

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



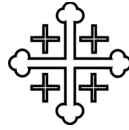
Choral Evensong

Sunday, November 6
4:00 PM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

All Saints' Sunday

The custom of commemorating all the saints of the Church as a single celebration dates back to at least the third century. The early history of the Church is filled with stories of the heroic faith of these witnesses to Christ's truth and love. The stories of these saints—those baptized Christians of all ages and in all walks of life—are models for all Christians throughout history. On this All Saints' Sunday we hold up holy men and women in the Church who have lived lives of faithful and joy-filled service. As one of the recommended days for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we also welcome the newly baptized as we all renew and reaffirm our own baptismal promises. And at the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled in our lives.



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THE TRADITION OF CHORAL EVENSONG

Welcome to Washington National Cathedral. It is an ancient tradition for the people of God to offer praise and prayer as the day draws to a close. Choral Evensong is a service of sung evening prayer. The text of the service is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. The main purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in human history, and in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sung psalms and canticles are interwoven with readings from the Old and New Testaments and the recitation of the Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer. Other prayers and hymns are drawn from the many centuries of the Christian Church. The congregation is invited to listen reflectively and prayerfully as the choir offers prayer and praise on their behalf. Many find this frees them to offer to God their own thoughts and prayers.

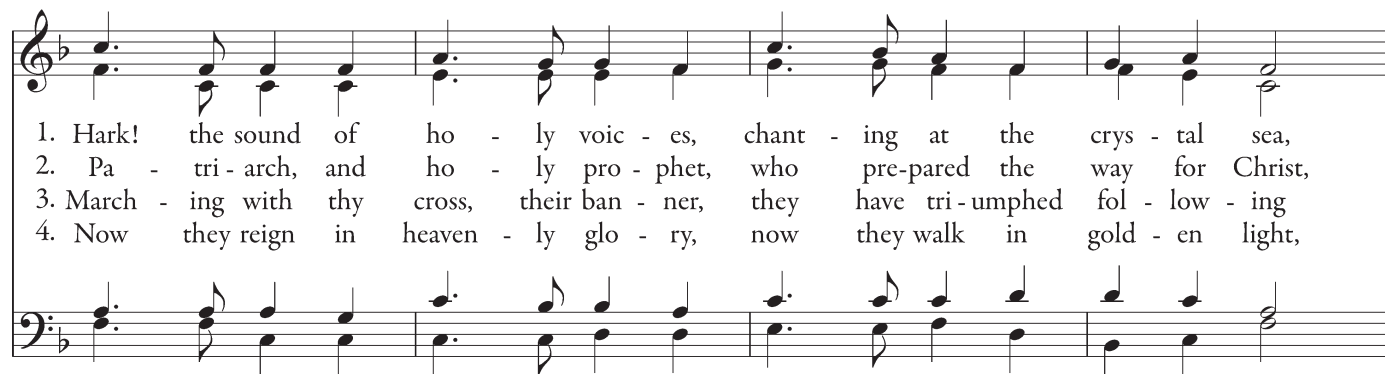
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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Return Home to Within

Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

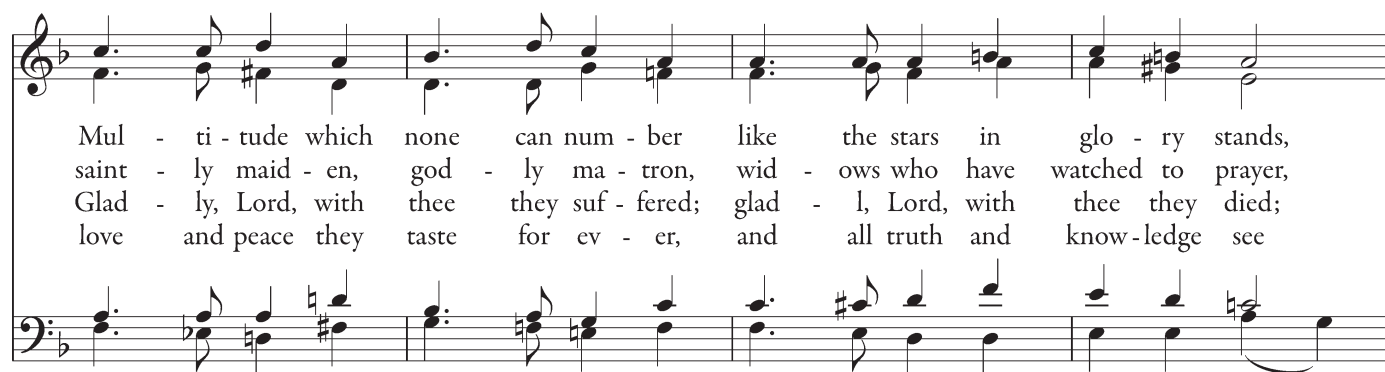
The people stand as able as the procession enters.



