COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

Requiem Eucharist



For the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Sunday 1st November, 2026 at 3:00pm

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

In the stillness and splendour of our Cathedral, we gather for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed - a service held in deep gratitude and remembrance of those who have gone before us in faith and love. Interwoven with the timeless beauty of Mozart's Requiem Mass in D minor (K626).

The Cathedral choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, Director of Music, the organists are Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music and Adam Heron, Organ Scholar.

Within the Anglican tradition, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed- often known as All Souls' Day- is a time when the Church pauses to remember the great communion that binds together the living and the dead in Christ. It is an expression of hope and trust in the resurrection, affirming that death does not break the bonds of affection or the promise of God's redeeming love. Through prayer and music, we commend all souls to the mercy of God and find comfort in the assurance that "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Here in Coventry Cathedral, this commemoration carries a special depth of meaning. Built from the ruins of destruction and dedicated to reconciliation, the Cathedral stands as a place where memory, loss, and hope meet. As we remember those who have died - whether recently or long ago - we do so in a place that proclaims resurrection from ruin and peace after pain. Our remembering tonight becomes part of the Cathedral's ongoing witness: that love is stronger than death, and that in Christ all things are made new.

The service is led by The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister, who presides; the Reverend Canon Sacha Slavic, Cathedral Associate Minister, is the preacher this evening.

May this service bring solace, strength, and hope, as we entrust all the faithful departed to God's eternal care, and find in His presence the promise of life everlasting.

Requiem Mass in D minor (K. 626)
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Mozart's *Requiem* is one of the most profound and moving works in the sacred music tradition. Composed in the final months of his life and left unfinished at his death, it brings together the drama of human mortality, the fear of judgement, and the longing for mercy and eternal rest. From the thunderous urgency of the *Dies irae* to the tender supplication of the *Lacrimosa*, the music holds together the sorrow of parting and the hope of redemption.

At our All Souls' Commemoration, as we remember those who have died and commend them to the love of God, Mozart's *Requiem* offers space for grief, reflection and prayer. Its haunting beauty gives voice to the mystery of death and the enduring Christian hope that, beyond the darkness of the grave, we may find light, peace and everlasting life in God.

The congregation STANDS as the Choir and clergy enter.

Introit and Kyrie

The choir sings

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.	*Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion, et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.	*A hymn, O God, becometh thee in Sion, and a vow shall be paid to thee in Jerusalem.*
Exaudi orationem meam; ad te omnis caro veniet.	*O Lord, hear my prayer, all flesh shall come to thee.*
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.	*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

The Greeting

The president says

We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient but the things that are unseen are eternal.

The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Jesus 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.

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.

The president says

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

The president says
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,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation SITS.

The First Reading

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

[5]Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7]Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. [8]But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. [9]Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.[10]For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. [11]But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5: 5-11

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Dies irae and Lacrimosa

Dies irae
Dies irae, dies illa
solvet saeclum in favilla,
teste David cum Sibylla.
Quantus tremor est futurus,
quando judex est venturus,
cuncta stricte discussurus.

Lacrimosa
Lacrimosa dies illa,
qua resurget ex favilla
judicandus homo reus.
Huic ergo parce, Deus.
Pie Jesu Domine,
dona eis requiem. Amen.

The congregation STANDS

The Gospel Reading

The deacon says
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.
Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 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 on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

John 6:37-40

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

A short reflection follows the Gospel reading to introduce the reading of names of those who have died.

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The congregation SITS or KNEELS. The President says

Glory and honour and power:
are yours by right, O Lord our God;
for you created all things:
and by your will they have their being.

Glory and honour and power:
are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain:
for by your blood you have ransomed for God
a kingdom of priests from every race and
language, from every people and nation.

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud.

After all the names have been read the President says
This is the will of him that sent me
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
and I will raise them up at the last day.

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.
Amen.

The Choir sing,

Domine Jesu Christe

Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,
libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum
de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu.
Libera eas de ore leonis,
ne absorbeat eas tartarus,
ne cadant in obscurum.
Sed signifer sanctus Michael
repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam,
quam olim Abrahae promisisti
et semini ejus.

Prayers of Intercession

The deacon leads the intercessions.
In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Silence is kept.

