Christ Church Cathedral
OXFORD

REQUIEM EUCHARIST
All Souls’ Day 2020
6pm Oxford Time
Welcome to Christ Church. Our celebration of the Eucharist this evening unites us with Christians who have worshipped in this way across the world and throughout the centuries, as we do together what Jesus did: sharing bread with his friends.

Today’s service is a special Requiem Eucharist to mark All Souls’ Day, the day each year when we remember all those who have died, whether recently or long ago. It is particularly poignant this year as we mourn thousands who have died of Covid-19 and who, because of the pandemic, have died alone. In Christ we are still united with all those whom we love, even across the great abyss of death. And so we bring to God all those we have loved and lost, especially those to whom we have not been able to say our goodbyes in the way we would have chosen: entrusting them and all people to God’s faithful care.

The list of names of those we commemorate, which was read aloud in the cathedral on Saturday night, will be placed upon the altar at the Offertory and offered in silent prayer by the President: a symbol of committing them in faith to God’s love. Sadly, as part of our risk mitigation measures for Covid-19, we are not going to light candles during the service; but there will be an opportunity to light a candle as you leave. Please follow the instructions of the vergers, especially as they direct you to receive Communion. If you normally receive Communion, or have been baptised, you are welcome to receive Communion here; if you would prefer a blessing, please don’t extend your hands for the bread. As part of our risk mitigation we are not able to share the wine together.

The Cathedral Choir sings much of the service to the Requiem setting by Gabriel Fauré. You are invited to reflect, contemplate, and remember. Please feel free to sit, stand or kneel as you find most comfortable and helpful to your prayer. This service will be live-streamed: if you want to be out of camera range, please ask the vergers who will find you a seat out of shot.

Setting of the Eucharist

Requiem in D minor

Gabriel Fauré (1852–1924)
Please stand if you are comfortably able as the Choir sings the Introit and Kyrie, during which the ministers will enter. Please do sit at any point during the service if you wish or need to.

**Introit and Kyrie Eleison**

Requiem æternam
dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion,
et tibi reddetur votum
in Jerusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam;
ad te omnis caro veniet.

Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison.

Rest eternal
grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
You, O God, are praised in Zion,
and unto you vows shall be fulfilled
in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer;
to you all flesh shall come.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**The Greeting**

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

*All*  and also with you.

The President welcomes the Congregation.

**Prayers of Penitence**

*The Deacon invites the People to confess their sins.*

*Deacon*  God has shone in our hearts to give the light
of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ.
As we acknowledge our human frailty.
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,
and confess them before God our Father.
Silence is kept as we call to mind our sins.

Deacon  You are full of compassion,  
        long-suffering and very merciful.  
        Lord, have mercy.

All  Lord, have mercy.

Deacon  I have sinned, O God, I have sinned,  
        and I acknowledge my transgressions.  
        Christ, have mercy.

All  Christ, have mercy.

Deacon  Give me again the joy of your salvation  
        and sustain me with your gracious Spirit.  
        Lord, have mercy.

All  Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

President  May the God of love and power  
        forgive you and free you from your sins,  
        heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
        and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All  Amen.

The Collect

President  Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

President  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.

All  Amen.
A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah.

My soul is bereft of peace;
   I have forgotten what happiness is;
so I say, ‘Gone is my glory,
   and all that I had hoped for from the Lord.’

But this I call to mind,
   and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
   his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
   great is your faithfulness.
‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,
   ‘therefore I will hope in him.’

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
   to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
   for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not reject for ever.
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
   according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict
   or grieve anyone.

Reader       Here ends the reading.
Please stand as the Choir sings a Gospel Acclamation.

Acclamation

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.
In memoria aeterna erit justus: ab auditone mala non timebit.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.
The just shall be in everlasting remembrance: they shall not fear evil tidings.

Gospel Reading
John 5:19–25 (NRSV)

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

Jesus said, ‘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. 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. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, 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. 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.

‘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.

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.
The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Please kneel or sit as we remember all those who have died and entrust them to God in prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray in hope and trust to the Lord our God.

Loving Father,
you sent your Son to conquer sin and death
and all that separates us from you:
hear us now as we remember in love
all whom we have placed into your hands,
the faithful departed, gone before us;
those who have died this day;
those who have died amidst violence and suffering;
those who have died alone, afraid, or unprepared;
and all whom we hold in our hearts.

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

May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.

The Choir sings two movements from the Requiem Mass. Please use this time as you wish: to remember, contemplate, or pray; and please sit throughout if that is most comfortable. Although we are not able to move about the cathedral to light candles at this point in the service, as we rest in this holy place we are able to hold in our hearts all those whom we miss and mourn. If you would like to light a candle, there will be an opportunity to do so in the porch as you leave.
Pie Jesu, Domine, 
dona eis requiem, 
sempiternam requiem.

Libera me, Domine, de morte æterna, 
in die illa tremenda, in die illa. 
Quando cœli movendi sunt, 
quando cœli movendi sunt et terra. 
Dum veneris judicare sæculum 
per ignem.

Tremens, tremens factus sum ego, 
et timeo, dum discussio venerit 
atque ventura ira. 
Dies illa, dies iræ, 
calamitatis et miseriae. 
Dies illa, dies magna 
et amara, amara valde.

Requiem æternum dona eis, Domine, 
et lux perpetua luceat eis, luceat eis.

Libera me, Domine, 
de morte æternum, 
in die illa tremenda, in die illa. 
Quando cœli movendi sunt, 
quando cœli movendi sunt et terra. 
Dum veneris judicare sæculum 
per ignem.

