

WESTMINSTER  PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

A CHORAL SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER
FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 6, 2022
7:00 P.M.



PRELUDE

Andante sostenuto, Symphonie Gothique

Charles-Marie Widor

SERVICE OF LIGHT

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening
and the day is almost over.
Let your light scatter the darkness
and illumine your church.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN OF LIGHT Christ, Mighty Savior (*Phos hilaron*) Richard Dirksen

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 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**

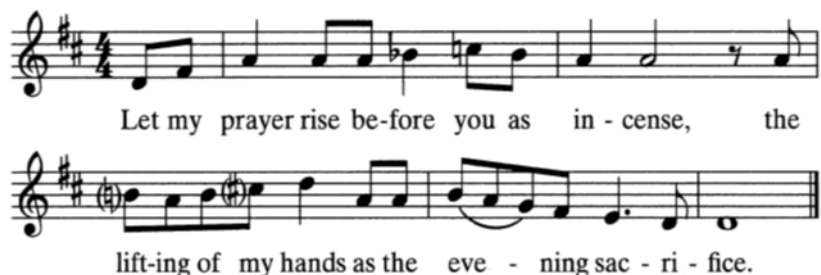
**We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for you are without beginning and without end.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
you have created and preserved the world.
Father of Christ and the giver of the Spirit,
you rule over all creation.
The day you have made for works of light
and the night for our refreshment and strength.
O Lord of love and source of all good,
receive our evening sacrifice of praise.
You have guided us through this day
to the beginning of night;
grant us, in Christ, an evening filled with peace
and a night free from sin;
and when at last we come to our own end,
bring us into the everlasting life of your kingdom,
where you live and reign with Jesus Christ, your Son,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.**

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM 141

Hal. H. Hopson

Refrain



Let my prayer rise be-fore you as in - cense, the
lift-ing of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

I call to you, O Lord; come to me quickly.
Hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting of my hands as the evening sacrifice. ***Refrain.***

Keep guard over my mouth, O Lord; watch the door of my lips.
Keep my heart from slipping into evil.
Let me not be busy with evildoers.
Let me not be taken in by their sensuous foods. ***Refrain.***

Should the righteous rebuke me, let me accept it as grace;
but keep the oil of the unrighteous ever from touching my head.
I continually pray against their wicked deeds;
when they are judged, they will know the truth of your word. ***Refrain.***

But my eyes are turned toward you, O Lord my God;
in you I take refuge; do not deprive me of life.
Keep me from the snare set for me by the evil;
let them be ensnared, but, Lord, grant me release. ***Refrain.***

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Ephesians 1:11-23 (*New Testament, page 192 in your pew Bible.*)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(A moment of silence for reflection)

CANTICLEMagnificat (*Prescott Canticles*)

Carson Cooman

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 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 filled 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.
 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.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:20-31 (*New Testament, page 64 in your pew Bible*)

CANTICLENunc Dimittis (*Prescott Canticles*)

Carson Cooman

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

(*Luke 2:29-32*)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(*Prayed together, see page 35 of your hymnal for words.*)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Requiem

Gabriel Fauré

I. Introit and Kyrie

Rest eternal grant them, Lord our God, we pray to thee:	Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine:
And light perpetual forever shine on them.	Et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Thou, O God, art worshipped in holy Sion:	Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion:
Unto thee the vow shall be performed in Jerusalem.	Et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.
Hear us, Lord; Lord, hear thy servants' prayer:	Exaudi, exaudi orationem meam:
Lord, unto thee all flesh shall come.	Ad te omnis caro veniet.
God, have mercy.	Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy.	Christe eleison.
God, have mercy.	Kyrie eleison.

II. Offertoire, Logan Chaput, baritone

Lord Jesus Christ, thou that rulest in majesty,
O free the souls of thy faithful departed from
Torment eternal, and from the fathomless waters:
Lord Jesus Christ, thou that rulest in majesty,
O free the souls of thy faithful departed from
Out of the lion's jaw, lest they drown in the depths of hell:
Lord Jesus Christ, thou that rulest in majesty,
Lord Jesus Christ, O save them from utter darkness.

O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,
Libera animas defunctorum de
Poenis inferni, et de profundo lacu:
O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,
Libera animas defunctorum de
Ore leonis, ne absorbeat Tartarus:
O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,
O Domine Jesu Christe: ne cadant in obscurum.

Hear our prayer, and let our cry come unto thee;
God our Father, bow thine ear;
We pray this day for all the souls departed.
O remember them, Lord, we pray.
Grant them, Lord, deliverance from death unto life,
We pray thee, as of old thou hast promised to our fathers,
To our fathers, Abraham and his seed.
Lord Jesus Christ, thou that rulest in majesty,
Free the souls of thy faithful departed from
Torment eternal, and from the fathomless waters.
Save them, O Lord, from the darkness of hell. Amen.

