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## All Saints’ Day Online Service

Sunday, November 1, 2020 | 6:00 p.m.

### An Order of Worship for the Evening

*The church is dark, or partially so, when the service is to begin.*

### Musical Prelude

**Choral Anthem, Kyrie eleison (Requiem)** ..... Gabriel Fauré

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.*

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, lord have mercy.

**Welcome and Video** ..... “77 Seconds with the Saints”  
by the Rev. Bryn Caddell

*All stand, and the Officiant greets the people with these words.*

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### People **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

*Matthew 5:14-16*

*The Officiant then says the Prayer for Light.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

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

*The following hymn, or a metrical version of it, or some other hymn, is then sung*

**Hymn 25, “O Gracious Light”** *Phos hilaron*

- 1. O gracious Light,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
in you the Father's glory shone.  
Immortal, holy, blest is he,  
and blest are you, his holy Son.**
- 2. Now sunset comes,  
but light shines forth,  
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.  
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit; God  
who dwells in the eternal light.**
- 3. Worthy are you of endless praise,  
O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;  
wherefore you are  
through all the earth  
and in the highest heaven adored.**

**The Psalm, Psalm 27:1-12,17-18** ..... *James Turle*



The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.  
One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days  
of my life;  
To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.  
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.  
Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.  
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.  
Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.  
Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living!  
O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the LORD.

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.

**The First Reading, Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17**

Vi también a otro ángel que venía del oriente con el sello del Dios vivo. Gritó con voz potente a los cuatro ángeles a quienes se les había permitido hacer daño a la tierra y al mar: “¡No hagan daño ni a la tierra, ni al mar ni a los árboles, hasta que hayamos puesto un sello en la frente de los siervos de nuestro Dios!”

Y oí el número de los que fueron sellados: ciento cuarenta y cuatro mil de todas las tribus de Israel.

Después de esto miré, y apareció una multitud tomada de todas las naciones, tribus, pueblos y lenguas; era tan grande que nadie podía contarla. Estaban de pie delante del trono y del Cordero, vestidos de túnicas blancas y con ramas de palma en la mano. Gritaban a gran voz:

“¡La salvación viene de nuestro Dios, que está sentado en el trono, y del Cordero!”

Todos los ángeles estaban de pie alrededor del trono, de los ancianos y de los cuatro seres vivientes. Se postraron rostro en tierra delante del trono, y adoraron a Dios diciendo:

“¡Amén! La alabanza, la gloria, la sabiduría, la acción de gracias, la honra, el poder y la fortaleza son de nuestro Dios por los siglos de los siglos. ¡Amén!”

Entonces uno de los ancianos me preguntó: ‘Esos que están vestidos de blanco, ¿quiénes son, y de dónde vienen?’

*I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, “Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads.”*

*And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel.*

*After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*

*And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,*

*“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.*

*Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”*

‘Eso usted lo sabe, mi señor,’ respondí.  
Él me dijo: ‘Aquellos son los que están saliendo de la gran tribulación; han lavado y blanqueado sus túnicas en la sangre del Cordero.

Por eso están delante del trono de Dios, y día y noche le sirven en su templo; y el que está sentado en el trono les dará refugio en su santuario.  
Ya no sufrirán hambre ni sed. No los abatirá el sol ni ningún calor abrasador. Porque el Cordero que está en el trono los pastoreará y los guiará a fuentes de agua viva; y Dios les enjugará toda lágrima de sus ojos.

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*  
*The Word of the Lord.*  
*People Thanks be to God.*

***Canticle 5, Nunc dimittis in D Herbert Brewer***

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**The Second Lesson, John 14:1-6**

Jesus said, ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

*“For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

## The Homily

The Rt. Rev. David M. Reed  
*Bishop of West Texas*

### The Invitation to Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: During these past eight months of pandemic, our grief has been compounded by the difficulty of gathering to mourn the deaths of family members, friends, and fellow church members. Our holy habit of coming together in our churches to grieve with those who are heart-broken has been constricted and limited. On this evening of All Saints, we gather to remember and give thanks for all the faithful departed, especially those local and personal saints who have blessed and graced our lives. As names are read from the seven convocations of the Diocese of West Texas, I invite you, wherever you are, to know that we are, together, the Body of Christ, and part of the communion of saints. Those who abide in Christ are never fully and finally separated, for we trust that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

### Remembering the Faithful Departed

#### Concluding Collects

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this evening our brothers and sisters who have died during 2020. We thank you for giving them to us, their families and friends, to know and to love as companions on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dios de toda misericordia, cuya sabiduría sobrepasa nuestro entendimiento, atiende con benignidad a todos en su pesar. Abrázales con tu amor para que no se sientan abrumados por su pérdida, sino que tengan confianza en tu bondad y hagan frente con valor a los días por venir; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amen.**

#### Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Petitions**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Dios omnipotente, que has entrelazado a tus elegidos en una sola comunión y hermandad en el cuerpo místico de tu Hijo Cristo nuestro Señor: Concede, te suplicamos, a toda tu Iglesia en el paraíso y en la tierra, tu luz y tu paz. **Amén.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Concede a los que todavía estamos en nuestra peregrinación y aún caminamos por fe, que seamos guiados por tu Espíritu Santo en santidad y justicia todos los días de nuestra vida. **Amén.**

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Concede a todos los dolientes una confianza segura en tu cuidado paternal, para que, confiando todos sus pesares a ti, comprendan la consolación de tu amor. **Amén.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Commendation

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

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

*Bishop* 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.

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

*Bishop* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

**Hymn 499, "Lord God, you now have set your servant free"**

**Lord God, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as promised in your word;  
my eyes have seen  
the Savior, Christ the Lord,  
prepared by you for all the world to see,  
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,  
the glory of your people, and their light.**

## Concluding Collects for All Saints and All Souls

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. **Amen.**

Dios omnipotente, Padre de misericordias y dador de consuelo: Atiende bondadosamente, te suplicamos, a todos los dolientes, para que, confiando sus pesares a ti, comprendan la consolación de tu amor; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*The Bishop may use the following or some other blessing or grace*

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

## **Choral vesper, *In paradisum* (Plainsong)**

*In Paradisum deducant Angeli  
in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres  
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam  
Jerusalem.*

May the angels lead you into paradise;  
may the martyrs greet you at your arrival  
and lead you into the holy City of Jerusalem.

*Chorus Angelorum te suscipiant  
et cum Lazaro quondam pauper  
aeternam habeas requiem.*

May the choir of Angels greet you  
and like Lazarus, who once was a poor man,  
may you have eternal rest.

## **The Dismissal**

*A Minister dismisses the People, and the People respond, "Thanks be to God."*

## **Participants**

*Officiant:* The Rt. Rev. David M. Reed, Bishop of West Texas

*Hosting Priests:* The Rev. Irv Cutter, Rector of St. Luke's, San Antonio; the Rev. Reagan Gonzalez, Associate Rector of St. Luke's, San Antonio

*Convocational Representatives:* the Rev. David Read, Central; the Rev. Bonnie Reeves, Eastern; the Rev. Bur Dobbins, Northern; the Rev. Lucy Strandlund, Northeastern; the Rev. Jonathan Wickham, Southern; the Rev. Laurie McKim, Valley; the Rev. Mike Marsh, Western

*Music:* Russell Jackson, Director of Music for St. Luke's, San Antonio  
St. Luke's Parish Choir

*Lector:* Andrew Tucker

*Livestream Hosts:* Diocesan Communications Office; Daniel Kittrell and Steve McGrath, Audiovisual Support

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*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
by the mercy of God, rest in peace.*