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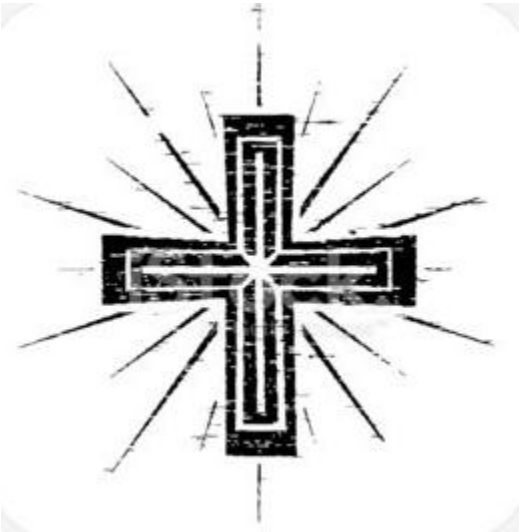

# The Cathedral Eucharist Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

*Sunday 2 November 2025*

*4pm*

# *Welcome*
# to this evening's service

The President is
**Canon Dr Jenny Gaffin**
*Precentor*

The Preacher is
**Canon Andrew Horsfall**
*Interim Dean*

The Deacon is
**Canon James Lawrence**
*Precentor*

The Subdeacon is
**Mihaela Mladin**

The service is sung by
**The Cathedral Choir**

Directed by
**John Robinson**
*Director of Music*

The Organist is
**John Hosking**
*Organist in Residence*

The setting for the service is
**Requiem by Gabriel Faure**

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**The service is live streamed.**

# The Gathering

*Please stand when the ministers and choir enter*

## The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
**and also with you.**

*The president introduces the celebration*

## The Prayers of Penitence

*The deacon says*

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

*The choir sings*

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| Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, | Give them eternal rest, O Lord, |
| Et lux perpetua luceat eis | And let light perpetual shine on them. |
| Te decet hymnus, Deus, | There will be songs of praise |
| in Sion, | to you in Zion |
| Et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem. | And prayers in Jersualem. |
| Exaudi orationem meam; | O hear my prayers; |
| Ad te omnis caro veniet. | All flesh returns to you. |
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| Kyrie eleison | Lord have mercy upon us. |
| Christe eleison | Christ have mercy upon us. |
| Kyrie eleison. | Lord have mercy upon us. |

*The president says*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**

## The Collect

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection that,
in the last day,when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

*Please sit*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## New Testament Reading

*(Romans 8.31-39)*

*Read by Louise Hicks*

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gradual Hymn

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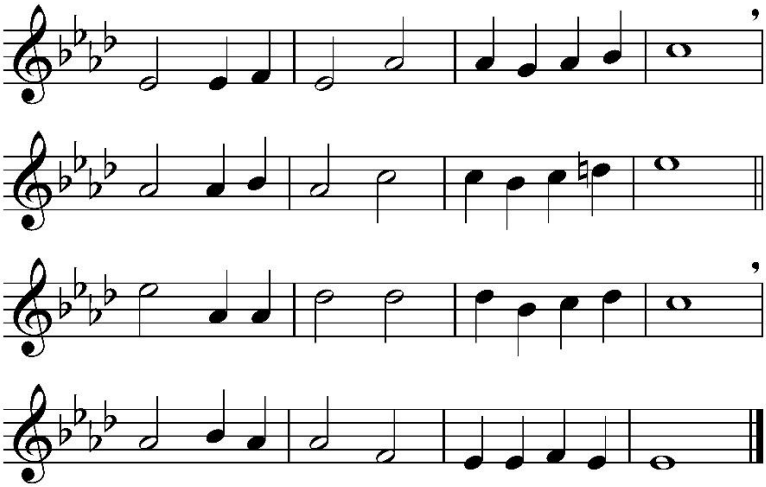

Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn thou for us its darkness into light;
from harm and danger keep thy servants free;
for dark and light are both alike to thee.

Thy peace in sorrow, balm of every pain;
thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;
then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace. *John Ellerton (1826-1893)*

## The Gospel

*The deacon says* *(John 14.1-6)*

Alleluia Alleluia. Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
**Alleluia.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*Canon Andrew Horsfall*

*There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection*

## The Prayers of Intercession

*Led by the deacon*

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,
freedom to captives and salvation to your people:
anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name.

Father, by your Spirit
**bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.

Father, by your Spirit
**bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to tell the world
the good news of your healing love.

Father, by your Spirit
**bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to those who mourn,
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.

Father, by your Spirit
**bring in your kingdom.**

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us:

*The deacon reads the names of those to be commemorated, then the choristers sing*

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| Pie Jesu Domine | *Sweet Lord Jesus,* |
| dona eis requiem sempiternam. | *grant them everlasting rest.* |

*The deacon continues*

Father, by your Spirit
**hear our prayer,**
**and make us one in mind and heart**
**to serve you in Christ our Lord.**
**Amen.**

*Please stand with the president for the peace*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid

*The president says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
**and also with you.**

*The deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace. No collection is taken while the choir is singing. A retiring collection will be taken and will be blessed by the presiding minister after the service.*

## Preparation of the Table

*The deacon prepares the table*

*You may choose to sit at this point and stand after the choir has sung*

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 eas tartarus:

O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,
ne cadant in obscurum.

Hostias et preces tibi,
Domine, laudis offerimus,

Tu suscipe pro animabus illis
quarum hodie memoriam facimus.

