

THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026 5:00 pm

The Order for Solemn Choral Evensong

Organ Voluntary

Fantasia in A minor, FVB 52 — William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

¶ All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter

Introit

Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
They, with united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
They reached the promised rest.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Music: James Whitbourn (1963-2024)

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

Preces and Responses — Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

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.

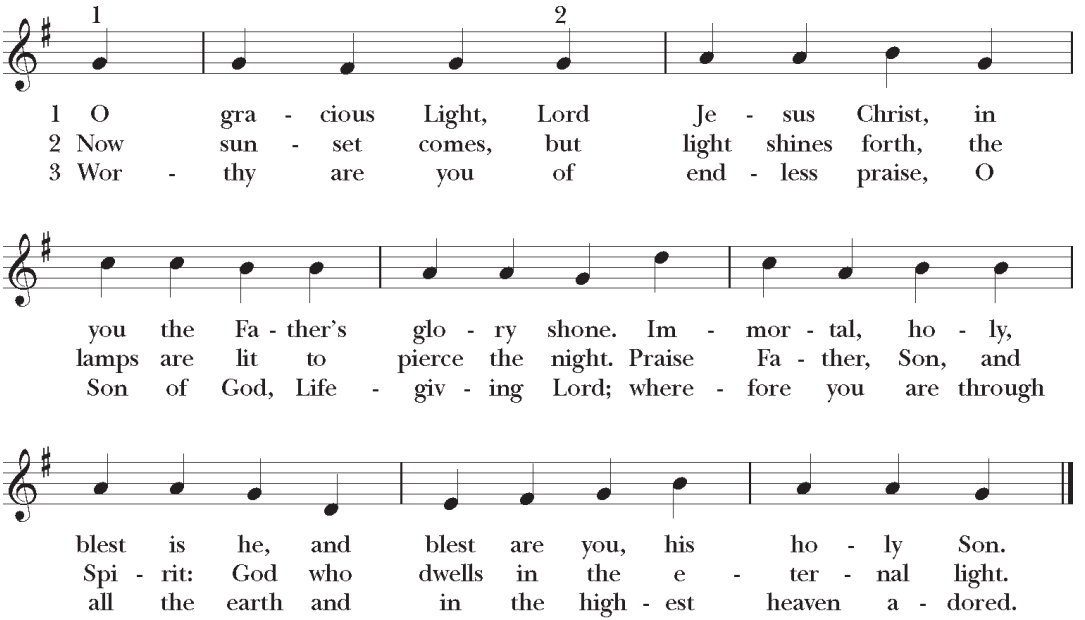
The Lessons

The First Lesson Wisdom of Solomon 5:1-5, 14-16

Then the righteous man will stand with great confidence in the presence of those who have afflicted him, and those who make light of his labors. When they see him, they will be shaken with dreadful fear, and they will be amazed at his unexpected salvation. They will speak to one another in repentance, and in anguish of spirit they will groan, and say, "This is the man whom we once held in derision and made a byword of reproach – we fools! We thought that his life was madness and that his end was without honor. Why has he been numbered among the sons of God? And why is his lot among the saints? Because the hope of the ungodly man is like chaff carried by the wind, and like a light hoarfrost driven away by a storm; it is dispersed like smoke before the wind, and it passes like the remembrance of a guest who stays but a day. But the righteous live for ever, and their reward is with the Lord; the Most High takes care of them. Therefore they will receive a glorious crown and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord, because with his right hand he will cover them, and with his arm he will shield them.

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

Hymn - 25



This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of O Gracious Light
Music: The Eighth Tune, Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585); adapt. Hynnal 1982

Magnificat Canticles in B minor 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 Revelation 21:1-4, 22–22:5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light shall the nations walk; and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it, and its gates shall never be shut by day – and there shall be no night there; they shall bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from

the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall no more be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall worship him; they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

¶ Following the Lesson, all stand

Nunc Dimittis Canticles in B minor Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

✠ 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

¶ Said by all

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

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. 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



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

O how glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ,
Clothed with white robes, they follow the Lamb,
whither soever He goeth, they follow the Lamb.

Words: Antiphon for All Saints' Day
Music: Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

¶ 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



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

Improvisation

Holy Eucharist will be offered in the Taylor Room immediately following this service.
All are invited into the Great Hall following the service for wine and cheese.

Participants in the Service

The Rev. Thomas Roy Albinson, Officiant
Joseph Arndt, Choirmaster
St. Michael's Parish Choir
David Sinden, Organist

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Jeff & Dotty Miller by the Miller family.

This Evening's Liturgy

† By 1950, **Herbert Howells** (1892-1983) had composed his three most widely sung canticles: Collegium Regale, Gloucester, and St. Paul's. By the mid 50's, Howells developed a style that was icreasingly more chromatic and avant-garde. His set in B minor was composed for the 50th anniversary of the Church Music Society, first performed at Westminster Abbey in 1956. The concluding doxologies ("Glory be to the Father...") are sung to the same music, yet with one slight difference. Howells has the organ drop out at the end of the Magnificat, creating a striking effect.

† **Colors** play an important part in the worship of the Church. The colors which bedeck the altar and are worn by the clergy are colors worn in England before the Reformation. They change according to the seasons of the church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The vestments worn on All Saints' Day are traditionally white, symbolizing purity, light, and Christ's victory over death.

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