St John's
SHAUGHNESSY

Solemn Choral Evensong

The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

November 1, 2026 · 4:00 P.M.

Welcome to St. John's, Shaughnessy! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining us in the church building or via the livestream, we are glad you are here!

If you are new here and would like to learn more, please introduce yourself to the clergy after the service. If you would like to be added to our mailing list so that we may keep you informed of upcoming events, please contact the church office.

Infants and children (and their accompanying noises) enliven our services. Colouring, crafts, and quiet toys are available in the children's area, just to the left of the front pews.

We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, and we pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

CONCERNING EVENSONG

Perhaps nothing is more peculiarly Anglican than the Order of Evensong. It has been sung daily in the Anglican Church since the sixteenth century. Originating from the monastic hours, its beauty consists of the distinctive parts of the ancient office of Vespers and Compline as set forth by Thomas Cranmer in *The Book of Common Prayer* 1549. Today's Order of Evensong is taken from *The Book of Common Prayer* 1662.

There is a formality about the service which often seems far removed from the uncertain, largely incoherent beliefs of many who attend; it is a choral service with little opportunity for the congregation to take an active part. Yet to some extent the formality is deceptive: the words used result from the long quest of generation after generation of Christians for ways to express their thanksgiving and their hope. The preface to the Order of Evensong used in King's College Chapel offers a further explanation:

> *If you are prepared to join in this turning towards God, you will find this is a service in which you can join, though perhaps in ways that are unfamiliar. Here is a liturgical, architectural, and musical space into which, without fretting too much about the words, you may gather the preoccupations and anxieties of your own life and hold them together with a recollection of the God whose acts we celebrate. But many have found that once they have quietly offered the preoccupations which are chattering in their minds they are free silently to go on to offer to God all that they are. The service becomes the medium for our self-offering. By that offering we become open to receive again the love and mercy of God. So we begin again in the Christian life, which is life lived in response to that love and mercy.*
>
> Michael Till, Dean of King's College, Cambridge (1970–1981)

The congregation is invited to attend carefully to the texts of the service and to join in singing the designated portions. The people's responses are in **bold**.

CHORAL EVENSONG

VOLUNTARY *Improvisation* on "Lux aeterna"

INTROIT *O how glorious* Healey Willan (1880–1968)

O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ;
clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.

Vesper Antiphon for All Saints
based on Revelation 7:9

At the ringing of the bell, please stand in body or in spirit.

OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed,
yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
For whether we live, we live unto the Lord;
and whether we die, we die unto the Lord:
whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's.
For to this end Christ died, and lived again,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit,
for they rest from their labours.

The Exhortation

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things that are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

The Confession of Sin

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, miserable offenders;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu 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 ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit; that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRECES Eleanor Dunnet (b.1991)

