All Saints' Sunday
Requiem



November 1, 2026
5:00 p.m.

Christ Church
Alexandria, Virginia

The Requiem Mass, or *Missa pro Defunctis,* is a Mass for the Dead. For centuries, Christians have prayed for the souls of the departed. In ancient times, the Jewish people prayed for the immortal souls of the just to have *requiem aeternam* (rest eternal). While one is more likely to encounter a Requiem being sung for a concert rather than a liturgy these days, we are fortunate to be able to offer the service this evening within a liturgical context.

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) likely began work on his *Requiem* in 1887. He claimed to have started composing it "for the pleasure of it." However, the death of his father in 1885, and his mother earlier in 1887, may have had an impact on him choosing this endeavor. There is no evidence that Fauré composed this work for a liturgical setting, although he was employed as the organist at the Church of the Madeleine in Paris, so he may have had occasion to use movements of it in his church work. Much like Johannes Brahms did with his Requiem, Fauré did not set the complete liturgical Requiem to music. Rather, he selected texts which appealed to him from the funeral service itself and left many others out. The mention of the Last Judgment only appears in the *Libera me* movement, and that was added in a later publication of the work. It is believed the movement existed as a stand-alone composition from an earlier time. Fauré chose to emphasize the ideas of rest and peace above all others. Numerous editions of this work are available for use. This evening, we are using an arrangement by David Hill, director of the BBC Singers, the London Bach Choir, and also a faculty member of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.

In tonight's Eucharistic celebration, we remember the faithful departed whom we love but see no longer. We offer our prayers that God will continue to bless them, and that we too may one day join with them in endless adoration of our Loving Creator.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people stand.

OPENING ANTHEMS

Celebrant: I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

The people are seated.

I. REQUIEM Gabriel Fauré

Rest eternal grant them, Lord God, we pray to thee, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Thou, O God, art worshiped in Holy Sion, unto thee the vow shall be performed in Jerusalem. Hear our prayer, for unto thee all flesh shall come. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The people stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Give to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

II. REQUIEM Fauré

Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, liberate the souls of all the faithful departed from eternal torment; deliver them from the lion's mouth, let not hell swallow them up, let them not fall into darkness. Sacrifices and prayers of praise, O Lord, we offer to thee. Receive them, Lord, on behalf of those souls we commemorate this day. Grant them, O Lord, to pass from death unto life, which once thou promised to Abraham and to his seed. Amen.

The people stand.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated.

HOMILY The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons

The people stand and say

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The people are seated.

The Reading of the Necrology

Charles Abel
Buck Adams
Ross Adams
Ronald L. Albers
Evelyn Ambriscoe
Michael Barrett
Michael F Barrett Jr.
Michael Berkowitz
Richard Briggs
Sherman W. Broka
Robert D. Broka
Marisa J. Broka
Josephine Burns
John Burns
Joel Carlson
Robin Chambers
Catherine Claggett
Marie Clemens
Jim Coakley
Laura Cochran
Tom Coffman
Barbara Cooley
Marcie Corbett
David Davidson
Thelma Demeritte
Carol Ann Detlef
Annie Dillard
Tom Dillon
Kenneth Drake
John Peter Dunn
Nancy Ely-Raphel
Lawrence Fedewa
Sharon Ferguson
Margaret Forsythe
Dorris Garrett
Renee Nicole Good
Russ Guerry
Michael Halbert
Robert Haldane
Elise Frick Haldane
Marie Elise Haldane
Don Hilty
Mary Akin Horton
Virginia Louise Lansdale Humphrey
William Calvin Humphrey
Drue Reynolds Hurd
Ben Hutto
Stanley Walker II
Jack Rattikin III
Berry St. John
Brianna Jolly
Sandra Jolly
Jack Jolly
William Jolly
Robert H. Jones
Sam Keller
John Kennedy
John Kristensen
James Laney
Porto Lange
Sally Leonard
Helen Lewis
William L'Hommedieu
Brad Lipham
Rusty Lynn
James Mamary
Jonathan May
Beatrice Smith Maybank
Charles McCarty
Jessie Honnen McCarty
Charles Francis McCarty
Charles Merriam
Stephen A. Modlin
Stephen Allen Modlin
Braxton Moncure
Michael H. Murray
Joseph Nader
Colleen Nelson
Delia Neuman
Pearl Nunez
Shirley Frances Ortiz
Rebecca Parisian
Carole Parmelee
Stuart Pitt
John Prevar
Bob Pringle
Jonny Reese
Frank Martin Reinink
Doug Rendleman
Brad Roberts
George Rucker
Ruth Salmon
Leveo V. Sanchez
Allan Sandlin
Gretchen Seiler
Pauline Shaver
Duncan Sheik
Derek Shows
Patricia Snyder
Harold Stephens
Patricia Stephens
Valentina Sylvestruk
Felicity Anne Taylor
Brewster Beattie Taylor
Dick Thompson
Karyn Thomson
Shirley Thronson
Ken Thumma
Kevin Vellek
Polly Venable
Kate Coakley Vitt
Pearl Walsh
George Wear
Betty Honnen Wear
Russell Weaver
Margaret Welch
Joe Wharton
Dionne Williams
Jeanne Witt
Paul Ladd Womack
Gary Wright
Thomas Wright

III. REQUIEM Fauré

Blessed Jesus, Lord, I pray you grant them rest, grant them everlasting rest.