Hostias et preces Tibi
Domine laudis offerimus
Tu suscipe pro animabus illis.
Quarum hodie memoriam facimus.
Fac eas, Domine, de morte transire,
Ad vitam, quam olim Abrahae promisisti,
Promisisti et semini ejus.
O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,
Libera animas defunctorum de
Poenis inferni, et de profundo lacu,
Ne cadant in obscurum. Amen.

III. Sanctus

Holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory, O Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Holy.

Sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis. Sanctus.

IV. Pie Jesu, Emily Harrison, soprano

Blessed Jesu, I pray in thy mercy grant them rest,
Grant them everlasting rest.

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem,
Dona eis requiem.
Dona eis sempiternam requiem.

V. Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
O grant them rest forevermore.
Hear us, O Lamb of God, we pray thee;
Savior of all the world, grant them eternal rest.
Peace be with them evermore.
Light perpetual shine upon them, Lord, we pray,
With all thy saints in endless glory
For thy tender mercy's sake.
Rest eternal grant them, Lord our God, we pray to thee,
And light perpetual forever shine on them.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona eis requiem.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona eis requiem.
Sempiternam requiem.
Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,
Quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

VI. Libera Me, Logan Chaput, baritone

Lord, I pray, deliver me from death's everlasting fire
On that great Day of Judgment, on that last dreadful day,
When the earth and the heavens shall shake and tremble,
And thou shalt come with
Thy mighty flaming fire of judgment.
Trembling I stand before thee in fear and dread,
Thy wrath shall descend on the earth
And bring all flesh to desolation.
Day of trial, day of judgment,

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna,
In die illa tremenda, in die illa,
Quando caeli movendi sunt et terra,
Dum veneris judicare
Saeculum per ignem.
Tremens factus sum ego et timeo,
Dum discussio venerit
Atque ventura ira.
Dies illa, dies irae,

Death and destruction, torment and distress,
Day of anger, day of vengeance,
Day of mourning, of woe and bitter grief.
Rest eternal grant them, Lord our God, we pray to thee,
And light perpetual shine ever on them.
Lord, I pray, deliver me from death's everlasting fire
On that great Day of Judgment, on that last dreadful day,
When the earth and the heavens shall shake and tremble,
And thou shalt come with
Thy mighty flaming fire of judgment.
Lord, I pray, deliver me from death everlasting;
Deliver me, Lord, I pray.

Calamitatis et miseriae,
Dies illa, dies magna
Et amara, amara valde.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
Et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna,
In die illa tremenda, in die illa,
Quando caeli movendi sunt et terra,
Dum veneris judicare
Saeculum per ignem.
Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna;
Libera me, Domine.

VII. In Paradisum

God's holy angels lead you to paradise.
May saints in their glory receive you
At your journey's end, guiding your footsteps
Into the Holy City Jerusalem.
Choirs of angels sing you to your rest,
And with Lazarus raised to eternal life,
May you forevermore rest in peace.

In paradisum deducant angeli.
In tuo adventu suscipiant
Te martyres, et perducant te
In civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
Et cum Lazaro quam dam paupere
Aeternam habeas requiem.

PRAYER

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O Lord,
for all your saints and servants
who have lived justly, loved mercy,
and walked humbly with their God.

Especially we give thanks for those
whom we have known and loved,
who, by their patient obedience and self-denial,
steadfast hope, and helpfulness in trouble,
have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

As they have comforted and upheld our souls,
grant us grace to follow in their steps,
and at last, to share with them
in the inheritance of the saints in light,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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, 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**

POSTLUDE Allegro vivace assai, Sonata 1 Felix Mendelssohn

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

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADER: Officiant: Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith.

MUSICIANS: Westminster Choir; David Davidson, violin; Jennifer Kummer and Harry Ditzel, French horns; Vonda Darr, harp; Ron Sorbo, timpani; Dr. John W. Semington, Director of Music Ministries; Dale Nickell, Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries.

About the Prelude: This movement uses the beautiful Harmonic Flute stop, which is overblown to sound an octave above the pipe's fundamental pitch, along with a middle section that crescendos into the rich chorus of foundation stops.

About the Postlude: The notated technique of over-legato in this toccata-like movement makes the organ chorus swell and fade with the sweeping gestures of running notes.

ALL SAINTS' DAY: 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	Jillian Morse
Missy Boling	Charlotte Nickell
Susan Carey	Diane Nisbet
Cynthia Crane	Roberta Rodgers
Bonnie Fekel	Meredith Lawrence Scully
Emily Harrison	Sharon Warfield
Janice Kemp	Sarah McCutchan White

Alto

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

Tenor

Tom Bayersdorfer	Doug Leins
Hank Hildebrand	David Linn
John Kurilko	Jeff Slaughter
Richard Lane	Colby White

Bass

Eric Baldwin	Jeremy Holland
Bob Buchanan	Steve Staggs
Logan Chaput	Julius Tabery
Frank Fekel	Mal Wall
Mike Hassell	David Wyckoff

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