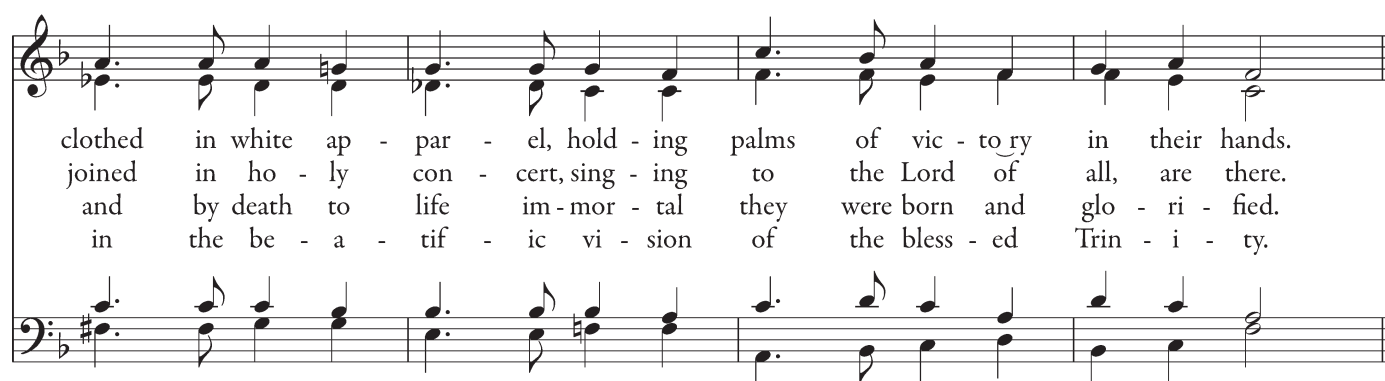
1. Hark! the sound of ho - ly voic - es, chant - ing at the crys - tal sea,
 2. Pa - tri - arch, and ho - ly pro - phet, who pre-pared the way for Christ,
 3. March - ing with thy cross, their ban - ner, they have tri - umphed fol - low - ing
 4. Now they reign in heaven - ly glo - ry, now they walk in gold - en light,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to thee!
 king, a - pos - tle, saint - con - fes - sor, mar - tyr and e - van - gel - ist,
 thee, the Cap - tain of sal - va - tion, thee, their Sa - vior and their King.
 now they drink, as from a riv - er, ho - ly blis and in - fi - nite;



Mul - ti - tude which none can num - ber like the stars in glo - ry stands,
 saint - ly maid - en, god - ly ma - tron, wid - ows who have watched to prayer,
 Glad - ly, Lord, with thee they suf - fered; glad - l, Lord, with thee they died;
 love and peace they taste for ev - er, and all truth and know - ledge see



clothed in white ap - par - el, hold - ing palms of vic - to ry in their hands.
 joined in ho - ly con - cert, sing - ing to the Lord of all, are there.
 and by death to life im - mor - tal they were born and glo - ri - fied.
 in the be - a - tif - ic vi - sion of the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

PRECES

Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Officiant O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

The candles are lighted as the choir sings.

PHOS HILARON

Gary Davison (b. 1961)

The Phos hilaron is an ancient lamp-lighting hymn. Meaning “gladdening light” in Greek, it is among the earliest-known hymn texts recorded outside of the Bible that is still in use today.

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The people are seated.

