

Wednesday, November 4, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER
MEMORIAL OF THE SAINTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Officiant: Dan Tatarnic **Homilist:** Terry DeForest;
Soloists/Cantors: Richard Cunningham, John Janisse; **Organ:** Michael Bloss.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. In this time of social distancing and while the cathedral is closed, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.

At this time of year the Church celebrates the feast of All Saints and gathers up thanksgiving for the whole company of those who, in various and different ways, bore witness to Christ. Today we extend our thanksgiving and include the saints of the Old Testament in our celebration of faith. The New Testament teaches us that Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, was “born under the law of Moses” and thereby fulfilled the long history of God’s covenant with Israel. For this reason, the Church believes that he gathered into the kingdom of heaven all those Hebrew men and women who bore faithful and holy witness to God in the ages before his coming in great humility to redeem the whole world. The Eastern Orthodox tradition has always remembered this important truth and taken pains to commemorate the Old Testament saints in its liturgies. Local churches in the West have also done so since ancient times, and we claim this tradition of remembrance for our own Church. Our faith did not begin with the birth of Christ in Bethlehem, but with Abraham and Sarah, with Moses and Miriam and Aaron, with Deborah and Samuel, with holy kings like David and Hezekiah, and with prophets like Elijah and Jeremiah. We give thanks for the testimony of their lives and celebrate their faith, because they were the true forebears of Christ, who has made us partners and fellow heirs with them in the covenant of salvation.

Words of Welcome

Sentence – The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is God not of the dead, but of the living.
Matthew 22.32

O Dio, crea in me un cuor puro e rinnova dentro di me uno spirito bensaldo. Non rigettarmi dalla tua faccia; Rendimi l'allegrezza della tua salute; E fa' che lo Spirito volontario mi sostenga.

O God, create in me a clean heart and renew within me a right spirit. Cast me not away from thy face. Let me remain with thee in communion. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and found within me a new spirit

Introductory responses

Officiant All

Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

Officiant All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

Eternal God,
 teach us to love you not only in mind and heart
 but also in purpose and action,
 so that we may love the children of the earth in Jesus Christ.

All

A - - - - - men.

Hymn – For all thy saints, O Lord

Text: Richard Mant (1776-1848)

Music: Charles Lockhart (1745-1815). CARLISLE



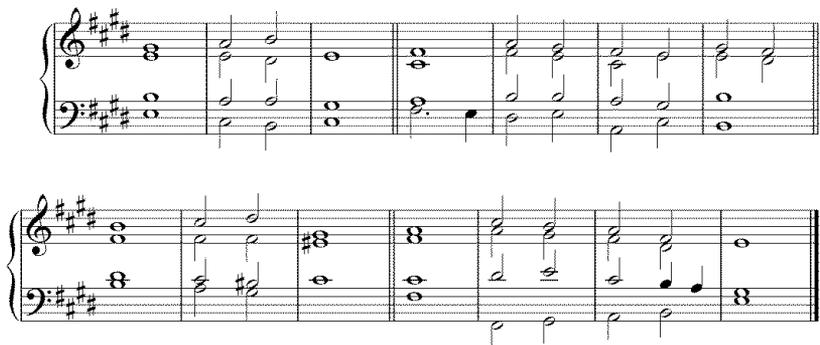
For all thy saints O Lord, who strove in thee to live, who
For all thy saints O Lord, who strove in thee to die, and
Thine earth-ly mem bers fit to join thy saints a - bove, in
Je - su, thy name we bless, and hum bly pray that we may
All might, all praise be - thine, Fa - ther co - e - qual Son, and



fol - lowed thee, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate ful hymn re - ceive.
found in thee a full re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
one com - mun ion ev - er knit, one fel - low - ship of love.
fol - low them in ho - li - ness, who lived and died for thee.
Spi - rit bond of love di - vine while end - less a - ges run.

Psalm 119: 73-96

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all.



Your hands have made me and / fashioned / me; *
give me understanding, that / I may / learn your • com - / mandments.

Those who fear you will be glad / when they / see me, *
because / I trust / in your / word.



I know O God, that your / judgements • are / right*
and that in your faithfulness / you have • af- / flicted / me.

Let your loving kindness / be my / comfort*
as you have / promised / to your / servant.

Let your compassion come to me, that / I may / live,*
for your / law is / my de- / light.

Let the arrogant be put to shame for they / wrong me • with / lies;*
but I will / meditate • on / your com- / mandments.

Let those who fear you / turn to / me,*
and also / those who / know your • de- / crees.

Let my heart be / sound in • your / statutes,*
that I may / not be / put to / shame.

How good it is for all to live to -
geth - er in u - ni - ty.

My soul has longed for your **sal**-vation;*
I have put my hope in your **word**.

My eyes have failed from watching for your **pro**-mise,*
and I say, “When will you com-**fort** me?”

REFRAIN

I have become like a leather flask in **the** smoke,*
but I have not forgotten your **statutes**.

How much longer must **I** wait?*

when will you give judgement against those who **per**-secute me?

REFRAIN

The proud have dug pits **for** me;*

they do not keep your **law**.

All your commandments **are** true;*

help me, for they persecute me **with** lies.