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;
People: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**
Celebrant: May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
People: **Amen.**

The people stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

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The people are seated.

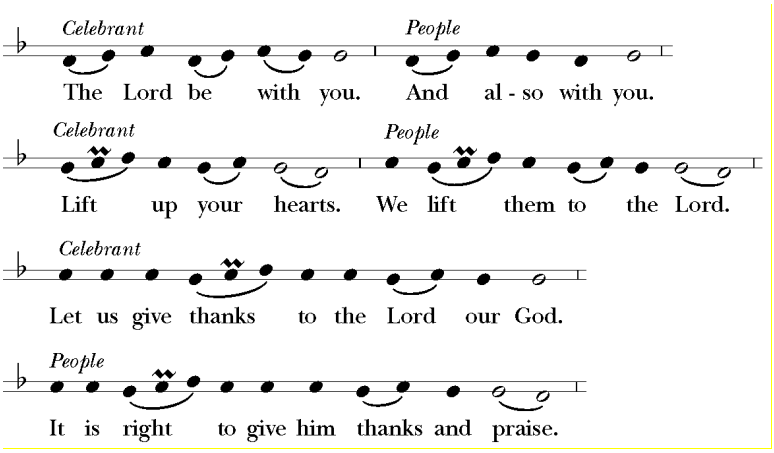
VI. REQUIEM Fauré

Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal, on that dreadful day: when the heavens and the earth shall quake, when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. I am seized by trembling, and I fear until the judgement should come, and I also dread the coming wrath. O that day, day of wrath, day of calamity and misery, momentous day, and exceedingly bitter, when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

IV. REQUIEM Fauré

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

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

V. REQUIEM Fauré

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting. May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, in the company of thy saints for ever and ever, for thou art merciful. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light shine upon them.

To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest administering.

After all have received Communion,

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The people stand or kneel.

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The people stand.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

VII. REQUIEM Fauré

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs welcome you upon your arrival, and lead you into the holy city of Jerusalem. May a choir of angels welcome you, and, with poor Lazarus of old, may you have eternal rest.

Following the procession and concluding music, you may kneel or be seated to pray.
We ask everyone to please maintain reverent silence in departing.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Robbie Laughton, *Celebrant*
The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons, *Preacher*
The Rev. Beth Bingham, *Assisting Priest*
Thoma Lipartiani, *Assisting Seminarian*
Steve Slayton, *Verger*
Chris Brewster, *Reader*
Claudia Ellet, Van Ellet,
Lynn Tuner Virginia Amos,
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Rodney Fisher, Billy Senter, *Ushers*
Cindi Bartol, Matt Hooper, *Altar Guild*

M. Jason Abel, *Director of Music*
Adam Detzner, *Guest Organist*
Tam Tran, *Violin*
Mykel Hinkie-McDonald, *Cello*
Cambria Van de Vaarst, *Harp*
The Christ Church Choir
Ben Hinkie-McDonald, Genevieve McGahey,
Joshua Brown , *Soloists*

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday, November 9
12:00 Concerts at Christ Church
American Landscapes: A Musical Celebration at 250
Ryo Usami, Violin, Yi-Chen Feng, Piano

Sunday, December 6
5:00 Lessons and Carols
The combined choirs of Christ Church, Brass Quintet, and organist Daniel Aune will offer carols and hymns for Advent and Christmas. Readers from the Alexandria community will participate and a festive reception will follow in the Auditorium. Doors will open at 4:30 for seating.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC FOR 2026-2027

Gifts received as of October 26, 2026

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In memory of our parents

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Kris Amundson

Julie Angus & Joseph Markoski,
In memory of Kate and Robin

E. Ruth Arnold

Jay & Cindi Bartol,
In memory of our parents

Nancy Bieging

Vici Boguess

Marilyn Bromley,
In memory of Cap Bromley

Michael J. Brown

John & Debbie Burns

Brian Butcher

Bob & Becky Cady,
In thanksgiving for Jason Abel

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In memory of Margery Bowes Dakin

Elizabeth Dakin,
In memory of Margery Bowes Dakin

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