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,
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,
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,
our resurrection and our life.
Hear us, risen Lord,
as we pray for all those who have died,

Silence is kept.
God of mercy,
entrusting into your hands all that you have made
and rejoicing in our communion
with all your faithful people,
we make our prayers
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Offertory

The congregation SIT as the Choir sings

Domine Jesu Christe, rex gloriae, libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu. Libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas Tartarus, ne cadant in obscorum: sed signifier Sanctus Michael repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam quam olim Abrahae

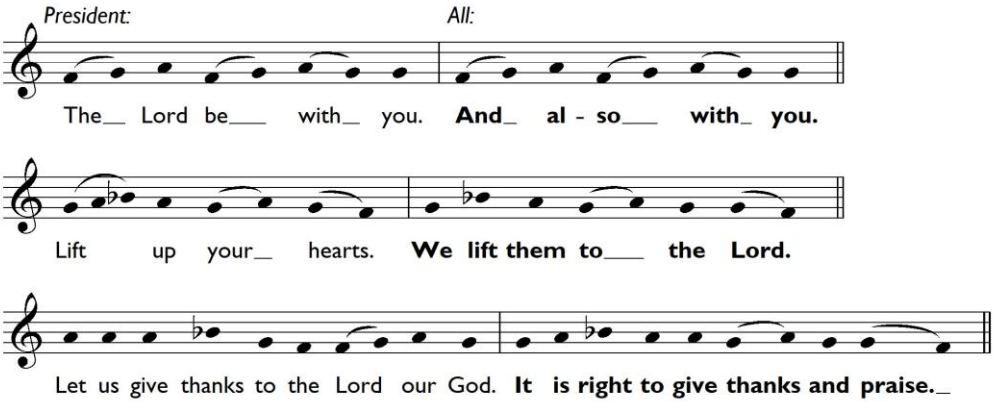
Lord Jesus Christ, king of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the punishments of hell and from the deep lake. Deliver them from the mouth of the lion, lest Tartarus swallow them up, lest they fall into darkness: but let the standard-bearer Saint Michael bring them back into the holy light which you

promisisti, et semini eius. Hostias et preces tibi, domine, offerimus: tu suscipe pro animabus illis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus; fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam quam olim Abrahae promisisti, et semini eius.

once promised to Abraham and his seed. We offer prayers and sacrifices to you, lord: you receive them on behalf of those souls whose memory we recall today; cause them, Lord, to pass from death to the life which you once promised to Abraham and his seed.

The congregation STANDS

The Eucharistic Prayer



The president says

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.
And now we give you thanks because through him
you have given us the hope of a glorious resurrection;
so that, although death comes to us all,

yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;
for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away;
and when our mortal flesh is laid aside
an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus

The choir sings

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus, sabaoth.	*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.*
Pleni sunt Caeli et Terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	*Heaven and Earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.*
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

The president continues

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you 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 gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

The deacon says
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Michael
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The president says
As our Saviour taught his disciples, so we pray:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

The Giving of Communion

It is our custom for this part of the service to be a time of quiet reflection. Please wait in your seat to be directed by a churchwarden or steward. If wish to receive gluten-free bread, please ask and we will be happy to accommodate. Those who do not intend to receive Communion, but who would prefer to receive a blessing, are asked to carry this booklet as an indication of your preference to the ministers. During the distribution of Communion the choir sings.

Agnus Dei and Lux Aeterna

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.	*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give 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.	*Let perpetual light shine upon them together with thy saints, for thou art good. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

The Prayer after Communion

The president begins
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.

The Dismissal

The congregation STAND. The president says
May God give to you and to all those whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The deacon says

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

Amen.

The congregation remains STANDING as the Choir sings

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, aeternam habeas requiem.	May the angels receive thee in paradise, at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee, and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem. There may the choir of angels receive thee and with Lazarus, once a beggar, may thou have eternal rest.

The clergy and choir process out and the service ends in silence.

We are deeply grateful for your presence today. Kindly support the ongoing work of the Chorus, please consider making a generous donation as you leave. Stewards will be available at the back of the Nave to assist with your gift. Card machines are available. Thank you for your generosity.

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