REFRAIN

They had almost made an end of me **on** earth,*

but I have not forsaken your com-**mandments**.

In your loving kindness, re-**vive** me,*

that I may keep the decrees of **your** mouth.

REFRAIN



O God, your word is / ev-er- / lasting;*
it / stands firm / in the / heavens.

Your faithfulness remains from one generation / to a- / nother;*
you established the / earth and / it a- / bides.

By your decree these continue / to this / day,*
for / all things / are your / servants.

If my delight had not bee / in your / law,*
I should have / perished • in / my af- / lection.

I will never forget / your com- / mandments,*
because by / them you / gave me / life.

I am yours; oh that / you would / save me!*
for I / study / your com- / mandments.

Though the wicked lie in wait for / me to • des- / troy me,*
I will apply my / mind to / your de- / crees.

I see that all things come / to an / end,*
but your com- / mandment / has no / bounds.

Glory to God / Source of • all / being,
eternal / Word and / Holy / Spirit.

As it was / in the • be- / ginning,
is now and will be for- / ever. / A- / men

Gradual Alleluia

(assembly joins in the **Refrain**, cantor sings the verse.)



*I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord;
whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.*

Word (Luke 13: 10-17)

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"

When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Words of Reflection: Rev. Canon Terry DeForest

Affirmation of Faith

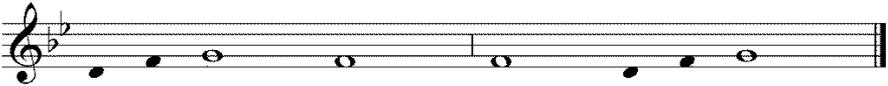
We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We believe in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us, the gift of God's peace.

The Song of Mary

(sung by all)



My soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord**;
My spirit rejoices in **God** my saviour
For you Lord have looked with **favour**
on your **lowly** servant.

From this day all generations will call me **blest**
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy **is** your name
You have mercy on those who **fear** you:

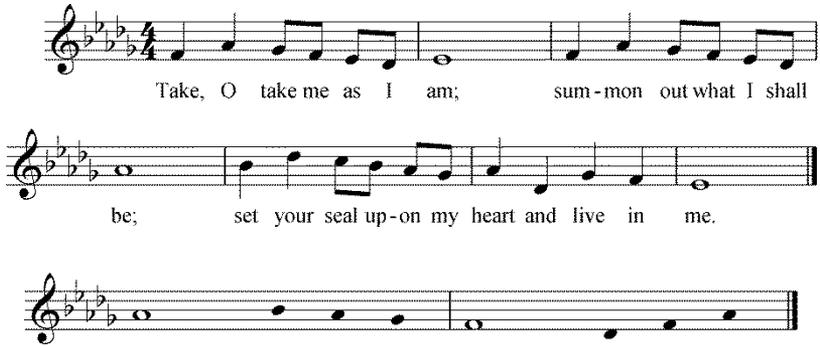
From generation to **generation**.

You have shown strength with your **arm**
And scattered the proud in **their** conceit.
Casting down the mighty from their **thrones**
And lifting **up** the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good **things**
And sent the rich **away** empty.
You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**
To remember the **promise** of mercy

The Litany

Refrain *(All sing the **Refrain** after the introduction and between each intercession).*



Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Christ the splendour of God's glory, enlightens us with his word.
With deep love we call upon him

Refrain

Blessed are you, the alpha and the omega of our faith,
for you called us out of darkness into your marvellous light.

Refrain

You enabled the blind to see, and the deaf to hear,
help our unbelief.

Refrain

Lord, keep us in your love, preserve our community,
do not let us become separated from one another.

Refrain

Give us strength in temptation, endurance in trial,
and gratitude in prosperity.

Refrain

Lord's Prayer

Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one,
and pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn – Sink not yet, my soul to slumber

TEXT: Johann Rist, 1642 trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858.

MUSIC: Johann Schop, 1642. WERDE MUNTER



Sink, not yet, my soul, to slum-ber, wake, my heart, go
Though my wea-ry eyes are clo-sing and my sen-ses
O Thou might-y God, now hear-ken to the prayer thy
forth___ and tell all the mer-cies with-out num-ber
fall___ as-leep, still my soul, on Thee re-po-sing,
child___ hath made; Je-sus, while the night hours dark-en,
that this by-gone day___ be-fell; Tell how God hath kept a-far
ev-er must its vig-gils keep. Let my spi-rit long-ing-ly
be thou still_ my hope,___ my aid; Ho-ly Ghost, on Thee I call,
all things that a-gainst___ me war, hath up-held me
al-ways trust, my God,___ in Thee. Firm-ly un-to
Friend and Com-for-ter___ of all, Hear my ear-nest
and de-fen-ded, and his grace my___ soul be-frien-ded
Thee e'er cleav-ing, e'en in sleep thy___ grace re-ceive-ing.
prayer, O hear me! Lord, Thou hear-est,___ Thou art near me.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Organ – Little Prelude and Fugue No. 3 in e Johann Sebastian Bach

NEXT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

EVENING PRAYER FOR
MARTIN, BISHOP OF TOURS
The Cathedral Schola Cantorum
Dan Tatarnic homilist.

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