St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Requiem Eucharist

for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

All Souls' Day

Sunday 1 November 2026
3.30 pm

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All Souls' Day

As we gather for this All Souls' service today, we come in faith and love to remember before God with thanksgiving those who have died and whom we continue to hold dear in our hearts; those who gave us life, who supported and encouraged us on life's journey, or who nurtured us in faith.

In this Requiem Eucharist we give thanks for their lives, commend them to God's unfailing mercy, and renew our trust in the promise of Christ who, through his death and resurrection, has opened the way to eternal life.

During this service, everyone is invited to bring the names of loved ones departed, written on the small white card crosses, to the cross before the altar, and to light a prayer candle there. Whether your memories today bring comfort, sadness, or a mixture of both, you are warmly invited to join in this prayer and reflection.

As we remember those we love before God, we entrust them to the everlasting care of the Father, and look forward in hope to that day when all God's children will be gathered into his kingdom, where every tear will be wiped away and death shall be no more.

Music at today's service is provided by the

St Edmundsbury Singers and Vicars Choral
Churchgate Sinfornia

Conductor – Richard Cook, *Assistant Director of Music*

Requiem, *John Rutter, b. 1945*

The Order of Service

¶ *The Gathering*

All remain seated as the choir enters.

The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean gives

The Welcome

After the welcome, all are invited to stand and the following is said.

In the name of the ✠ Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The ministers enter and the altar is censed as the choir sings the

Requiem Aeternam

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,	*Grant them eternal rest, Lord,*
et lux perpetua luceat eis.	*and perpetual light to shine on them.*
Te decet Hymnum, Deus in Sion:	*A hymn is raised to you, God, in Zion:*
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem:	*and an oath pledged in Jerusalem:*
exaudi orationem meam,	*hear my prayers,*
ad te omnis caro veniet.	*all flesh will come to you.*
Kyrie, eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*
Christe, eleison.	*Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie, eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*

All remain standing for

The Greeting

President Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Prayers of Penitence

Deacon God has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of his glory
in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God
and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,
and confess them before God our Father.

All sit or kneel. Silence is kept.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

President May God our Father forgive you your sin
and bring you to the eternal joy of the heavenly kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray for the peace and well-being of the whole Church.

Silence is kept.

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection,
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah.

My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, 'Gone is my glory, and all that I had hoped for from the Lord.' The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 3.17-26, 31-33, NRSV

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All remain seated as the choir sings

The Psalmody

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well
the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme
to mark what is done amiss:
O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee,
therefore shalt thou be feared.
I look for the Lord;
my soul doth wait for him;
in his word is my trust.
My soul fleeth unto the Lord:
before the morning watch, I say,
before the morning watch.
O Israel, trust in the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy,
and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Psalm 130

The New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5.5-11, NRSV

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**
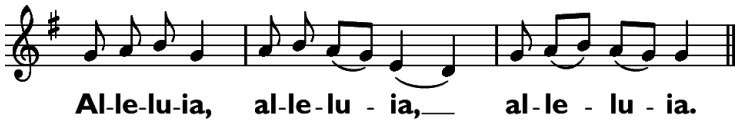
All stand for

The Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Book is carried in procession to the centre of the Nave and the people turn towards it.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
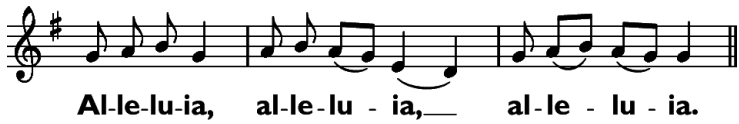
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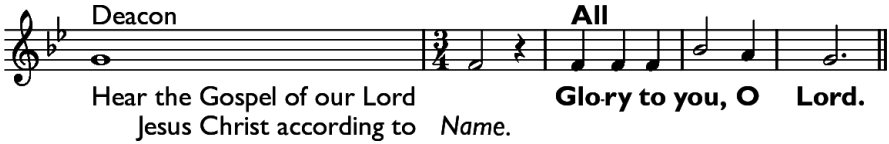
Choir 'It is the will of him who sent me,' says the Lord,
'that I should lose none of all that he has given me,
but raise them up on the last day.'

cf John 6.39

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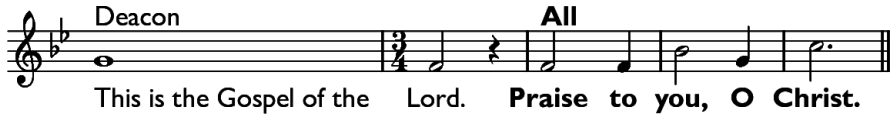


The Gospel Reading



Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.'

John 5.19-25, NRSV

At the end



All sit for

The Homily

The Venerable Rich Henderson
Archdeacon of Suffolk

The sermon is followed by a short period of quiet for reflection.

All remain seated or kneeling for

The Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to the Lord who has conquered death.

Jesus, bread from heaven,
you satisfy the hungry with good things:
grant us a share with all the departed
in the banquet of your kingdom.
Hear us, risen Lord,

All **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, the light of the world,
you gave the man born blind the gift of sight.
Open the eyes of faith and bring us from darkness
to your eternal light and glory.
Hear us, risen Lord,

All **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, Son of the living God,
you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life:
raise us at the last to eternal life with you.
Hear us, risen Lord,

All **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, crucified Saviour,
in your dying you entrusted each to the other,
Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple:
sustain and comfort all who mourn.
Hear us, risen Lord,

All **our resurrection and our life**

Jesus, our life and our hope,
We remember in your presence
those who have died.

