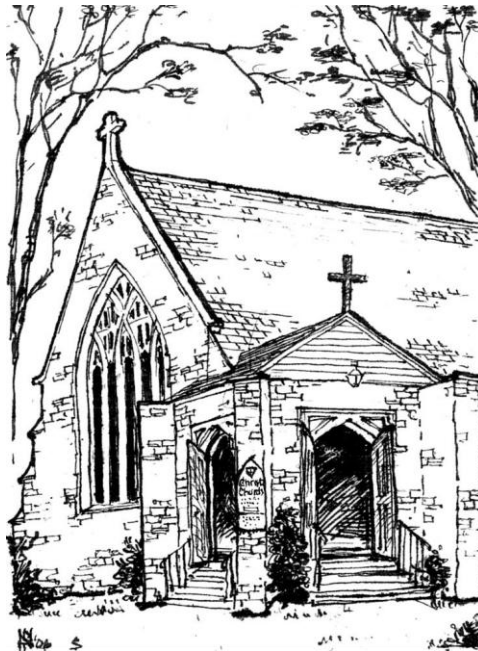


**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

5:00 PM

Choral Evensong for All Souls

November 2, 2025



WELCOME

Christ Church is an Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of Massachusetts. We welcome and honor the God-given gifts that make us unique as individuals and strong as community. You and your family are welcome regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or prior religious affiliation.

Evensong, the sung version of Evening Prayer is a Service of “The Liturgy of the Hours.” Praying the hours, that is marking the day and night with prayer, is a practice most followed by monastic and religious communities who honor the mandate to pray at all times. Such prayer exists in Christian and other faith traditions, going back to the early Christian communities of the 300s Common Era.

Evening Prayer, like Morning Prayer, is a service that can be led by a lay person. It consists of hymns, psalms, lessons, canticles, the Apostles' Creed, intercessory prayers, and collects. Simply put, it is the formal liturgical prayer of the Christian community when not celebrating Eucharist or Holy Communion.

Tonight's Evensong celebrates All Souls' Day and is a service to remember those the parish has lost in the past year, and all those we love but see no longer. The service includes the elements of evensong but has been adapted to include a special “rite” of remembrance.

Service of Light

*The church is dark, or partially so, when the service is to begin.
All stand, and the Officiant greets the people with these words.*

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Short Lesson from the Book of Revelation is read.

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; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

Lord Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

The candles at the Altar are now lighted, as are other candles and lamps as may be convenient.

CANTICLE

Phos Hilaron

**O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

Evensong

HYMN

Out of the depths

1982 Hymnal 666

1 Out of the depths I call, to God I send my cry; Lord,
2 My soul with pa - tience waits for thee, the liv - ing Lord, my
3 My long - ing eyes look out for thy en - liv - ening ray, more
4 Let Is - rael trust in God; no bounds his mer - cy knows; the

hear my sup - pli - cat - ing voice and gra - cious - ly re - ply.
hopes are on thy prom - ise built, thy nev - er - fail - ing word.
du - ly than the morn - ing watch to spy the dawn - ing day.
plen - teous source and spring from whence re - demp - tion ev - er flows.

FIRST READING:

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

The People sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader Here ends the Reading.

CANTICLE

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING:

John 5:24-27

A Reading from John.

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, 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. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

CANTICLE

Nunc dimittis

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

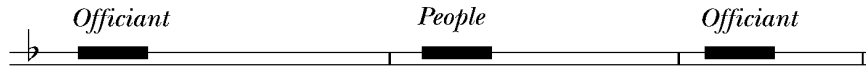
HOMILY

The Rev. Dcn. James Thomas

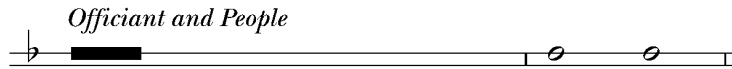
THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

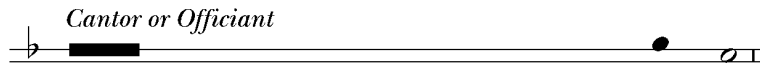
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



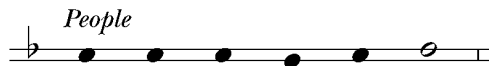
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.



Our Father in heaven . . . ever. A - men.
or
Our Father, who art in heaven...ever. A - men.

