

ORDER OF SERVICE All Souls

Monday 2 November 2020 12.30pm

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER

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A Service to Commemorate the Faithful Departed

Officiant: Rev'd Katherine Hedderly Preacher: Rev'd Sophia Acland Director of Music: Jonathan Melling Soloist: Mark Denza

Organ Music before the Service

A Meditation on 'Brother James's Air' - Harold Darke

Introduction and Welcome

We meet in the name of Christ, who died and rose again to glory, by the power of the Father through the Holy Spirit.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you.

All And also with you.

I have set the Lord always before me:

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

Show 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.

Opening prayer

Everlasting 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.

Solo

Abide with me - Samuel Liddle (text HF Lyte)

Reading: Wisdom 3.1-9

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 for ever. 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.

Psalm: Psalm 27.1-6,13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

All When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh - my adversaries and foes - they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

All One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

All Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

- All Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!
- All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Reading: Little Gidding, Four Quartets - T. S. Eliot

With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling

We shall not cease from exploration And the end of all our exploring Will be to arrive where we started And know the place for the first time. Through the unknown, unremembered gate When the last of earth left to discover Is that which was the beginning; At the source of the longest river The voice of the hidden waterfall And the children in the apple-tree Not known, because not looked for But heard, half-heard, in the stillness Between two waves of the sea. Quick now, here, now, always A condition of complete simplicity (Costing not less than everything) And all shall be well and All manner of thing shall be well When the tongues of flame are in-folded Into the crowned knot of fire And the fire and the rose are one.

Reading: John 5.19-25

Jesus said to them, '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.

Address

The Rev'd Sophia Acland

The Paschal Candle is lit.

We light this candle to remind us that when God the Father raised Jesus from the dead he defeated the power of death, and his light shines in the midst of the darkness of the world.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; the Lord is the strength of my life.

All The Lord is my light and my salvation; the Lord is the strength of my life.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

All The Lord is the strength of my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All The Lord is my light and my salvation; the Lord is the strength of my life.

We are who we are today and we are where we are today, because of those whose lives touched ours and who let our lives touch theirs. Especially we remember...

The names of those given to be remembered are read out.

Let us give thanks for lives which have shaped us, for hands that have held us, for voices that have inspired us, for eyes that have beheld us, for ears that have listened to us.

Solo

Libera me (Requiem) - Gabriel Faure

While music is played, we pray silently for those we have come to remember.

Prayers

The response is:

Lord in your mercy:

All Hear our prayer.

The prayers end with the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray that we may know life and hope in Jesus Christ as we say:

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.

Solo

Immortal, invisible, God only wise - W Chalmers Smith

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Organ Music after Blessing

On an old Irish church melody - C. V. Stanford

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