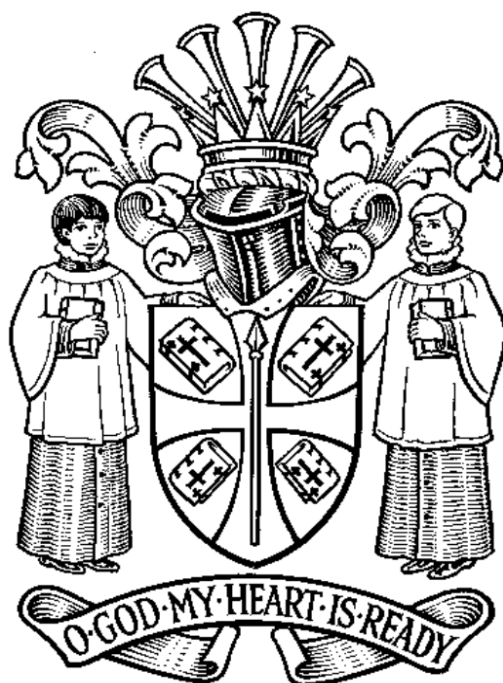


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Adagio *from* Symphony no. 3 in f-sharp minor, Op. 28

Louis Vierne
(1870-1934)

Trio sonata in e, BWV 528

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

In Paradisum *from* Three Pieces for Organ

Calvin Hampton
(1938-1984)

Improvisation on St. Clement (1994)

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)
trans. Peter Stoltzfus Berton

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Gerre Hancock



ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Resurrectionis

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

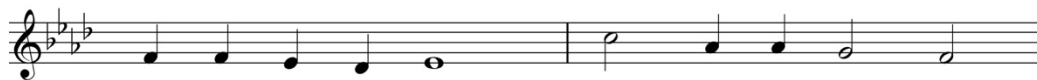
HYMN

ORA LABORA

The People stand at the entry of the Choir.



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
3 may do ser - vice here: by feeblest a - gents
4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897, alt. Music: Ora Labora, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

INTROIT

Messe de Requiem, Op. 9

Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

REQUIEM aeternam dona eis
Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

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

Ps. Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion;
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem:
exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.

Ps. Thou, O God, art praised in Sion;
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem:
Thou that hearest the prayer,
unto thee shall all flesh come.

Requiem aeternam...

Rest eternal...



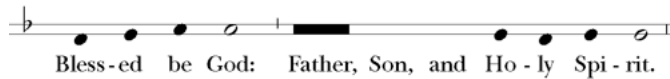
KYRIE

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

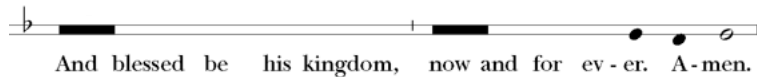
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant



People



The Celebrant says

SEEING that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

The Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

MOST merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servant Judith; and we pray that, having opened to her the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive her more and more into thy joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served thee in the past, she may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

REMEMBRANCES

*Deborah and Lisa Hancock
Professor Dana Marsh*

ANTHEM

*Ned Rorem
(1923-2022)*

SING, my soul, his wondrous love,
who, from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful o'er our race,
still to us extends his grace.

Heaven and earth by him were made;
all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show
so much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good,
bought us with the Savior's blood,
and, to make salvation sure,
guides us by his Spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore his Name!
Let his glory be thy theme:
praise him till he calls thee home;
trust his love for all to come.

Anonymous



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

1 Chronicles 15:16-28

read by Kenneth Koen

A Reading from the First Book of Chronicles

DAVID commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brethren as the singers who should play loudly on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.

The singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were to sound bronze cymbals; Zechari'ah and his brethren were to play harps according to Al'moth; but Mattithi'ah, and the other Levites were to lead with lyres according to the Shem'inith. Chenani'ah, leader of the Levites in music, should direct the music, for he understood it. The priests, should blow the trumpets before the ark of God.

