Newport Cathedral
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Requiem Mass

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and

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed



Sunday 1st November 2026

All Souls Eve

4.00pm

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.

(Charles Wesley)

All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy; and this instinct also is expressed in the liturgy of All Souls' Day.

Tonight's Requiem is sung by the choristers, youth choir, and adults of the Cathedral Choir to the movements from the Requiem in D minor (Opus 48) by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924).

The Choir processes into the stalls in silence (please remain seated)

Please stand as the Choir sings, and the clergy process in

Introit et Kyrie

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.	Grant eternal rest to them, Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them.
Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion, et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem: exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.	A hymn befits you, God in Zion, and a vow to you shall be fulfilled in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer, for unto you all flesh shall come.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy upon us.

Introduction – *we remain standing*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

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

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

God has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of his glory
in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God
and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,
and confess them before God our Father.

We sit or kneel

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,**
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray for the peace and well-being of the whole Church.

Silence is kept.

Everlasting 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.

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
1 Peter 1.3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a
living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead, 4and into an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5who are
being protected by the power of God through faith for a
salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6In this you
rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer
various trials, 7so that the genuineness of your faith -
being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is
tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory
and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

[8]Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even
though you do not see him now, you believe in him and
rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, [9]for you are
receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your
souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
All **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading – *we stand*
John 5.19-25

Listen to the gospel of Christ according to St John
Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to the Jews, 'Very truly, I tell you, the Son can
do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father
doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does
likewise. [20]The Father loves the Son and shows him all
that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater
works than these, so that you will be astonished. [21]Indeed,
just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so
also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. [22]The
Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the
Son, [23]so that all may honour the Son just as they honour
the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does
not honour the Father who sent him. [24]Very truly, I tell you,
anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent
me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement,
but has passed from death to life.

[25] 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now
here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and those who hear will live.

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

We sit

Pie Jesu

Pie Jesu Domine,	Merciful Lord Jesus,
dona eis requiem,	grant them rest,
requiem sempiternam.	eternal rest.

Sermon – Canon John Connell, *Canon Residentiary*

Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death.

Jesus, bread from heaven,
you satisfy the hungry with good things:
grant us a share with all the faithful departed
in the banquet of your kingdom.

Hear us, risen Lord,
All **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, the light of the world,
you gave the man born blind the gift of sight:
open the eye of faith and bring us from darkness
to your eternal light and glory.

Hear us, risen Lord,
All **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, Son of the living God,

you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life:

raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.

Hear us, risen Lord,
All **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, crucified Saviour,
in your dying you entrusted each to the other,
Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple:
sustain and comfort all who mourn.

Hear us, risen Lord,
All **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, our way and truth and life,
you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith:
reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.

Hear us, risen Lord,
All **our resurrection and our life.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy
bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,
to a joyful resurrection
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.
All **Amen.**

The Peace – *we stand*

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

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

Offertoire – *as the Choir sings, the altar is laid*

O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas defunctorum de poenis inferni, et de profundo lacu: *libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas tartarus, 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, quam olim Abrahae promisisti, et semini ejus.*	O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, free the souls of the dead from infernal punishment, and from the deep abyss. Free them from the mouth of the lion, do not let Hell swallow them up, do not let them fall into the darkness. Sacrifices and prayers of praise we offer to you, O Lord. Receive them for the souls of those whom we commemorate today. Lord, make them pass from death to life, as you once promised to Abraham, and to his seed.

Prayer over the gifts

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All: **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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*:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Domine Deus Sabaoth, pleni
sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are filled with your
glory. Hosanna in the highest!

All praise and thanks to you, true and living God,
Creator of all things, giver of life.
You formed us in your own image;
but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.
We give you thanks that you sent your Son to share our life;
you gave him up to death that the world might be saved,
and you raised him from the dead
that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine,
your gifts to us, that they may be for us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,
and when he had given thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup,
and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,
Drink from this, all of you,
for 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died,**
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.

As he has commanded us, Father,
we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.
Proclaiming his victorious death,
rejoicing in his resurrection
and waiting for him to come in glory
we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Restore and revive your people,
renew us and all for whom we pray
with your grace and heavenly blessing,
and at the last receive us
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Gwynllyw, our patron,
Gwladys, Cadoc, Dewi, Julius and Aaron,
and all your saints and martyrs down the ages
into that unending joy promised by your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

SIT OR KNEEL / *EISTEDD NEU BENLINIO*

Silence is kept

With all the company of God's saints, living and departed, as our Saviour taught us, we pray in the language of our choosing

Our Father,	***Ein Tad,***
who art in heaven,	***yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd,***
hallowed be thy name,	***sancteiddier dy enw,***
thy kingdom come,	***deled dy deyrnas,***
thy will be done,	***gwneler dy ewyllys;***
on earth	***megis yn y nef,***
as it is in heaven.	***felly ar y ddaear hefyd.***
Give us this day	***Dyro i ni heddiw***
our daily bread.	***ein bara beunyddiol***
And forgive us	***a maddau i***
our trespasses	***ni ein dyledion,***
as we forgive those	***fel y maddeuwn***
who trespass against us.	***ninnau i'n dyledwyr.***
And lead us not	***Ac nac arwain***
into temptation,	***ni i brofedigaeth;***
but deliver us from evil.	***eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.***
For thine is the kingdom,	***Canys eiddot ti yw'r***
the power and the glory,	***deyrnas,***
for ever and ever. Amen.	***a'r gallu, a'r gogoniant,***
	yn oes oesoedd. Amen.

The Communion / *Y Cymun*

The President breaks the bread.

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

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Giving of Communion

'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord;
'whoever comes to me will never hunger;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.'
'I am the vine: you are the branches.'

All **May we dwell in him as he lives in us.**

During Communion, the Choir sings:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.	Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.	Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.
Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.	May eternal light shine on them, Lord, with your saints, for eternity, for you are merciful. Grant eternal rest to them, Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them.

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power.

All **For you have created all things,**
and by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and nation.

All **You have made them to be a kingdom and priests**
serving our God,
and they will reign with you on earth.

The names of those who died in the past year are read aloud. Then the names of all those we wish to remember are placed upon the altar.

Once all the names have been read aloud, the following prayer of commendation is said:

Hear us, O merciful Father,
as we remember in love
those whom we have placed in your hands.
Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock,
sinners of your own redeeming.
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

All **Amen.**

All who wish to do so are welcome to come forward and light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

During the lighting of candles the Choir sings:

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 angels lead you into Paradise. At your coming may martyrs receive you, and may they lead you into the Holy City, Jerusalem. May the chorus of angels receive you, and with Lazarus, who once was a pauper, may you have eternal rest.

Post Communion Prayer

All: **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,
our rock and our salvation,
to whom be glory for time and for eternity.
Amen.

We stand to receive God's blessing

Blessing

May God give you	
his comfort and his peace,	
his light and his joy,	
in this world and the next;	
And the blessing	*A bendith*
of God Almighty,	*Duw hollalluog,*
+ the Father, the Son,	*+ y Tad, y Mab,*
and the Holy Spirit	*a'r Ysbryd Glân*
be among you and	*a fo yn eich plith*
remain with you always.	*ac a drigo gyda chwi yn wastad.*
All: **Amen.**	**Amen.**

Neither death nor life
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir and clergy process out in silence. As the lights are dimmed you are welcome to sit in silence until you wish to leave.

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