


**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**A CHORAL SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER
FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY**

NOVEMBER 5, 2023
7:00 P.M.



PRELUDE

Prélude sur le nom d'Alain, Op. 7

Maurice Duruflé

SERVICE OF LIGHT

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Response:



Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **Response**

We are illumined by the brightness of his rising. **Response**

Death has no more dominion over us. **Response**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN TO CHRIST THE LIGHT (*Phos hilaron*)

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
It soon is evening and night is falling.
Jesus Christ, the world's true light!
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.
Let your light pierce the darkness
and fill your church with its glory.

(Luke 24:29, translated Gracia Grindal)

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.

* HYMN 673

Jesus, Light of Joy

LAUDA ANIMA

(Following the hymn, the congregation may be seated.)

EVENING PRAYER

PRECES/PRAYERS

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Cantor: O Lord, open thou, our lips.
Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.
Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Cantor: 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.
Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.
Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM 34 O Taste and See Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.
Blest is the one that trusteth in him.

O God, graciously hear us, for we seek you alone. Deliver us from our fears and terrors, quiet us with the peace that passes understanding, and let us taste your goodness, which makes us radiant with joy; Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7: 9-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: Song of Mary (*Harvard Canticles*)
Emily Zapata, soloist

Charles Callahan

My soul doth magnify the Lord
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For He hath regarded the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
For behold from hence forth all generations shall call me Blessed.
For He that is mighty hath magnified me;
and Holy, 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, 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 the Son
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3: 1-3

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: Song of Simeon (*Harvard Canticles*)
Jordan Haas, soloist

Charles Callahan

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 be a light to lighten the gentiles
and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5: 1-12

ANTHEM

Sing Me to Heaven

Daniel Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers
lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.
In response to aching silence
memory summons half-heard voices,
and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.
If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,
sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.
Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure,
Touch in me grief and comfort;
love and passion, pain and pleasure
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:
Sing me a love song, Sing me to heaven.

THE PRAYERS

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Cantor: The Lord be with you.
Choir: And with thy Spirit.
Cantor: Let us pray.
Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord,
have mercy upon us. Our Father which 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 our
trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir: And grant us thy salvation.
Cantor: O Lord, save the state.
Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.
Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.
Cantor: O Lord, save thy people.
Choir: And bless thine inheritance.
Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou,
O God.
Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.
Cantor: 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.
Cantor: 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.
Cantor: 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.

***HYMN**

Prayer for Peace

David Cherwien

Women: 1. O God of love, O King of peace, Make
 Men: 2. Re - mem - ber, Lord, thy works of old, The
 All: 3. Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord? Where
 wars through - out the world to cease; The
 won - ders that thy peo - ple told; Re -
 rest but on thy faith - ful word? None
 wrath of na - tions now re - strain. Give
 mem - ber not our sin's dark stain. Give
 ev - er called on thee in vain. Give
 peace, O God, give peace a - gain.
 peace, O God, give peace a - gain!
 peace, O God, give peace a - gain!

***DISMISSAL**

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

***THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.** (*Signs of peace may be shared by all.*)

POSTLUDE Fugue sur le nom d'Alain, Op. 7 Maurice Duruflé

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

SERVICE NOTES

WORSHIP LEADER: Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake, Pastor and Head of Staff.

MUSICIANS: Westminster Choir; Keith Cole, Cantor; Dr. John W. Semington, Director of Music Ministries; Dale Nickell, Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries.

ABOUT THE PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE: This prelude, along with its fugue, were composed in memory of Duruflé's friend and fellow French organ composer, Jehan Alain, who died heroically in 1940, fighting in World War II. Duruflé derived a melodic theme by converting the alphabetical letters in "Alain" to note pitches, which is heard in the quick figures of the prelude and as the subject of the fugue.

The liturgy for Evening Prayer and all musical responses for use with it are taken from *Book of Common Worship or Daily Prayer; Supplemental Liturgical Resource 5*, Presbyterian Church (USA), Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville, KY.

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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	Janice Kemp
Missy Boling	Jillian Morse
Susan Carey	Diane Nisbet
Cynthia Crane	Wendy Taylor
Ann Ward Eshelman	Sharon Warfield
Bonnie Fekel	Sarah McCutchan White
Rachel Hosé	Emily Harrison Zapata
Susan Kelly	

Alto

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

Tenor

Tom Bayersdorfer	Richard Lane
Keith Cole	Doug Leins
Andy Frederick	David Linn
Jordan Haas	Jeff Slaughter
Hank Hildebrand	Colby White
John Kurilko	

Bass

Frank Fekel	Phil Osbourne
Frank Fish	Steve Staggs
Mike Hassell	Mal Wall
Jeremy Holland	David Wyckoff
Spencer Klavan	

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