

LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

during All Souls Tide

OPENING HYMN

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

INTRODUCTION

Priest: In the name of Christ, who died
and was raised by the glory of the Father,
we welcome you.
Grace and peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest We gather to remember before God those whom we miss, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and pray that together we may be one in Him through whom we offer our praise to God. As we approach the mystery of God's eternal love, let us remember our sins and failings.
(Pause for reflection)

ACT OF PENITENCE

Priest: For the times we have acted without showing our love;
All: **Father, forgive us**

Priest For the time we have reacted without thought;
All: **Father, forgive us**

Priest: For the times we were not so patient
and supportive as we would like to have been;
All: **Father, forgive us**

Priest: For the times we have failed to forgive others;
All: **Father, forgive us**

Priest: For the hurt of the world, of which we are a part;
All: **Father, forgive us**

Priest: May Almighty God
have mercy upon us +
forgive us our sins
and bring us to eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

OPENING PRAYER:

Let us pray: *(Silence)*

Blessed are you, Lord God, lover of our souls;
you uphold us in life and sustain us in death:
to you be glory and praise forever!
For the darkness of this age is passing away
as Christ the bright and morning star
brings to his saints the light of life.
As you give light to those in darkness
who walk in the shadow of death,
so remember in your kingdom your children,
that death may be for them the gate to life
and to unending fellowship with you;
where with your saints you live and reign
one in the perfect union of love, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS

A Reading from Michel Quoist (Please sit)

But where are they, Lord, those that I have loved?
Are they in ecstasy, taken up with holy loving in harmony with the
Trinity?
Are they tormented in the night,
burning with desire to love with an infinite love?
Are they in despair, condemned to their own selves
because they preferred themselves to others?
Consumed with hate because they can no longer love?

Lord, my loved ones are near me,
I know that they live in the spirit.
My eyes can't see them
because they have left their bodies for a moment,
as one steps out of one's clothing.
Their souls, deprived of their bodily vesture,
no longer communicate with me.

But in you, Lord, I hear them calling me,
I see them beckoning to me,
I hear them giving me advice,
For they are now more vividly present.
Before, our bodies touched, but not our souls.
Now I meet them when I meet you.
I receive them when I receive you.
I love them when I love you.
Oh, my loved ones, eternally alive, who live in me,
Help me to learn thoroughly in this short life how to live eternally.

Lord, I love you, and I want to love you more.
It's you who make love eternal, and I want to love eternally.

Alleluia Alleluia, alleluia! It is my Father's will, says the Lord,
That I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day. Alleluia!
(John 6:39)

Gospel Reading *(Please stand)*

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ... All that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never turn away. I have come down from heaven, to do not my own will, but the will of him who sent me. It is his will that I should not lose even one of those he has given me, but should raise them all up on the last day. For it is my Father's will that everyone who sees the Son and has faith in him should have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." *(St. John 6: 35-40)*

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MUSIC

REFLECTION FOR THE READING OF NAMES

When light broadens behind the curtains, and I wake to my morning, my thoughts go at once to you. In the midst of life I am living your death, seeing with your eyes. All day I am keeping pace with your journey, and hold on to the hope that moves from loving to letting you launch out gently into the dark like a keel into water moving.

THE NAMES OF THE DEPARTED ARE READ

During which the

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

takes place

The Commemoration

As the Names are reads, you are invited to bring your candle to the catafalque in the choir and light it from the other candles. They will remain there as a sign of thanksgiving for the life of the person commemorated and of our commending them to the loving care of God the Father of us all. When all is done, the priest comes forward with Holy water and incense to offer the Commendation:

THE COMMENDATION

Priest: Go forth upon your journey, O Christian souls;
in the name of God the Father + who created you. **Amen**

Priest: In the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for you. **Amen**

Priest: In the name of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Priest: In communion with the blessed Virgin Mary,
and with all the blessed saints;
with the angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, **Amen**

Priest: May your portion this day be in peace And your dwelling
in the city of God. **Amen**

*The priest sprinkles the catafalque and censes it. We then sing the
Offertory Hymn.*

OFFERTORY HYMN (Tune : Finlandia)

BE STILL, my soul: The Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the weight of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
through every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your gracious heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the winds and waves still know
the voice of Christ that ruled them here below.

Be still, my soul: the day is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
in his safe presence we shall meet at last.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*During the **Angus Dei**, we sing:*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant them rest (2)*

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

followed by the Communion of the people

COMMUNION HYMN

BE STILL, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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FINAL BLESSING

Priest: The eternal God is your dwelling place
and underneath are the everlasting arms.

All: Blessed is the Lord our strength and our salvation.

Priest: Rest eternal + grant to them O Lord

All: And let perpetual light shine on them. Amen.

FINAL HYMN:

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes, where Thy body lay.

Chorus:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won;*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. *Chorus:*

In Heaven we see Him, Lord of endless days,
Glory of the Blessed; object of their praise.
With our Mother Mary and the Saints above,
Ever interceding in the Land of Love. *Chorus:*

Where journeys ended we shall see His Face,
Lovely in his splendour; shining with His grace;
With our eyes beholding who we now adore,
Join the Saints in glory; praise Him evermore! *Chorus:*