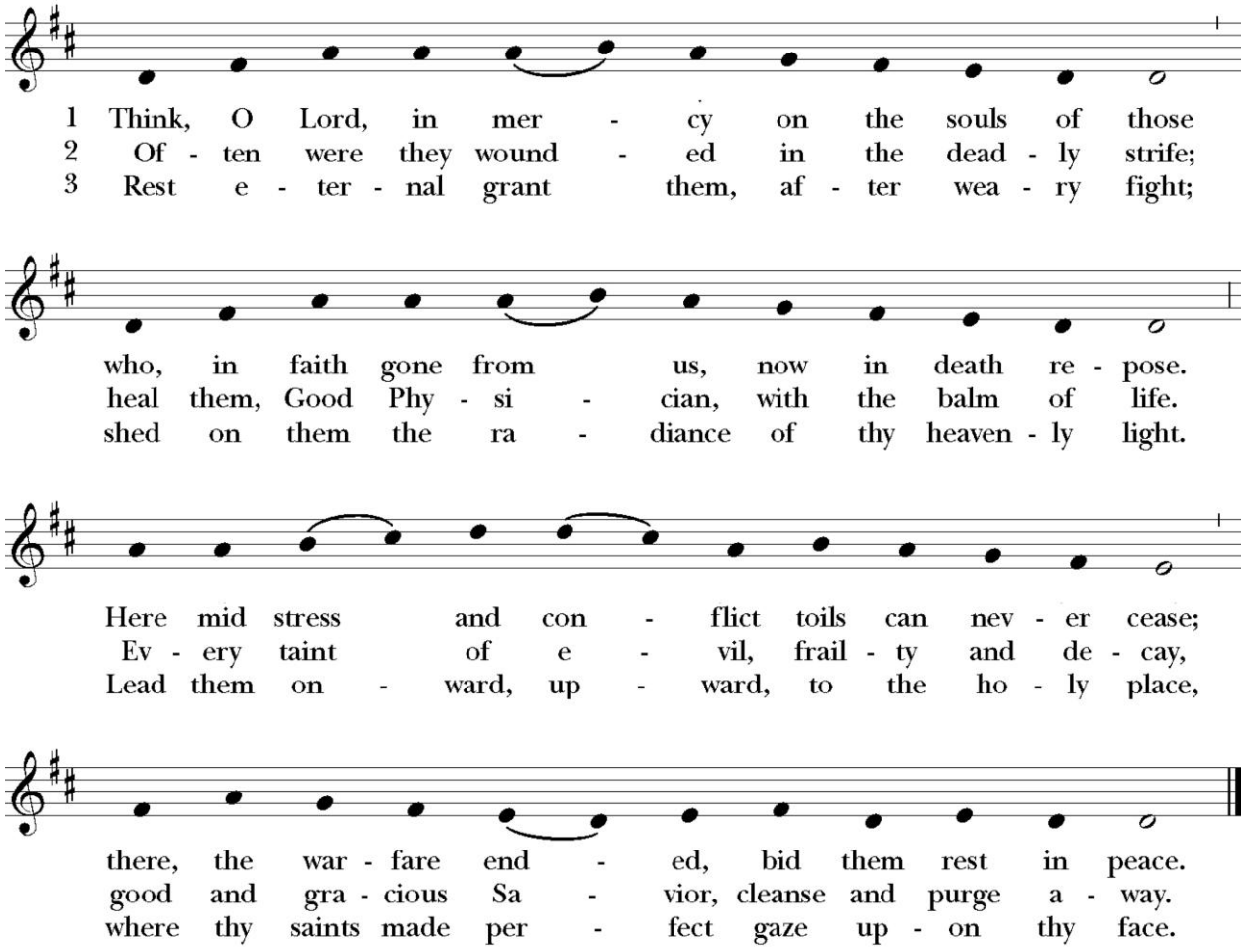
Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord make haste to help us.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir As it was in the beginning, and is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

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


1 Think, O Lord, in mer - cy on the souls of those
who, in faith gone from us, now in death re - pose.
2 Of - ten were they wound - ed in the dead - ly strife;
heal them, Good Phy - si - cian, with the balm of life.
3 Rest e - ter - nal grant them, af - ter wea - ry fight;
shed on them the ra - diance of thy heaven - ly light.
Here mid stress and con - flict toils can nev - er cease;
Ev - ery taint of e - vil, frail - ty and de - cay,
Lead them on - ward, up - ward, to the ho - ly place,
there, the war - fare end - ed, bid them rest in peace.
good and gra - cious Sa - vior, cleanse and purge a - way.
where thy saints made per - fect gaze up - on thy face.

Please be seated.

PSALM 116:1-8 Percy W. Whitlock (1903–1946)

1 I am well pleased :
that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

2 That he hath inclined his ear unto me :
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3 The snares of death compassed me round about :
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

4 I shall find trouble and heaviness,
and I will call upon the Name of the Lord :
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous :
yea, our God is merciful.