So David and the elders of Israel, and the commanders of thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of O'bed-e'dom with rejoicing. And because God helped the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as also were all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and the singers, and Chenani'ah the leader of the music of the singers; and David wore a linen ephod. So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, to the sound of the horn, trumpets, and cymbals, and made loud music on harps and lyres.

The lector concludes

The People respond

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM 121

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant: Barry Rose
(b. 1934)

LEVAVI OCUL

I WILL, lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon her.

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:12-17

A Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians

PUT on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.

The People respond **Thanks be to God.**



HYMN

MICHAEL

1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
4 Dai - ly doth the al might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of
trust re - new, me through change and chance he
tray our trust, though with care and toil we
pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es
guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth
known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words : Robert Bridges (1844-1930) based on the German of J. Neander (1650-1680) Music : Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI) and Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

This acclamation heralds the Gospel Reading

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor "I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord, "he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Alleluia!



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew



People

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

JESUS said to his disciples, Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People Sit.

THE SERMON

The Rector

After the sermon, a period of silence is kept.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People stand when the Celebrant goes to the Altar.

The Intercessor says

FOR our sister, Judith, let us pray to our Savior Jesus Christ who said:
"I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Jesus, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; be with us and all who mourn for Judy and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, O Christ.

Jesus, you wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend. Comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, O Christ.

Jesus, you raised the dead to life. Give to our sister Judy eternal life.

Hear us, O Christ.



Jesus, you promised paradise to the thief who repented.
Bring our sister Judy to the joys of heaven.
Hear us, O Christ.

Judy was washed in the waters of Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;
give her a place in the company of your saints.
Hear us, O Christ.

Judy was nourished with your Body and Blood in the Eucharist;
grant her a place at the table at the banquet you have promised to your people
at the close of the age.
Hear us, O Christ.

Our sister Judy enriched the liturgy of the Church on earth;
Grant her a share in the worship of heaven.
Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of Judy;
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.
Hear us, O Christ.

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

O GOD, God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven:
Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music
to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth;
and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty,
and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

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.
People **And with thy spirit.**

GREETINGS

*The People sit. An offering will be taken for the Choir School.
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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM

Gerre Hancock

DEEP river, my home is over Jordan,
deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
that promised land where all is peace?
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

African American Spiritual

HYMN

DARWALL'S 148TH

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

Ye holy angels bright, #625 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862). Music: *Darwall's 148th*, melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Preface

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead,
and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life;
for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended;
and when our mortal body doth lie in death,
there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels,
and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name;
evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The People kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God our Heavenly Father, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, 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 celebrate a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly beseech thee; and with thy Word and Holy Spirit, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify these gifts and creatures of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

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 testament, 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 Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we thy humble servants do celebrate, and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make, having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same; earnestly desiring 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 here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee, humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him

And here we give unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints from the beginning of the world: And chiefly in the glorious and most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and God, and in the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, whose examples, O Lord, and steadfastness in thy faith, and keeping thy holy commandments, grant us to follow.

We commend unto thy mercy, O Lord, all other thy servants, who are departed hence from us with the sign of faith and now rest in the sleep of peace, and especially thy servant *Judith* for whom we offer this sacrifice.

Silence is kept for a space.



GRANT unto them, we beseech thee, thy mercy and everlasting peace, and that, at the day of the General Resurrection, we, and all those who are of the mystical Body of thy Son, may all together be set on his right hand, and hear his most joyful voice: Come unto me, O ye blessed of my Father, and inherit the Kingdom which is prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any Sacrifice: Yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses; and command these our prayers and supplications, by the ministry of thy holy Angels, to be brought up unto thy holy Tabernacle before the sight of thy divine Majesty; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