All are invited to come forward and place the small card cross, with the name of the person(s) they are remembering, on the large cross of remembrance. You are invited to light a candle, as a symbol of prayer and thanksgiving, at the same time.

During this time the Pie Jesu is sung.

Pie Jesu Domine,	*Merciful Lord Jesus,*
dona eis requiem.	*give them rest.*
Requiem aeternam	*Rest eternal,*
dona eis Domine.	*give them, Lord.*
Pie Jesu Domine,	*Merciful Lord Jesus,*
dona eis sempiternam requiem.	*give them everlasting rest.*

When everyone has returned to their places and the music has ended,

Grant them your peace;
let perpetual light shine upon them;
and in your loving wisdom and power
work in them the good purpose of your perfect will.
Hear us, risen Lord,

All **our resurrection and our life.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy
bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,
to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment
of God's eternal kingdom.

All **Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

All stand as the President leads

The Peace

Jesus says:
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
Not as the world gives do I give you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

All remain standing to sing

The Offertory Hymn

During which the altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever with them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessèd
are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,
the shout of them that feast;
and they, who with their Leader
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessèd country,
the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country
that eager hearts expect!
Jesus in mercy bring us
to that dear land of rest;
who art, with God the Father
and Spirit, ever blest.
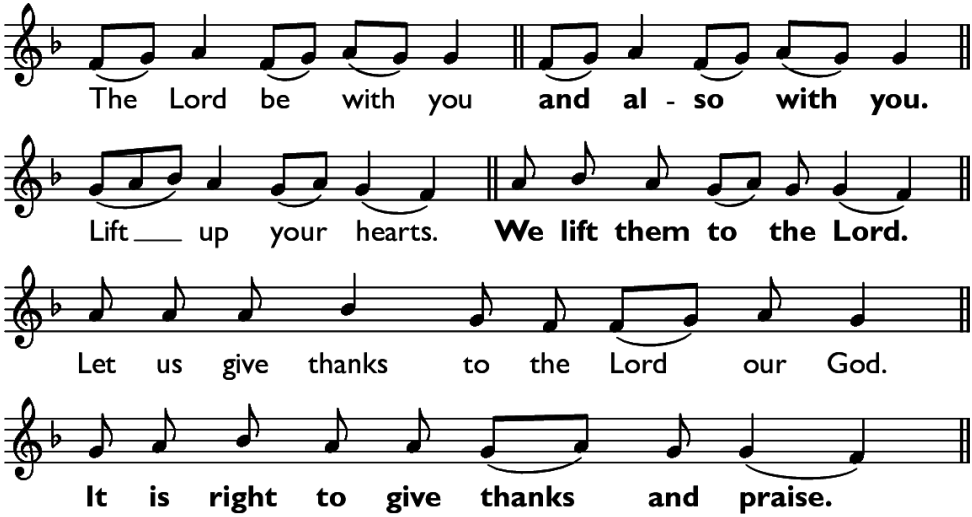
Words: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century
trans. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866
Music: Ewing*, Alexander Ewing, 1830-1895*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling for your glory.
All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The President and people sing the Sursum Corda.



President

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.

Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and singing:

Choir	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	*Holy, holy, holy Lord* *God of hosts,* *heaven and earth are full* *of thy glory:* *Hosanna in the highest.*
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	*Blessed is he that cometh* *in the name of the Lord:* *Hosanna in the highest.*

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
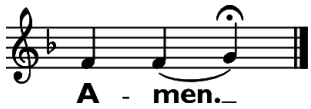
All **Dying you destroyed our death,**
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Blessed Mary,
James, Edmund and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father
for ever and ever.

All 

All sit or kneel as the consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people and the Sanctus bell is rung.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

President Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven;
if anyone eats of this bread, they will live for ever.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

The Invitation to Communion

President 'I am the bread of life', says the Lord;
'whoever comes to me will never hunger;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.'
'I am the vine: you are the branches.'

All **May we dwell in him as he lives in us.**

Spiritual Communion

The prayer for Spiritual Communion is offered here for those joining by livestream. Spiritual Communion is the historic practice in the church for anyone who cannot receive the bread and wine physically.

The choir sings

The Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.	*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.*

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time
to live, and is full of misery.
He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower;
he fleeth as it were a shadow.

In the midst of life, we are in death:
of whom may we seek for succour?

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Words: Burial Service, 1662 BCP

The Communion

Please follow the directions of the Cathedral wardens.

If you are used to receiving communion in your own church, whatever your Christian tradition, you are warmly invited to receive the sacrament today.

If you require gluten-free communion bread, please indicate to the minister.

Anyone wishing to receive a blessing is also welcome: please carry this order of service with you as an indication to the ministers.

During Communion the choir sings

The Lord is my Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture:
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth
in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Words: Psalm 23

The Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

All sit or kneel as silence is kept.

God of love,
may the death and resurrection of Christ
which we have celebrated in this eucharist
bring us, with all the faithful departed,
into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation
to whom be glory for time and for eternity.

All **Amen.**

¶ *The Dismissal*

All stand as the President gives

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

God give you comfort and peace,
light and 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.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Neither death nor life
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

All remain standing as the choir sings

Lux Aeterna

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,
blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,
for they rest from their labours.
Even so saith the Spirit.

Words: Burial Service, 1662 BCP

Lux æterna luceat eis, Domine:	*Let eternal light shine on them, Lord:*
cum Sanctis tuis in æternum,	*with your saints eternally,*
quia pius es.	*because you are divine.*
Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine:	*Give to them eternal rest, Lord:*
et lux perpetua luceat eis.	*and let eternal light shine on them.*

All remain standing as the procession departs in silence.

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