SOUTHWARK
♦ CATHEDRAL ♦

Requiem Eucharist

for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Monday 2 November 2020
12.45pm

Welcome to Southwark Cathedral

Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed ‘South Bank Religion’. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be

explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as ‘inclusive: faithful: radical’.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome.Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

All Souls Day, the day on which the church prays for the repose of the souls of all our departed brothers and sisters, was originally celebrated on the day after the Feast of Pentecost. However, because of the practice at the Benedictine Abbey of Cluny where the Feast was moved to the day after All Saints Day (1 November) many churches in the 9th century followed this practice. In the 13th century the Feast was officially moved so that at the beginning of November the church gives thanks for and prays for all the departed, those in the communion of saints, and those amongst our own families and friends who have died.

The mediaeval church had a well worked out doctrine of purgatory and this feast was very much associated with the belief that those souls unable yet to be brought into the beatific presence of God because they had not yet paid the price of their sins could be brought to heaven through the prayers and good deeds of those on earth and particularly through the offering of the sacrifice of the Mass on their behalf. It goes without saying that such a doctrine did not fit with the belief of the post-reformation Church of England.

It was not until the rise of the Oxford Movement in the 19th century that All Souls Day began to be celebrated again. Since recent revisions of the Calendar and the Lectionary the Commemoration

of the Faithful Departed has been restored to the practice of the church. However, the doctrine of purgatory has not been similarly revived! However, it has been seen to be important to remember the dead, to pray for them and on this day to give thanks for all that they have meant to us and continue to mean to us. There is no way that we can ever forget those who have gone before us and for those who have recently been bereaved this day can be of particular comfort.

Within the liturgy today we read the names of all those for whom members of the congregation wish to pray. It is a solemn moment in the Christian year as we hear the names of so many, and so many memories of them come flooding back. It is a Eucharist that properly expresses the truth that the church militant (on earth), expectant (in paradise) and triumphant (in heaven) are one and the same.

All Souls Day is associated with many traditions around the world. In some societies Altars for the Dead are set up in the homes and decorated with pictures of the dead, with offerings of food and displays of marigolds – the traditional flower of the dead. In Mexico drawing on the traditions and rituals of the Aztecs there is a great threes days of the celebrations. All Hallows' Eve, All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day are collectively observed as "Los Dias de los Muertos" (The Days of the Dead). First and

foremost, the Days of the Dead are a time when families remember the deceased. But it is also a time marked by festivities, including spectacular parades of skeletons and ghouls. Sugar skulls are made, traditional banners and carried and the families spend time in the graveyards sharing a special meal. Amongst the traditional foods are the sugar skulls (bought from the bakeries with the names of each one of the members of the family who are alive and of the deceased), candied fruit and pumpkins, tamales (corn meal with meat or raising wrapped in corn husk) and maize dough cakes, as well as enchiladas and chalupas (thicker corn tortillas with toppings).

In whatever way we keep the day whether with festivities or with great solemnity, the intention is always the same, that the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God may rest in peace and rise in glory.

We stand for the entrance of the clergy and altar party.

The Gathering

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

All **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

All **and also with you.**

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

We meet to remember before God our loved ones, those who have died, a long time ago, or more recently, who we never forget. This year, however, we meet conscious that over 45,000 people have died in the UK and over a million worldwide as a consequence of this pandemic – and people are still dying. We may not know their names, though they are known to God, but we pray for each one and all who are suffering the pain of bereavement and loss.

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

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.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

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

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.**

We sit for

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Wisdom 3. 1–9

Read by Ken Woolhouse.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Response **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil;
for you are with me your rod and your staff they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence
of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup
shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1. 3–9

Read by Juanita Fan.

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and

even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand for

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia.

'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.'

All **Alleluia.**

Gospel

John 6. 37–40

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, 'Everything that the Father gives me
will come to me, and anyone who comes to me
I will never drive away; for I have come down from
heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him
who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will
of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in
him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on
the last day.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit for

Homily

The Dean

Prayers of Intercession

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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

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 full and 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.**

Hear us risen Lord as we pray for all those who have died and especially ...

Silence

All **God of mercy,**
entrusting into your hands all that you have made
and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people,
we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We stand for

The Peace

Jesus says:
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to 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 risen Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

We sit as the altar is prepared and then stand for

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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,
and with all your faithful people, living and departed,
evermore praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with
his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup
of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary the mother of Jesus and with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company
of heaven,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread.

All **Lamb of God,**
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The president makes their communion saying

The Body of Christ

We respond

All Amen.

The Blood of Christ

We respond

All Amen.

Please follow the directions of the Stewards and make your way to the communion stations via the side aisles, returning to your seat by the central aisle. Communion is given in one kind only and in silence. If you would like to receive a blessing please bow your head. The blessing will be given in silence. Please return to your seat and respect your distance at all times.

We stand for

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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.**

Blessing and Dismissal

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

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 his eternal kingdom.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

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