English cathedral settings. Rest, reflect, and listen: Evensong at St. John the Divine offers time and space for quiet meditation as we are each invited to pray for our own needs and the needs of the world. Through music and spoken word, sound and silence, we invite you to find a "thin space" in which to encounter the mystery and beauty of God.

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CHORAL EVENSONG, RITE ONE

5:00 pm — November 2 , 2025

The Feast of All Saints

PRELUDE Cantabile

Joseph Jongen 1873-1953

INTROIT

Richard Dering 1580-1630

Gaudent in coelis animae sanctorum,
qui Christi vestigia sunt secuti,
et quia pro eius amore sanguinem
suum fuderunt
ideo cum Christo exsultant sine fine.

*The souls of the saints rejoice in heaven,
they who have followed in the footsteps of Christ;
and because they shed their blood for love of Him,
therefore they rejoice with Christ without end.*

SOLEMN PROCESSION

Congregation stands

OPENING SENTENCE

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 62

Officiant: If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,” darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike. — Psalm 139:10, 11

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

The Preces and Responses (*Precentor and choir*)

setting by Richard Ayleward 1626-1669

Versicle: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Response: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Versicle: O God, make speed to save us.

Response: O Lord, make haste to help us.

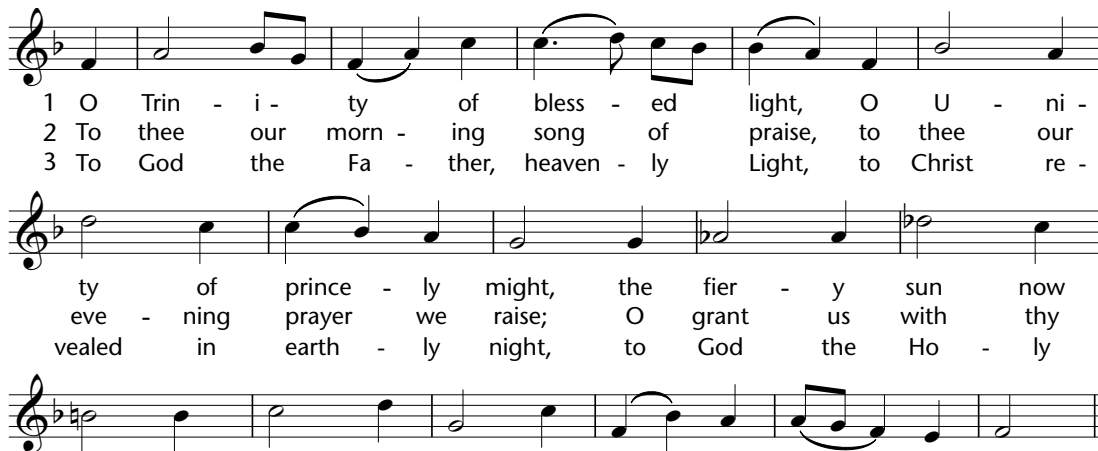
Versicle: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Response: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Versicle: Praise ye the Lord.

Response: The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn 29



1 O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light, O U - ni -
2 To thee our morn - ing song of praise, to thee our
3 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ re -
ty of prince - ly might, the fier - y sun now
eve - ning prayer we raise; O grant us with thy
vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly
goes his way; shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.
saints on high to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.
Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866); st. 3, Charles Coffin (1676-1749); Music: *Bromley*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809).

Psalm 148

setting by Thomas Attwood Walmisley 1814-1856

- ¹ O praise the LORD of heaven:
praise him in the height.
- ² Praise him, all ye angels of his:
praise him, all his host.
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all ye stars and light.
- ⁴ Praise him, all ye heavens,
and ye waters that are above the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the Name of the LORD:
for he spake the word, and they were made;
he commanded, and they were created.
- ⁶ He hath made them fast for ever and ever:
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
ye dragons, and all deeps;
- ⁸ Fire and hail, snow and vapours,
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills;
fruitful trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ Beasts and all cattle;
worms and flying fowls;
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples:
princes and all judges of the world;
- ¹² Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the LORD:
for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
- ¹³ He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him;
even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth 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.*

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson

Wisdom 5:1-5,14-16

¹ Then the righteous man will stand with great confidence
in the presence of those who have afflicted him
and those who make light of his labors.