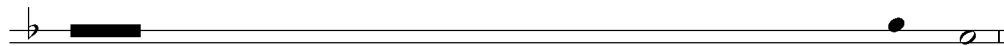


That this evening may be holy, good, and peace-ful,

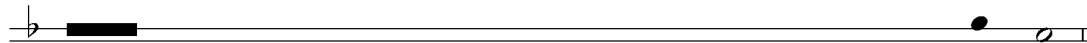


We en - treat you, O Lord.

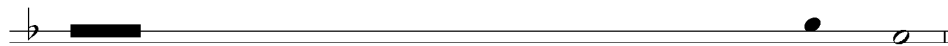
(This response is sung after each petition)



That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,



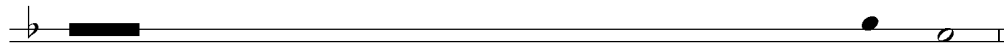
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,



That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,



That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,



and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,



That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of



[_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

COLLECT FOR ALL SOULS

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of All Souls: Grant to the departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERIL

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

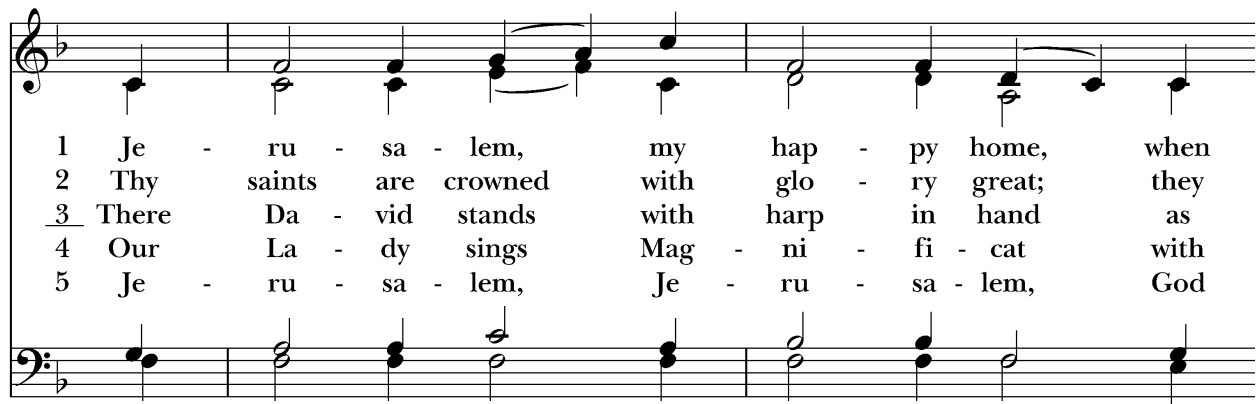
ANCIENT MOZARABIC PRAYER

**Hear us, O never-failing Light,
Lord our God, our only Light, the Fountain of Light,
the Light of your angels, thrones, dominions,
principalities, powers, and of all the beings of this world;
you have created the light of your saints,
the bright cloud of witnesses around us.
May our souls be your lamps, kindled and illumined by you.
May they shine and burn with your truth,
and never go out in darkness and ashes.
May we be your dwelling, shining from you, shining in you;
may we shine and our light never fail;
may we worship you always.
May we be kindled brightly and never extinguished.
Being filled with Christ's splendor,
may we shine within, so that the gloom of sin is cleared away**

