

Saint Thomas's Church

ALL SOULS' DAY

COMMEMORATION OF THE  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED

SOLEMN REQUIEM

NOVEMBER 2, 2021 AT 6:30 PM

**Celebrant:** Fr. Humphrey  
**Homilist:** Fr. Shire  
**Deacon:** Fr. D'Angelo  
**Reader:** Nicholas Saulnier  
**Organist & Director of Music:** Matthew Whitfield

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**MUSIC OF THE MASS** – *Missa Pro Defunctis*

**PRELUDE:** Vor deinen Thron tret' ich hiermit, BWV, 668, *J.S. Bach*

*Please stand as the Choir sings alone*

**INTROIT AND KYRIE:** Psalm 65.1-5

*Antiphon:* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

*Psalm:* Praise is due to thee, O God, in Sion :  
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem  
Thou that hearest the prayer :  
unto thee shall all flesh come  
My misdeeds prevail against me :  
O be thou merciful unto our sins  
Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and receivest : that he may dwell in  
thy courts  
We shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house :  
even of thy holy temple

*Antiphon:* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord...

*Kyrie:* Lord have mercy upon us.  
Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.  
**R / And with thy spirit.**

*Please remain standing*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray

O Lord, the maker and redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed all the unsearchable benefits of thy Son's passion; that in the day of his appearing they may be manifested as thy true children; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**THE LESSON:** Wisdom 3.1-9

The First Lesson is written in the third chapter of the book of Wisdom, beginning at the first verse. But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

The word of the Lord.  
*R* / **Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir alone sings:*

**TRACT:** PSALM 112.4-7; *Tone VII,5*

- 4 Unto / the upright there ariseth up light in the **dark**-ness :  
he is merciful, loving, **and** right-eous.
- 5 It is well with the man that is merciful and **lend**-eth :  
and ordereth his affairs **with** jus-tice.
- 6 For he shall never be **mov**-ed :  
and the righteous shall be had in everlasting **re**-mem-brance.
- 7 He will not be afraid of any evil **ti**-dings :  
for his heart standeth fast and believ- **eth** in the Lord.  
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL:** John 6.35-40

The Holy Gospel is written in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the thirty-fifth verse.

*R* / **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; and this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

The Gospel of Christ.  
*R* / **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand as the Choir alone sings:*

**HYMN 613** - O, what their joy and their glory must be

- 1 O, what their joy and their glory must be,  
Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see;  
Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest;  
God shall be all, and in all, ever blest.
- 2 What are the monarch, his court and his throne?  
What are the peace and the joy that they own?  
O that the blest ones, who in it have share,  
All that they feel could as fully declare!
- 3 Truly Jerusalem name that we shore,  
Vision of peace, that brings joy evermore;  
Wish and fulfilment can severed be ne'er,  
Nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.
- 4 There, where no troubles distraction can bring,  
We the sweet anthems of Sion shall sing;  
While for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise  
Thy blessed people eternally raise.
- 5 Now in the meantime, with hearts raised on high,  
We for that country must yearn and must sigh;  
Seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,  
Through our long exile on Babylon's strand.
- 6 Low before him with our praises we fall,  
Of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;  
Of whom, the Father, and in whom, the Son;  
Through whom, the Spirit, with them ever One.

*REGNATOR ORBIS (O QUANTA QUALIA)  
Tr. (1854) from the Latin of Peter Abelard (12<sup>th</sup> Cent.)  
by Rev J.M. Neale*

*adapted from a melody in La Feillée's Plain Chant, 1808*

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful God, accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Increase our faith, deepen our hope, and receive our brothers and sisters departed into the glory of our risen and ascended Saviour; even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. **Amen.**

*Prayer at the conclusion of the remembrance of the departed, during which the bell is tolled.*

**SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEPARTED**

O Father of all, we pray to thee for those whom we love but see no longer. Grant them thy peace; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Deacon invites the people to join in this general Confession, for which all kneel.*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then shall the Celebrant stand up, and turning himself to the people, pronounce this Absolution:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

V / The Lord be with you;

R / **And with thy spirit.**

V / Lift up your hearts;

R / **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

V / Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

R / **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*The Choir sings:*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*Amen*

*The people say together:*

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE**

**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 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.**

*After a short period of silence the consecrated Bread is broken and the Celebrant says:*

V/ The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
R / **And with thy spirit.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All who intend to receive Communion then say together this prayer of humble access:*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. **Amen.**

*The Choir sings:*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant them rest.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant them rest.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant them rest eternal.

## MOTET

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts, *Henry Purcell*

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

V / May they rest in peace.

R / **Amen.**

## THE PROCESSION TO THE CATAFALQUE

## PRAYERS AT THE CATAFALQUE

*The Choir sings:*

### THE KONTAKION OF THE DEAD

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, the Creator and Maker of all; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Then follow these prayers:*

O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be made perfect unto the day of Jesus Christ.

And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, grant that we, who now serve thee here on earth, may at the last, together with them, be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy Passion, Cross, and Death between thy judgement and our souls, now and in the hour of our death.

Vouchsafe to grant mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest God world without end.

V / Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:  
R / **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
V / May their souls, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
R / **Amen.**

*As the Requiem ends the congregation  
is requested to leave the church in silence.*