² When they see him, they will be shaken with dreadful fear,
and they will be amazed at his unexpected salvation.

³ They will speak to one another in repentance,
and in anguish of spirit they will groan and say,

⁴ “This is the man whom we once held in derision
and made a byword of reproach—we fools!
We thought that his life was madness
and that his end was without honor.

⁵ Why has he been numbered among the sons of God?
And why is his lot among the saints?

¹⁴ Because the hope of the ungodly man is like chaff carried by the wind,
and like a light frost driven away by a storm;
it is dispersed like smoke before the wind,
and it passes like the remembrance of a guest who stays but a day.

¹⁵ But the righteous live forever,
and their reward is with the Lord;
the Most High takes care of them.

¹⁶ Therefore they will receive a glorious crown
and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord,
because with his right hand he will cover them,
and with his arm he will shield them.

Reader: Here ends the lesson.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiceth 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 shewed 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.*

¹ 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. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor

of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader: Here ends the lesson.

Congregation stands

Nunc dimittis (*Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense*)

Herbert Howells

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.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Standing, sung by all on one note

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.

THE PRAYERS *(Precentor and choir)*

setting by Richard Ayleward

Versicle: The Lord be with you.

Response: And with thy spirit.

Versicle: Let us pray. *(The people kneel)*

Response: Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer *sung by all in unison*

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
in 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.

The Suffrages *(Precentor and choir)*

Versicle: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Response: And grant us thy salvation.

Versicle: O Lord, save the state.

Response: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Versicle: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Response: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Versicle: O Lord, save thy people.

Response: And bless thine inheritance.

Versicle: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Response: Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Versicle: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Response: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

BCP 194

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 ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

BCP 69, 71

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 all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE READING OF THE NECROLOGY

Congregation may sit or continue kneeling

Following each group of names is the following response:

Officiant: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Louise Samuelson

Anthem

Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-1876

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again
unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled,
that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.
But as he which hath called you is holy,
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.
See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.
Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible,
by the word of God.
For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

Text: Selected verses from 1 Peter 1

CLOSING PRAYERS *(congregation standing)*

BCP 71

The General Thanksgiving *(Officiant and People)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (Officiant)

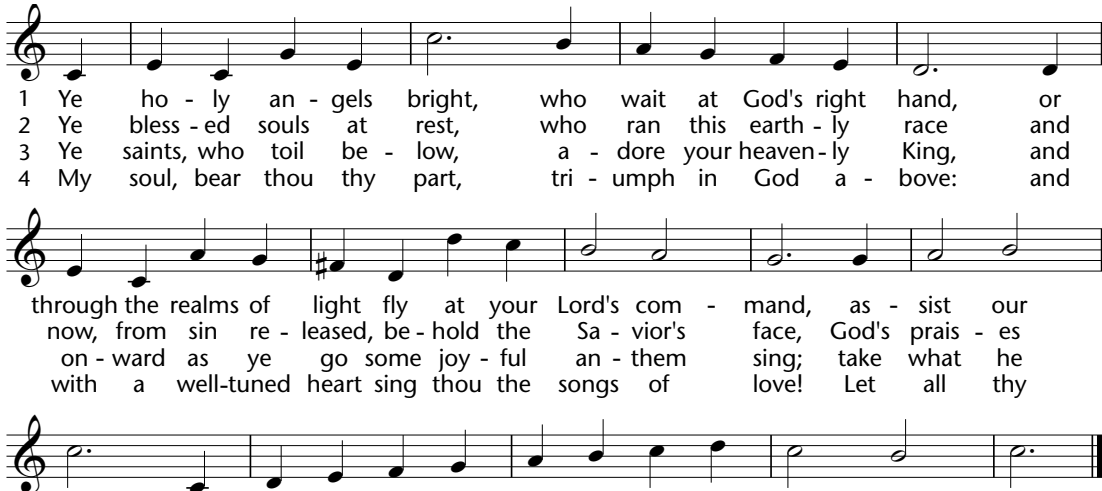
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE GRACE

BCP 73

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* — *Romans 15:13*

HYMN 625



1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
days till life shall end, what e'er he send, be filled with praise.

Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); Music: *Darwall's 148th*, melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789).

POSTLUDE Solemn Melody

Walford Davies 1869-1941

*You are cordially invited to a reception and to view the Wall of Remembrance
in Sumners Hall immediately following the liturgy.*

*Alms basins are available in the Narthex as you leave the church.
Your offering supports the choir's choral residency fund.*

THE NECROLOGY

*We read these names in memory of the saints related to our
parish family who have died this past year.*

Margaret Ferguson “Maggie”

McGee

Sara Jane Reid Eads

Carol Tatay Bland

James Mills “Jim” McGraw

Ellen Elizabeth Getten

Carolyn Wells Blanton

Randall “Randy” Nelson

Robert F. Bland

David Rogers Nelson III

Ruth Peters

Joyce McCown

Yasmin Rafi Ahmed

Nancy Millican Oliphant

Daryl James Douglass

Henry Kirkpatrick “Harry” Tardy

Nancy Seeman Cox

Edward Cowan

Robert Allen Watts

John Keith Tyler

John Francis Wehrung

James Randall Chamrad

Amy Gross

Martha Kyger Guyton

Genoveva Boue

Bobby Wilson Shaver

Barbara Etchison Blakemore

Abigail Lynn Summerfield

Nancy Wojtkiewicz

Ian Lee Fain

Linda Black

Patricia Anne Hadlock “Patty”

Ramsey

Joann M. Kearns

Dorothy See

Glenn See

Katherine Deretta Farish “Kate”

Rivers

Pompeo “Pompy” Urbani, Jr.

Frederick Maxwell “Max” Evans

Rose Colleen Caldwell “Cody”

Greenwood

Charles Marvin Hall

Barbara Hoglund

Bradley David Carey

Joan Wilson Taylor

Paul Herbert Dahm

Alden Hurst

Sandra Ann Grandus Barone

Hannah Elizabeth Baker

Carlisle Maxwell, Jr.

JoAnn Harrill Held

Walton Northington Smith, Jr.

David Beene Carrington

Ellen Bland

Dean Lynn Callender

Mary Bain Pearson

Austin Martin O’Toole

Michael Thompson

Marilyn Wilhelm

Floanne J. Hayward

James Douglas “Doug” Saam

Earl Powell Hoffman

Judy Furguele Martinez

Angel “Frank” Duran, Jr.

John Louis Burgess IV

Julia Walsh Burgess

John Louis “Jack” Burgess V

James Littleton Burgess

Robert Randolph Debes

Alfredo Mariscal

Michele Stojan Roberts

Laura Dow Hedberg Spalding

Adita Lynn “Deedie” Root

Jackson Reed Webber

Robert Allen “Bob” Jones

Todd Mathews Wallace

Myrna Harbuck

Harold Mike Griffin

Virginia Williams

John Grady Holliday

Lula Jane Curtin Reed

Susan Spice Buckley Nelms

Bruce Allen Castner

Dwight Edward Beach, Jr.

Mike Young

David Joseph Palmer

John Burnham Holstead III

Nicholas and Mary Snyder

Shelby Jean Carter Amos

Darrell C. Donaldson, Jr.

Mary Lou Hibbert Pearson

Milan R. Dimitrijevic

Jerry Eugene Allgood

Gabrielle Girard

Hilare Mickie Richey

Bruce Brown

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Suzanne Rhomberg

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Wanda Watson

Toni Wheeler



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Advent

LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 7 | 5 PM
IN THE CHURCH

Evensong

SUNG EVENING PRAYER

JANUARY 11 | FEBRUARY 1
MARCH 1 | MAY 1 | MAY 31
5 PM IN THE CHURCH



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The Rev. Trent Pettit, *Associate Rector*
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