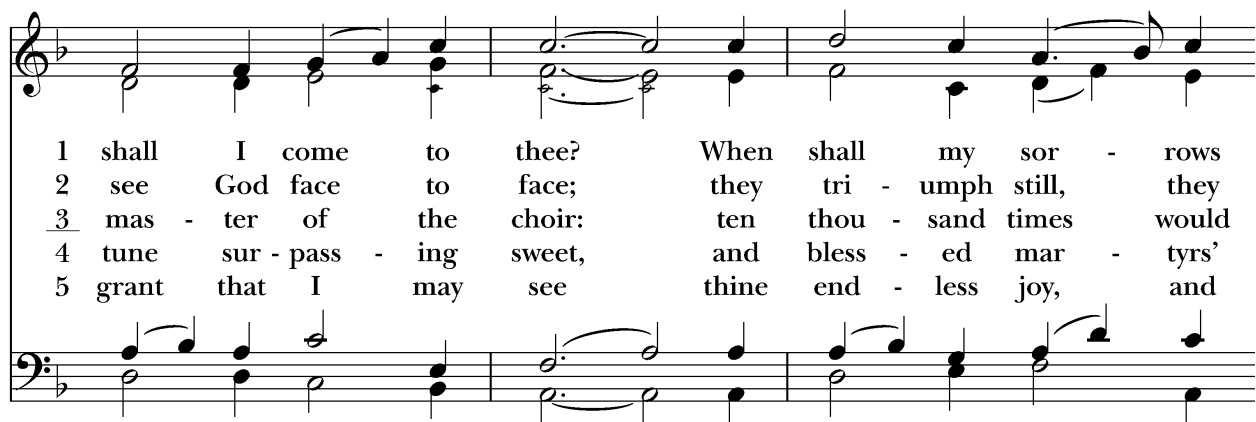
HYMN

Jerusalem, my happy home

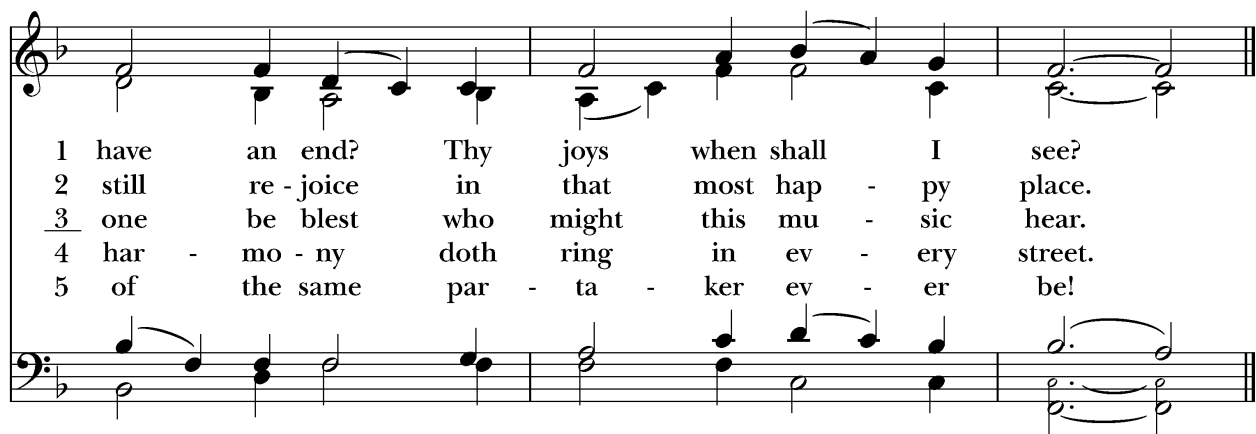
1982 Hymnal 620



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God



1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Service of Remembrance

The People remain standing.

Officiant Blessed is our God, always, now and for ever and to the
ages of ages.

People Amen.

TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely for a choir or organ. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of common time (C). The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves. The second system also has two staves, continuing the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics continue below the staves. The score ends with a double bar line.

God of Grace, we pray to you for those we love and see no longer,
remembering especially

Jack Babson
Nancy Jean Bernhardt
Lena Bolduc
Sr. Brigid Courtney
Bea Estes
Linda Garrone
Nancy Loftus
Roberta Mills-Price
Bruce Oliver
Jeanne Patenaude-Lane
Jim Stanne
Sharon Steadman
Bob Steele
Christel Voege
Alan Watson
Norm Zinger

All our dearly departed who have been laid to rest in our parish
columbarium.

And those we name now, aloud or in silence.

Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions.

Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their
souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in
peace. **Amen.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

**where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are
mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you
ordain when you created me, saying,

"You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

O God of the living and the dead, you have trampled upon death and abolished the power of evil, giving life to your world. Give to your departed servants rest in a place of light, in a place of tranquility, in a place of refreshment, where there is no pain, nor sorrow, nor suffering. For you, Christ our God, are the resurrection, the life, and the repose of your servants, and to you we give glory, with your eternal Father and your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant

May Christ, who rose from the dead and has authority over the living and the dead, have mercy on us and save us. May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints in glory, strengthen us all and welcome all souls in the heavenly places. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Christ is risen from the dead

WLP 817

(three times)

Christ is ri-sen from the dead, tramp-ling down death by death, and on
those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, _____ be - stow - ing life!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of the anthem, and the second system contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes). There are also rests and repeat signs at the end of the phrases.

The ministers and the people depart in silence.

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Seeking Christ in Ourselves * Serving Christ in the World

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