



Commemoration of All Faithful Departed All Souls Day

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Welcome! We're glad you chose to worship with us today!

Celebrant See how God loves us!

People God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.

Celebrant See how Christ loves us!

People Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.

Celebrant See how the Spirit loves us!

People The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words of hope in which we can trust.

Celebrant O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful 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.

People AMEN!

Celebrant We seem to give them back to you, dear God, who gave them to us. Yet as you did not lose them in giving, so we have not lost them by their returning.

People Not as the world gives, do you give, O Lover of Souls! What you give, you do not take away. For what is yours is ours always, if we are yours.

Celebrant Life is eternal; and love is immortal; and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing but the limit of our sight.

People Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further; cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly; draw us closer to yourself that we may know ourselves nearer to our beloved who are with you.

Celebrant And while you prepare a place for us, prepare us for that happy place, that where they are, and you are, we too may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **AMEN!**

Celebrant Today's celebration of All Souls is more a feast of hope than a day of mourning for the dead. By remembering our beloved ones and praying for all who have died, we profess and affirm our faith that we are still linked with the dead, that for us they are not gone for ever, but that we shall see them again in the home of our Father in heaven. For them and for us, the stone of the tomb will be rolled away, and we will rise from death as once Jesus raised Lazarus, and he himself rose from the tomb. Let us celebrate this resurrection faith today.

Litany of Reconciliation

Reader 1 We seek forgiveness for all our sins, for they destroy or obstruct life in us. Lord Jesus, you became one of us to share in our joys and pains, even our death.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader 1 Jesus Christ, you died for us on the cross to take the evil of death away from us:

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Reader 1 Lord Jesus, you rose from the dead to open for us the way of life:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader 1 Have mercy on us, Lord, raise us up from our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

People **AMEN!**

First Lesson

Reader 2 A reading of the Wisdom of Solomon chapter 3, verses 1 through 9.
 But 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 forever. 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.

Reader 2 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Unison Reading

Reader 2 Let us read in unison Canticle Q, A Song of Christ's Goodness.

All **Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Often you weep over our sins and our pride, tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment. You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us. Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy. Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear. Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous. Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; in your love and tenderness, remake us. In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.**

Gospel

John 5. 24-27

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon**Remembering**

Celebrant Our Chapel is the home of our Columbarium. This is a sacred place where the remains of some who have gone before us are interred. Let us recommend to the Lord all the faithful departed, starting with those in our Columbarium.

The Celebrant lights a candle as she reads each name of those in the Columbarium.

Celebrant God of the living, we believe that you are a God of a love stronger than death since your Son Jesus Christ, born as one of us, destroyed death for ever. Let all the faithful departed live in the security of your love. Let them enjoy the peace, your peace which escaped them so often in life, and give to us too the courage to face life and to live it in close union with your Son. We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

People **AMEN!**

Celebrant At this time, all are invited to remember any family, friends, and others whom we have lost throughout our lives. I will light candles here in the Sanctuary and invite you to light one or more candles wherever you are to remember those who have gone before us.

Candles are lighted during a time of silent reflection.

Celebrant Lord Jesus 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.

People Amen!

Prayers of the People

Reader 3 Let us pray to our living God, who created us for life and happiness. God will not give us up to death but give us eternal life. Let us pray:

All **Lord of life, hear your people.**

Reader 3 For the dead in our family and our community, for all those who were dear to us in life, that God, who called them by their names, may be their unending joy, let us pray:

All **Lord of life, hear your people.**

Reader 3 For all those who had to suffer much in life from sickness, injustice or poverty, that their sorrow may now come to an end and that there may be no end to their happiness, let us pray:

All **Lord of life, hear your people.**

Reader 3 For the dead who had to go a lonely way through life because none or few cared for them or because they were loners themselves or because their children or partners deserted them; for those whom nobody mourns, that now they may discover the joy of the friendship of the saints in heaven, let us pray:

All **Lord of life, hear your people.**

Reader 3 And finally for ourselves, that we may help and support one another on the journey through life, that we may go the Lord's way side by side and share joys and sorrows, life and death, let us pray:

All Lord of life, hear your people.

Reader 3 God of life we thank you for the assurance that the dead are in your hands and that we are called and destined to eternal life on account of your risen Son Jesus. Do not let our heart be troubled but reunite us one day with those whom we have known and loved. Lead us all to you through him who is our way, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All AMEN!

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God our Father, you know and love us beyond death. We thank you for calling all of us to live forever in your friendship. We thank you for the unending happiness of the saints who live in your joy. We thank you for your undying, everlasting love for us and for all our beloved dead. Accept our thanks through your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord for ever. AMEN!

Blessing

Celebrant We have prayed today for those who have died, known or unknown, close or distant. It was an occasion for us to deepen our faith in the resurrection of the Lord, the resurrection of the deceased, and the resurrection of ourselves. We believe in a living God who wants all to live in his love and joy. May our God of life bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All AMEN!

Sending

Celebrant Go forth in the peace of Christ, following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth! Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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