BY whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

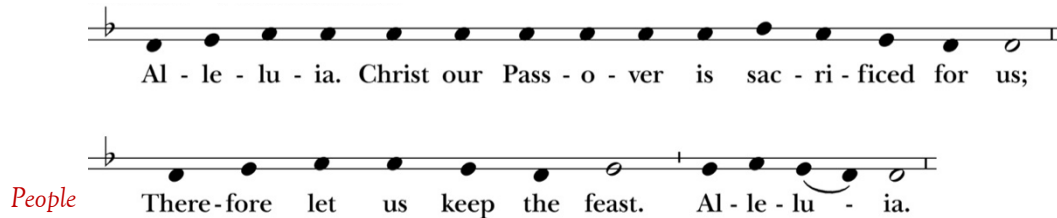
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion)*

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I
may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
Please follow the direction of the Ushers. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.
Please do not intinct (dip) the host in the wine.*

AT THE COMMUNION

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731

Johann Sebastian Bach

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace



MOTET

Anton Bruckner
(1824-1896)

LOCUS iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.*

Gradual for the Dedication of a Church

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel. The Celebrant says this prayer

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 the fullness of joy with all thy saints;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The People stand.



HYMN

COE FEN



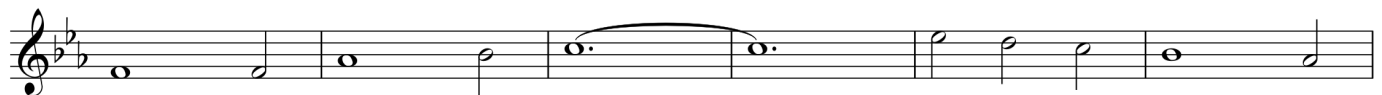
1. How shall I sing that ma - jes - ty Which an - gels do — ad -
2. Thy bright-ness un - to them ap - pears, Whilst I thy foot- steps
3. En - light - en with faith's light my heart, In - flame it with — love's
4. How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, Which doth all be - ings



mire? Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; Sing, sing, ye
trace; A sound of God comes to my ears, But they be -
fire; Then shall I sing and bear a part With that ce -
keep! Thy know-ledge is the on - ly line To sound so



heav - en - ly choir. Thou-sands of thou - sands stand a - round Thy
hold — thy face. They sing be - cause thou art their Sun; Lord,
les - tial choir. I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, With
vast — a deep. Thou art a sea with - out a shore, A



throne, O God most high; — Ten thou - sand times ten
send a beam on me; — For where heav'n is but
all my fire and light; — Yet when thou dost ac -
sun with - out a sphere; — Thy time is now and



thou - sand sound Thy praise; but who am I?
once be - gun There al - le - lu - yas be.
cept their gold, Lord, trea - sure up my mite.
ev - er - more, Thy place is ev - 'ry - where.

Words: John Mason (645-1694), Music: Kenneth Naylor (1931-1991)



THE COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Standing near the place of burial, the Celebrant says

DEARLY Beloved, before we part let us bid farewell to our sister Judith, and may this greeting expressed here for the last time bear witness to our love, lighten our sorrow, and strengthen our hope. For one day, we will greet her again in a place where Christ wipes away all tears and puts an end even to death itself.

INTO thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Judith. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

KONTAKION FOR THE DEPARTED

trad. Kiev Melody

*Sung by Alumni of the Choir School
with the Gentlemen of the Choir*

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

Thou only art immortal, the Creator and Maker of man; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto 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, and, weeping o'er the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

THE COMMITTAL

The Celebrant says

ALL that the Father giveth me shall come to me;
and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies,
by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.
Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth;
my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life;
in thy presence is the fullness of joy,
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.



IN sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister, Judith ; and we commit her mortal remains to this resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious unto her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord:

People **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

✠ May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen**

BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Celebrant says

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Bernard Rose
(1916-1996)

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Choir **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Please join us at the back of the Lady Chapel and the Church for a reception
in honor of Judith's life and ministry**



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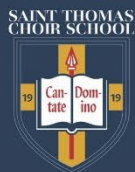
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