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CHORAL REQUIEM EUCHARIST

Please stand as the clergy and Choir enter.

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.

We meet to remember before God our loved ones, those who have died a long time ago or more recently, whom we never forget. 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.

INTROIT & KYRIE

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion, et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam; ad te omnis caro veniet.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. To you, O God, praise is due in Sion, and to you shall vows be paid in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer; to you shall all flesh come.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

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.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

1 Peter 1.3-9

Read by Linda Ridgers-Waite

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Blessèd 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.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All 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, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 5.19-25

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 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY

Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Silence is kept.

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, especially ...

The names of the departed who died in the past year are read out.

Silence is kept.

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

Please stand.

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.

During the Hymn, bread and wine are presented at the Altar.

NEH 63



All ye who seek a comfort sure In trouble and distress, Whatever sorrow vex the mind, Or guilt the soul oppress,

Jesus, who gave himself for you Upon the cross to die, Opens to you his sacred heart; O to that heart draw nigh.

Ye hear how kindly he invites; Ye hear his words so blest — 'All ye that labour come to me, And I will give you rest.'

O Jesus, joy of saints on high, Thou hope of sinners here, Attracted by those loving words To thee I lift my prayer.

Wash thou my wounds in that dear blood
Which forth from thee doth flow;
New grace, new hope inspire, a new
And better heart bestow.

TUNE: ST BERNARDAdapted from a melody in *Tochter Sion* Cologne 1741

TEXT: 18th-century Latin Tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

All Amen.

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:

The Choir sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth; pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis! Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

The President continues:

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.

Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessèd are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Please be seated. If you wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing, please follow the directions of the Stewards. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please go to the point of administration after receiving the host. Please do not dip the host into the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bow your head.

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. Whatever your faith tradition or background, you are most welcome to draw near for a blessing.

During the distribution of Communion, the Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem.

Lux aeterna luceat eis Domine cum sanctis tuis in aeternum quia pius es.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,

et lux perpetua luceat eis.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest,

eternal rest.

May eternal light shine on them,

O Lord.

with thy saints for ever, for thou art merciful

Eternal rest grant unto them,

O Lord.

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

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.

All Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Please stand.

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.

The Choir sings:

IN PARADISUM

in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres et perducant te in civitatem sanctam, Jerusalem. Chorus angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro, quondam paupere aeternam habeas requiem.

In paradisum deducant angeli

Into paradise may the angels lead you, at your arrival, may the martyrs greet you and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem.

May the chorus of angels receive you and with Lazarus, who once was poor,

may you have eternal rest.

At the end, the clergy and Choir depart in silence.

Please leave the Cathedral by the North West doors and the Millennium Courtyard. Please consider supporting us by giving using the contactless donation points if you have not set up a regular payment. Thank you for joining us. We look forward to welcoming you back.

A QUIET CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER, 6.30PM

All are warmly invited to A Quiet Christmas, a service of gentle reflection for the Christmas season. For many, this time of year can be challenging — the absence of a loved one, the burdens of life, or simply the weight of the season's demands. In the soft glow of candlelight, and accompanied by the beautiful voices of the Merbecke Choir, we welcome you into a place of rest and sanctuary. Join us as we share the Christmas story and experience the love God brought to a weary world through the gift of a precious child.







making space for love

with heart, mind, and soul

It is good to welcome you 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 ('over-the-river'). 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.

The Cathedral has a momentous and significant history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. It has also been a Cathedral for those who feel on the edges of faith or society, our welcome reaching out to all people in their beautiful God-given diversity.

Here, our Christian faith is captured in our vision to 'make space for love: with heart, mind, and soul'. Faith requires our hearts to stand up for social justice, upholding integrity and kindness, and supporting the vulnerable and oppressed. It challenges our thinking, inviting our minds to be enquiring, honest, and generous. Faith also seeks to deepen our inner lives, with the arts and creativity, by sharing in the life of our community, and by learning the arts of prayer and attention. In Jesus Christ we see the human face of God, and our faith in him is our joy and our life.

We really hope you enjoy being here with us today and that we will see you again very soon.

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