

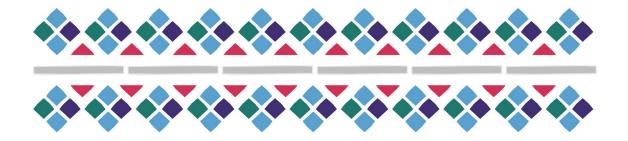
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The Annual Memorial Evensong Service

with gratitude for 175 years of the Church of the Transfiguration and 100 Years of the Episcopal Actors' Guild

Memorial Address by Anthony Newfield

November 12, 2023 Church of the Transfiguration



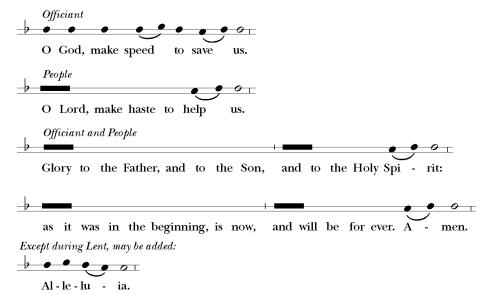
Order of Service

The Magnificat and Nunc dimittis are from the Evening Service in G by Ch. V Stanford.

Prelude Variations on Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele (Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul) Georg Böhm

Welcome by the Rev. Fr. John David van Dooren

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Psalm 23 (sitting, congregational response)



- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters. (refrain)
- 3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (refrain)
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. 3 (refrain)

Old Testament Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 44:1–14 Leslie Middlebrook Moore

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

The Magnificat (congregation may remain seated)

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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis (congregation may remain seated)

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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Apostles' Creed (standing, sung together on a single note)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

Ch. V. Stanford

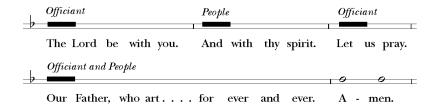
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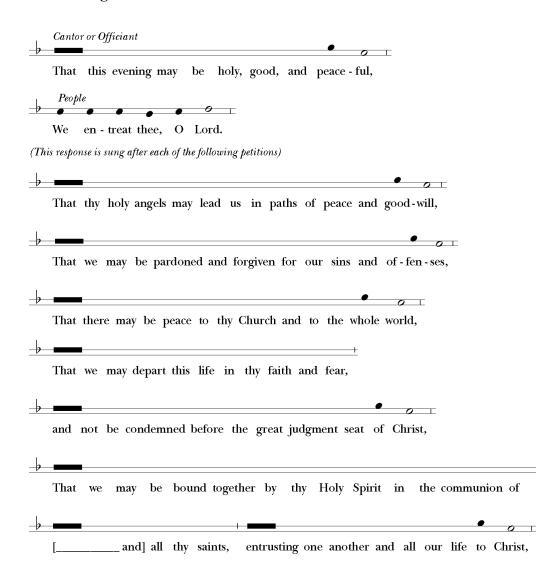
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: The Responses

Officiant and People sing on monotone:



The Suffrages



Collects (Prayers) Fr. van Dooren

Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there, I do not sleep I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the softly falling snow I am the gentle showers of rain, I am the fields of ripening grain I am in the morning hush, I am in the graceful rush, of far off birds In circling flight, I am the Starshine of the night I am in every flower that blooms, I am in still and empty rooms I am the child that yearns to sing, I am in each lovely thing Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there I did not die,

Words: Mary Elizabeth Frye

Warden of the Guild Introduces our Speaker

Fr. van Dooren

Memorial Address Anthony Newfield

Memorial List, 2023-2024

Gary Sloan, Sondra Lee, Ariel Estrada, and Joan Kane

Following the reading of this year's Memorial List, please join us in a rousing final standing ovation in celebration of the lives and work of those we have lost.

Anthem Pie Jesu Andrew Lloyd Webber

Pie Jesu Domine, Merciful Lord Jesus, dona eis requiem, grant them rest, requiem sempiternam eternal rest.

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Prayers Fr. van Dooren

Te Deum Laudamus (censing of altar)

Charles Villiers Stanford

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee;

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true: and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:

thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage.

Govern them: and lift them up for ever.

Day by day: we magnify thee; And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Blessing

Postlude Toccata on For All the Saints

Charles Callahan





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