Fac eas, Domine,
de morte transire ad vitam,

*Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,*
*deliver the souls of the departed*
*from pains of hell, and the deep lake:*
*Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,*
*deliver the souls of the departed*
*from the mouth of the lion,*
*may the abyss not swallow them up:*
*Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,*
*that they fall not into darkness.*
*Sacrifices and prayers to you,*
*O Lord, we offer with praise.*
*O receive them for the souls of those*
*whom we remember today.*
*Make them, O Lord,*
*to pass from death to life,*

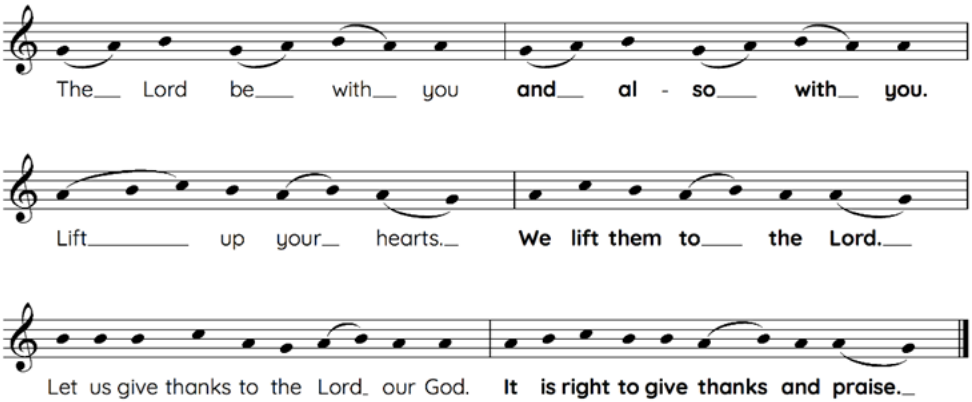
quam olim Abrahae promisisti
et semini eius. Amen.

*which of old you promised Abraham*
*and his seed. Amen.*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church
soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.
**Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer




Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life, and conqueror of death.
By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight.
Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with all your faithful people, evermore praising you and singing:

*The choir sings*

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| Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth | *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.* |
| Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. | *Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.* |
| Hosanna in excelsis. | *Hosanna in the highest.* |

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

*The deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**
**Christ is risen:**
**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary, Paul and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Joining our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer our Saviour taught us,

**Notre père, qui es aux cieux …**
**Vater unser im Himmel …**
**Padre nostro che sei nei cieli …**
**Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích …**
**Tėve Mūsų, kuris esi danguje! ...**
**Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri …**
**Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet…**
**Padre nosso, que estais nos céus…**
**Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w niebie…**
**ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،**
**Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd…**

**Our Father, 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 trespasses,**
**as we forgive those who 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 Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:
if anyone eats of this bread, they will live for ever.
**Lord, give us this bread always.**

*The choir sings*

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| Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. | Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. |
| Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. | Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. |
| Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. | Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. |

## The Giving of Communion

*The president says*

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.
**Blessed are those**
**who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

*When the stewards invite you to go forward, please approach the two communion stations for bread in single file along the central aisle of the Nave.*

*Please do come and ask this first minister for any blessings.*

*Communion is available in both kinds, and the minister distributing bread will say*

The body of Christ.
**Amen.**

*After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the station near the side aisle, and return to your place by the side aisle of the Nave.*

*The minister distributing wine will say*

The blood of Christ.
**Amen.**

*If you do not wish to receive communion wine, please walk past that second distribution*

*point, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave.*

*While you are waiting to go for communion you may wish to sit down.*

## During communion

*The choir sings*

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| Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:<br>cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,<br>quia pius es | *May eternal light shine on them, O Lord,*<br>*with your saints for ever,*<br>*because you are merciful.* |
| Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,<br>et lux perpetua luceat eis. | *Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,*<br>*and may perpetual light shine on them.* |
| Libera me, Domine,<br>de morte aeterna<br>in die illa tremenda quando coeli<br>movendi sunt et terra dum veneris<br>judicare saeculum per ignem. | *Deliver me, O Lord,*<br>*from eternal death,*<br>*on that fearful day when the heavens are*<br>*earth are moved and you come to judge*<br>*the world through fire.* |
| Tremens factus sum ego et timeo,<br>dum discussio venerit<br>atque ventura ira. | *I am made to tremble, and I fear,*<br>*when the desolation shall come,*<br>*and also the coming wrath.* |
| Dies irae, dies illa,<br>calamitatis et miseriae,<br>dies magna et amara valde. | *That day, the day of wrath,*<br>*calamity, and misery,*<br>*that terrible and exceedingly bitter day.* |
| Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,<br>et lux perpetua luceat eis. | *Give them eternal rest, O Lord,*<br>*and let perpetual light shine on them.* |
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| Libera me, Domine,<br>de morte aeterna. | *Deliver me, O Lord,*<br>*from eternal death.* |

*Silence is kept*

## Prayer after Communion

God of love,
may the death and resurrection of Christ,
which we have celebrated in this eucharist
bring us, with all the faithful departed,
into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory for time and eternity. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## The Dismissal

*The president says*

May God give to you and to all those whom you love
his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
And the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The deacon says*

Go in the peace of Christ.
**Thanks be to God.**

*The president and ministers will leave in procession*

## In Paradisum

In paradisum deducant te angeli,
in tuo adventu
suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te
in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem.

*May the angels lead you into paradise,*
*may the martyrs receive you*
*in your coming,*
*and may they guide you*
*into the holy city, Jerusalem.*
*May the chorus of angels receive you*
*and with Lazarus once poor*
*may you have eternal rest.*

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