Hallelujah!
 Praise the Lord from the heavens;
 praise him in the heights.
 Praise him, all you angels of his;
 praise him, all his host.
 Praise him, sun and moon;
 praise him, all you shining stars.
 Praise him, heaven of heavens,
 and you waters above the heavens.
 Let them praise the Name of the Lord;
 for he commanded, and they were created.
 He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
 Praise the Lord from the earth,
 you sea-monsters and all deeps;
 Fire and hail, snow and fog,
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;
 Mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars;
 Wild beasts and all cattle,
 creeping things and winged birds;
 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers of the world;
 Young men and maidens,
 old and young together.
 Let them praise the Name of the Lord,
 for his Name only is exalted,
 his splendor is over earth and heaven.
 He has raised up strength for his people
 and praise for all his loyal servants,
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
 Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Wisdom 5:1-5, 14-16

The righteous will stand with great confidence in the presence of those who have oppressed them and those who make light of their labors. When the unrighteous see them, they will be shaken with dreadful fear, and they will be amazed at the unexpected salvation of the righteous. They will speak to one another in repentance, and in anguish of spirit they will groan, and say, “These are persons whom we once held in derision and made a byword of reproach—fools that we were! We thought that their lives were madness and that their end was without honor. Why have they been numbered among the children of God? And why is their lot among the saints?” Because the hope of the ungodly is like thistledown carried by the wind, and like a light frost driven away by a storm; it is dispersed like smoke before the wind, and it passes like the remembrance of a guest who stays but a day. But the righteous live forever, and their reward is with the Lord; the Most High takes care of them. Therefore they will receive a glorious crown and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord, because with his right hand he will cover them, and with his arm he will shield them.

Here ends the lesson.

The people remain seated as the choir sings.

MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in G minor, Z. 231; Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

The Magnificat is the Blessed Virgin Mary's song of thanksgiving in response to the fact that she will bear the Son of God, fulfilling the promises of the Old Testament.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
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 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 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 Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Luke 1:46-55)

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-4, 22-22:5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Here ends the lesson.

The people remain seated as the choir sings.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in G minor, Z. 231; H. Purcell

The Nunc dimittis is the song of the aged Simeon, who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. Upon taking the infant Jesus into his arms, Simeon utters these words of thanksgiving.

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 Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(*Luke 2:29-32*)

The people stand as able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Said by all, facing the high altar.

The Apostles' Creed grew from statements of belief made by early Christians at their baptism. The Church continues to confess this same faith in the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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

G. Hancock

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

Said by 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 SUFFRAGES

G. Hancock

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant O Lord, save the State;
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.

THE COLLECTS

The officiant sings a series of prayers, appointed for the day, each followed by a choral Amen.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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 thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The collects conclude with:

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
Choir Thanks be to God.

The people are seated.

OFFERING

An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, at cathedral.org/support, or by texting the dollar amount you wish to give to 202-856-9005.

ANTHEM

Faire Is the Heaven

Sung by the choir.

William Henry Harris (1883–1973)

Faire is the heaven, where happy soules have place
In full enjoyment of felicitie,
Whence they doe still behold the glorious face
Of the Divine Eternall Majestie.

Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins,
Which all with golden wings are overdight,
And those eternall burning Seraphins,
Which from their faces dart out fiery light;
Yet fairer than they both, and much more bright,
Be th' Angels and Archangels, which attend
On God's owne Person, without rest or end.

These then in faire each other farre excelling,
As to the Highest they approach more neare,
Yet is the Highest farre beyond all telling,
Fairer than all the rest which there appear,
Though all their beauties joynd together were;
How then can mortall tongue hope to expresse
The image of such endlesse perfectnesse?

(Edmund Spenser, ca. 1552–1599)

The people stand as able. Additional prayers and petitions may be said at this point, concluding with The General Thanksgiving.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Said by all.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The officiant blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

HYMN • 253

Give Us the Wings of Faith to Rise

Sung by all.

San Rocco



1. Give us the wings of faith to rise with - in the veil, and see
2. We ask them whence their vic - tory came; they, with u - ni - ted breath,
3. They marked the foot - steps that he trod, his zeal in - spired their quest,
4. Our glo - rious Lead - er claims our praise for his own pat - tern given;

the saints a - bove, how great their joys, how bright their glo - ries be.
as - cribe their con - quest to the Lamb, their tri - umph to his death.
and fol - lowing their in - car - nate God, they reached the prom - ised rest.
while the long cloud of wit - ness - es show the same path to heaven.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Placare Christe servulis, Op. 38, No. 16

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

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Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please know that your participation with us today has been a blessing.

PARTICIPANTS Officiant: The Reverend Patrick L. Keyser, Priest Associate; Musicians: The Girls Cathedral Choir, Canon Michael McCarthy, Canon for Music and Director of Institutional Planning, Thomas M. Sheehan, Organist and Associate Director of Music, Rebecca Ehren, Organ Scholar.

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