Libera me, Domine, de morte æterna. 
libera me, Domine.

Merciful Jesus, Lord, 
grant them rest, 
everlasting rest.

Free me, O Lord, from eternal death, 
on that fearful day, on that day, 
when the heavens shall be moved, 
the heavens and the earth moved, 
while you come to judge the world 
with fire.

Trembling, I am trembling 
and afraid as the trial approaches 
and the coming anger. 
That day, that day of anger, 
of calamity and misery! 
That day, that great 
and bitter day, exceedingly bitter.

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

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free me, Lord.
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the heavens and the earth moved,  
while you come the judge the world  
with fire.

Intercessor Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with the saints:

All where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all:  
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth,  
and unto earth shall we return.  
For so you ordained when you created me, saying:  
‘Dust you are and to dust you shall return.’
All of us go down to the dust,  
yet weeping at the grave, we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

President 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.

Please stand.

The Peace

President 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 Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All may greet those near them with a bow or other socially distanced sign of peace. Please return to your seats as the anthem begins.

**Preparation of the Table**

Please sit. The offertory is sung, during which the president prepares the altar herself. The Eucharistic bread for the congregation will remain covered throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.

The president will place on the altar, along with bread and wine, the names of those whom we have been asked to remember in the cathedral today. This is a sign of our entrusting of them to God’s all-embracing love.

**Offertory**

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 Abrahæ promisisti,
et semini eius.

Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
derive the souls of the dead
from the punishments of hell,
and from the infernal lake.
Deliver them from the mouth of the lion,
lest the abyss swallow them up,
lest they fall into the darkness.
Sacrifices and prayers of praise,
we offer to you, O Lord.
Receive them for the souls of those
whom today we commemorate.
Make them, O Lord,
to pass from death to life,
as you once promised to Abraham
and his seed.
Please stand.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President  The Lord be with you
All  and also with you.

President  Lift up your hearts.
All  We lift them to the Lord.

President  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All  It is right to give thanks and praise.

President  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 saying:

The Choir sings the Sanctus:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus  Holy, holy, holy
Dominus Deus Sabaoth:  Lord God of hosts:
pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua.  heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in excelsis.  Hosanna in the highest..
President

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. Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
President
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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Frideswide, Birinus, and all the faithful departed
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.

All
Amen.

Please kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

President
Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.
Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated bread.

President  We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All         Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

The President invites the People to receive Communion.

President  God’s holy gifts for God’s holy people.
All         Jesus Christ is holy,  
            Jesus Christ is Lord,  
            to the glory of God the Father.

If you would like to receive Communion, please wait in your place until you are invited by a verger to move towards the High Altar. Please maintain two metres distance from others as you go to the altar, and please follow the instructions of the vergers at all times. If you need Communion bringing to you, please tell the verger when s/he comes to you.

We will receive Communion in the bread only. The President will receive at the altar, consuming the whole of the priest’s host which has been uncovered; then sanitise her hands before picking up the ciborium. She will pick up a host and place it in your hands without touching you. If you would like a blessing, keep your head bowed; the President will take a step back and pray a short blessing without touching you.

During the administration of Communion, the Choir sings Agnus Dei and Lux Aeterna.
Agnus Dei & Lux aeterna

Agnus Dei, 
qui tollis peccata mundi, 
dona eis requiem, 
requiem sempiternam.

Lux æterna luceat eis, 
Domine, cum sanctis tuis 
in æternum, 
quia pius es. 
Requiem æternam 
dona eis, Domine, 
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Lamb of God, 
you take away the sins of the world, 
grant them rest, 
rest everlasting.

Let eternal light shine upon them, 
O Lord, with your saints 
for ever, 
because you are merciful. 
Rest eternal 
grant unto them, O Lord, 
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

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.
Please stand if you are comfortably able for the end of the service.

**Blessing**

President  
May our risen Lord Jesus  
give you his comfort and peace,  
his light and his joy,  
and lead you in hope to the end of your days;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you, and remain with you this day and for evermore.

All  
**Amen.**

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

All  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Clergy leave in procession, as the Choir sings *In Paradisum*. This is part of our service; some people remain standing until the music has finished, but please feel free to sit if that is more helpful or comfortable.

You are welcome to stay in the Cathedral for as long as you wish in prayer and reflection. If you would like to pray with or speak to anyone, the Clergy will be available after the service.

**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  
æternam habeas requiem.

May the angels lead you into paradise;  
upon your arrival  
may the martyrs receive you  
and may they guide you on  
into the holy city, Jerusalem.  
May the chorus of angels receive you,  
and with Lazarus, poor no longer,  
may you have eternal rest.
Musicians

Director of Music
Professor Steven Grahl

Organist
Benjamin Sheen

Choir
Christ Church Cathedral Choir

Orchestra
The Wolsey Ensemble

Horn 1
Alice Kingham

Horn 2
Kate Goldsmith

Harp
Rachel Wick

Violin solo
Eve Kennedy

Viola 1
Rachel Byrt
Thomas Kirby
Fran Higgs

Viola 2
Chris Windass
Laura Galletta

Cello 1
Jane Fenton
Carina Drury

Cello 2
Gavin Kibble
Rachel Watson

Double bass
Kate Aldridge

We are grateful to the Friends of Christ Church Cathedral for their generous support of the music in this evening’s service.
Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant to us, Lord God,
to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but also for those whom we love
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;
that, as we believe your power
to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
so may we trust your love to give eternal life
to all who believe in him;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.