6 The Lord preserveth the simple :
I was in misery, and he helped me.

7 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul :
for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

8 And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death :
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

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.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON Wisdom 3:1-9

Here beginneth the first verse of the third chapter of the Wisdom Solomon.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, And their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself. As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever. They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him: for grace and mercy is to his saints, and he hath care for his elect.

Here endeth the first lesson.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

THE MAGNIFICAT *Collegium Regale* 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 shewed 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.

Please be seated.

THE SECOND LESSON John 6:37–40

Here beginneth the thirty-seventh verse of the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Here endeth the second lesson.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS *Collegium Regale* Herbert Howells

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

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 LESSER LITANY — Eleanor Dunnet

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER — recto tono

Our Father,
which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES — Eleanor Dunnet

Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the King.
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.

A COLLECT FOR THE DEPARTED

O eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life: Give, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth thy light and thy peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served thee here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL 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 Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please be seated.

ANTHEM *And I saw a new heaven* M. Edgar L Bainton (1880–1956)

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 men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his 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 any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:1-4

THE HOMILY The Rev. Karin Fulcher

THE INTERCESSIONS

The Officiant offers petitions for all the departed, followed by the reading of the parish necrology. At the conclusion of the necrology, the Officiant prays,

> May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

> Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

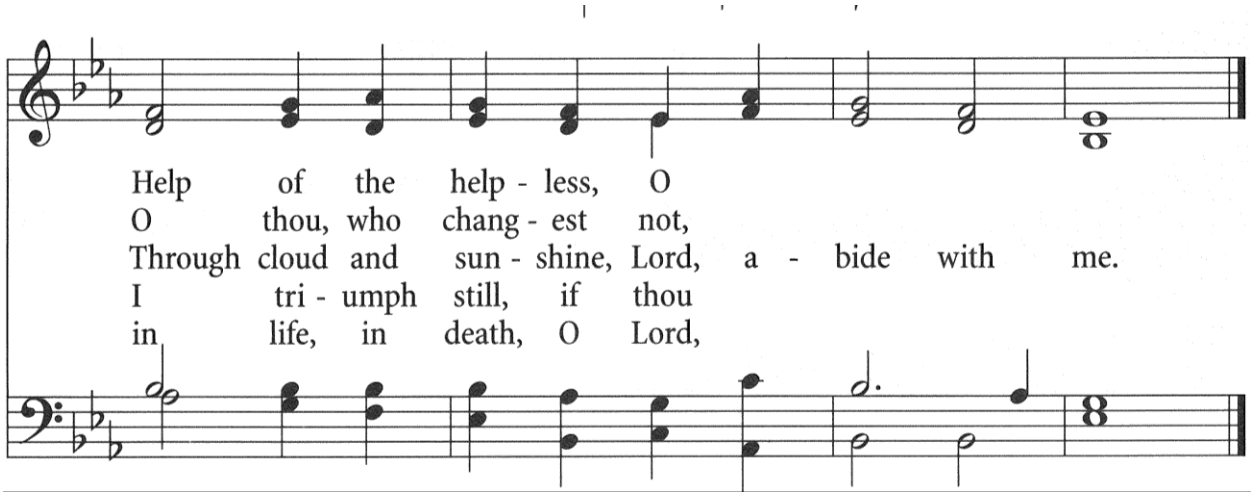
THE GRACE

> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

During the hymn, a collection is taken to support music at St. John's, Shaughnessy. You may also donate online or using the tap machines at the north entrance.

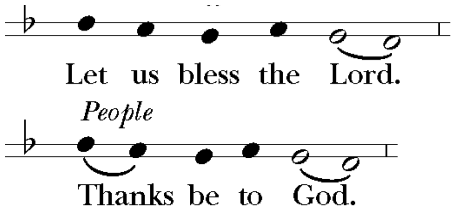
Please stand in body or in spirit.

HYMN — EVENTIDE



THE FINAL RESPONSE

The Officiant dismisses the People, saying



VOLUNTARY *Joie et clartés des corps glorieux* Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the church. We hope you will join us for refreshments after the service.

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