

WESTMINSTER  **PRESBYTERIAN**
CHURCH

**A Choral Service of Evening Prayer
for All Saints' Day**

**November 1, 2021
7:00 p.m.**



SERVICE OF LIGHT

PRELUDE

Variations on Thaxted

Tom Trenney

Introduction – Theme – Menuet - Berceuse

HYMN OF LIGHT

Richard Dirksen, arr. Highben

Christ, Mighty Savior

Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation,
you make the daytime radiant with the sunlight
and to the night give glittering adornment, stars in the heavens.

Now comes the day's end as the sun is setting,
mirror of a daybreak, pledge of resurrection;
while in the heavens choirs of stars appearing hallow the nightfall.

Therefore we come now evening rites to offer,
joyfully chanting holy hymns to praise you,
with all creation joining hearts and voices, singing your glory.

Give heed, we pray you, to our supplication,
that you may grant us pardon for offenses,
strength for our weak hearts,
rest for aching bodies, soothing the weary.

Though bodies slumber, hearts shall keep their vigil,
forever resting in the peace of Jesus,
in light or darkness worshiping our Savior now and forever.

***THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT**

**Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In the beginning you separated light from darkness
and placed all your works in our hands.
You have given us the light of day
that we might see your wonders in all we say and do;
you give us the gentle darkness of the night
that we might rest from our burdens
and be refreshed in body and spirit.**

**Break through the darkness of our sins
with the splendor of your mercy and love.
Send your light to dispel our fears and anxieties
and fill us with hope and joy.**

**Glory, praise, and honor are yours, O God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**No mortal life you have made
is without eternal meaning, Creator God.**

**No earthly fate is beyond your redeeming.
Blessed be the God who consoles us in all our affliction,
so that we may be able to console those
who are in any affliction with the consolation
with which we ourselves are consoled by God. (2 Corinthians 1:3a, 4)**

**With reverence and affection,
we also remember before you, O everlasting God,
all our departed friends and relatives.
Keep us in union with them here,
through faith and love toward you,
that hereafter we may enter into your presence
and be numbered with those who serve you
and look upon your face in glory everlasting;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(The congregation may be seated.)

PSALM 90 Lord, Thou hast been our refuge R. Vaughan Williams

*Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made,
Thou art God from everlasting and world without end.*

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.
Our shelter from the stormy blast And our eternal home.

*Thou turnest man to destruction; again Thou sayest Come again ye children of men
For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday,
seeing that is past as a watch in the night.*

As soon as Thou scatterest them They are even as a sleep
and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and groweth up,
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered.

For we consume away in Thy displeasure,
and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation.

For when Thou art angry all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end as a tale that is told,
the years of our age are three score years and ten,
and though men be so strong that they come to four-score years,
yet is their strength but labour and sorrow so passeth it away and we are gone.

Turn Thee again O Lord at the last. Be gracious unto Thy servants.

O satisfy us with Thy mercy and that soon.

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Lord, Thou has been our refuge ...

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord be upon us. Prosper Thou, O prosper Thou
the work of our hands, O prosper Thou our handy work.

EVENING PRAYER

PRECES/PRAYERS

Vernon Williams

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.
Officiant: Praise ye the Lord
Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9 (*Old Testament, page 652 in your pew Bible.*)

CANTICLE

Song of Mary (Magnificat) "Washington"

David Hogan

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
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, holy, holy is His Name.
And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations.
He hath shown 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 fill'd the hungry with good things;
and the rich He hath sent empty away.
He rememb'ring His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel,
as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and His seed forever, forever.
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. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6a (*New Testament, page 259 of your pew Bible.*)

CANTICLE Song of Simeon (Nunc dimittis) “Washington” David Hogan

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, Amen.

GOSPEL READING

John 11:32-34 (*New Testament, page 105 in your pew Bible.*)

ANTHEM

And I Saw a New Heaven Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.
And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with them,
and God will dwell with them and they shall be God’s people,
and God himself shall be with them and be their God.
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,
neither shall there be anymore pain,
for the former things are passed away.

THE PRAYERS

Vernon Williams

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
Choir: And with thy Spirit.
Officiant: Let us pray.
Choir: Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.
Officiant: Our Father,
Congregation: **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
debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**
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.
 Officiant: Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

 Choir: Amen.
 Officiant: O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ.

 Choir: Amen.
 Officiant: O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

 Choir: Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Giver of all mercies,
 we your servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us
 and to all whom you have made.
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

***HYMN**

Let Peace then Still the Strife

Mack Wilberg

Choir: Let peace then still the strife, The loneliness and grief,
Come heal the piercing silence of passing.
And sweet familiar strains, The voices lost in death,
Arise in songs of hope everlasting.
Then let the voices roll, As waves upon the sea;
Come forth and break upon us, refreshing.
And barren coves be filled - O'erflow with reverie!
Let mem'ry salve as Gilead's caressing.
And though the balm be spread, Let tender rifts remain
That breaking hearts not yield to forgetting.
For hearts rent wide at death, Unfolded to our dead,
Hear singing from beyond sunlight's setting.

Congregation: Then sing, beloved ones, Reach o'er the summer sea.
Pour forth thy boundless love for us living!
Sweep into ev'ry soul, Make music of our tears,
Turn all our songs to joy and thanksgiving!
And when we silent pass, From far across the sea
Let praises ring for life's wond'rous blessing.

Then sing ye living souls! Sing generations past,
Swell high the tide of life, us refreshing!
Sing forth as with one voice, Bear silent grief away,
Resound with peace and hope everlasting!
And all who wait and Sing on from earth and heav'n
And make our crossing forth joyful passing!

Choir: Oh, make our crossing forth joyful passing! Amen!

***DISMISSAL**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. **Amen.**
Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**

***BENEDICTION**

*God, Holy Ghost, comfort and strengthen us in our belief
so that we can in the end leave this suffering with joy.*

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADERS: Officiant: Keith R. Cole; Lector: The Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake.

MUSICIANS: Westminster Choir; Emily Bowland, clarinet; Dr. John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist.

ALL SAINTS' DAY: Today, November 1st, is All Saints' Day. It is often celebrated in worship on the first Sunday in November of each year. At the time of the Reformation, the New Testament understanding of "saint," as including all believers, was recovered; and in contemporary understanding, it is the day when we celebrate *all* Christian people of every time and place, living and dead.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR

Soprano

Elizabeth Ball	Janice Kemp
Missy Boling	Sarah McCutchan
Susan Carey	Jillian Morse
Cynthia Crane	Diane Nisbet
Bonnie Fekel	Roberta Rodgers
Emily Harrison	Sharon Warfield
Susan Kelly	

Alto

Frances Baird	Sylvia Leins
Jennifer Barnes	Barbara Petersen
Vineecia Buchanan	Jennie Renwick
Kelly Christie	Karen Richardson
Ellen Compton	Anne Ridley
Donna Corbett	Janet Salyer
Debbit Fritz	Hannah Sims
Amy Griffith	Karen Weir
Jane Kirchner	Mary Wheeler
Suzie Lane	

Tenor

Andy Frederick	Doug Leins
Hank Hildebrand	David Linn
John Kurilko	Jeff Slaughter
Richard Lane	Colby White

Bass

Bob Buchanan	Alec Koukol
Garrett Doo	Steve Staggs
Frank Fekel	Mal Wall
Andrew Hard	David Wyckoff
Mike Hassell	Jeff Williams

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