





THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Feast of All Saints

November 3, 2024 5:00 pm

The Order for Solemn Evensong

Organ Voluntary

Mein Weg hat Gipfel und Wellentäler

Arvo Pärt (b.1935)

☞ All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter

Introit

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth Himself impart;
And for His cradle and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866)

Music: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Opening Sentences

Officiant We give thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of
the inheritance of the saints in light. *Colossians 1:12*

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

¶ *Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ *The Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution ✠ and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

¶ *All stand*

The Invitatory

Jessica French (b.1984)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *All are then seated as the Choir sings the Psalm appointed for the day*

The Psalmody

Psalm 150

Chant in C

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

O praise God in his sanctuary: *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts: *
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: *
praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the timbrels and dances: *
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: *
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath *
praise the Lord.

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 Lessons

The First Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him,” God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what person knows a man’s thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit. The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

¶ All stand for the singing of the Office Hymn and Magnificat

Hymn - 253



1 Give us the wings of faith to rise with - in the veil, and
 2 We ask them whence their vi - ctory came; they, with u - ni - ted
 3 They marked the foot - steps that he trod, his zeal in - spired their
 4 Our glo - rious Lead - er claims our praise for his own pat - tern



see the saints a - bove, how great their joys, how
 breath, as - cribe their con - quest to the Lamb, their
 quest, and fol - lowing their in - car - nate God, they
 given; while the long cloud of wit - ness - es show



bright their glo - ries be. (be.)
 tri - umph to his death. (death.)
 reached the prom - ised rest. (rest.)
 the same path to (heaven.) heaven.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); alt.
 Music: San Rocco, Derek Williams (b. 1945)*

Magnificat

Dallas Canticles

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

✠ My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
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.

¶ All are seated following the singing of the Magnificat

The Second Lesson

Matthew 14:1-12

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus; and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist, he has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in him." For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison, for the sake of Hero'di-as, his brother Philip's wife; because John said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Hero'di-as danced before the company, and pleased Herod, so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." And the king was sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given; he sent and had John beheaded in the prison, and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. And his disciples came and took the body and buried it; and they went and told Jesus.

¶ Following the Lesson, all stand

✠ 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 Apostles' Creed

☞ Sung on a monotone by the Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, ✠
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

☞ The Officiant and Choir sing the following

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

☞ The People kneel

Officiant Lord have mercy upon us.

Choir Christ have mercy upon us.

Officiant Lord have mercy upon us.

¶ Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is sung

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. Amen.

¶ Then follow these Suffrages, sung by the Officiant and Choir

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ The following Collects are sung; the Choir sings "Amen."

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benedicamus Domino

Officiant  *People* 

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *People* Amen.

¶ Then the Congregation is seated

The Greeting

Anthem

Blessed are the poor in spirit:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn:
For they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek:
For they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
For they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful:
For they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart:
For they shall see God.
Blessed are the peace makers:
For they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye
When men shall revile you
And persecute you
And shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Rejoice, and be exceeding glad:
For great is your reward in heaven:
For so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.
Amen

*Words: Matthew 5:5-12
Music: Arvo Pärt (b.1935)*

☞ All kneel while the Officiant offers prayers

Closing Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

☞ The Officiant then offers prayers for mission and for the world

The Blessing


The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *People* Amen.

¶ All stand and join in the singing of the Hymn

Hymn - 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!

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt.

Music: Land of Rest, American folk hymn, adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

Organ Voluntary

Allegro impetuoso from Six Short Pieces

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Holy Eucharist will be offered in St. George's Chapel immediately following this service.
All are invited into the Great Hall following the service for wine and cheese.

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Franklin Ferriss by Nancy Ferriss.

Necrology November 2023 – November 2024

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This Evening's Liturgy

† In his biography of **Herbert Howells** (1892-1983), author Paul Spicer draws attention to Howells' Celtic heritage and his deep attachment to places and land. Thus it is no coincidence that among his 20 Evensong canticle settings, Howells dedicated the majority to a specific church and choir. The Dallas Canticles, his last set, were composed in 1975. Dedicated to Larry Palmer and the choir of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Dallas, they are the only ones dedicated to Americans. Compositionally, these are Howells' most extroverted and the only ones without any time signatures. We hear inspiration from American jazz and other avant-garde influences of the 60's and 70's.

† **Arvo Pärt** (b. 1935) is an Estonian composer and one of today's most performed living composers. Known as a "holy minimalist," Pärt's later music shows the deep influence of his Eastern Orthodox faith. One of his first works in English, "The Beatitudes" was composed in 1990 and revised in 1991. Along with speech-like treatment of the text, Pärt chooses harmonic progressions that gradually ascend. In the closing organ toccata, the previously heard harmonies are reversed and the music fades away almost as it started.

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