

A Service of Choral Vespers

*In Memory of All
Who Have Died
in Defense of Our Country*

John Rutter

Requiem

Magnificat in E Major



*The Parish Choir of Grace Episcopal Church, Salem
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The Reverend Deborah Phillips, Officiant

*Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.
Grace Episcopal Church, 385 Essex Street, Salem*

Choral Vespers

All stand as the choir enters. When all have reached their places, the Officiant intones

The image shows two musical staves. The top staff is labeled 'Officiant' and contains the lyrics 'Light and peace, in Je - sus Christ our Lord.' The bottom staff is labeled 'People' and contains the lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' Both staves use a simple notation system with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The Officiant's melody starts on a middle C, moves to a D, then an E, and ends on a G. The People's melody starts on a G, moves to an A, then a B, and ends on a C.

The Officiant continues with the Short Lesson

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' *Rev. 21:3,4*

The Prayer for Light

Lord Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

As the Candles are lighted, the choir and congregation sing the following hymn:

Phos hilaron

The Hymnal 1982, #34

Christ, mighty Savior

Innisfree Farm

All are seated at the conclusion of the hymn

The Lesson

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through

the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the conclusion of the Lesson, the choir stands to sing the Canticle.

The congregation remains seated.

The Canticle: Magnificat in E Major

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The Suffrages

V. We pray for the leaders of the na/tions,

R. That you may guide them in the ways of freedom, jus/tice and truth.

V. We pray for those who serve in the armed forces of this na/tion,

R. That they may have discipline and discernment,
courage / and compassion.

V. We pray for our enemies, and those who / wish us harm,

R. That you may turn the hearts of all to kind/ness and friendship.

V. We pray for the wounded and the captive,
the grieving / and the homeless,

R. That in all their trials they may know your love / and support.

The Collects

We remember before you, O Lord of hosts, all those in the armed forces of our country for whom the trumpets have sounded on the other side. Grant that they may serve you faithfully in your heavenly kingdom, as good soldiers, under the banner of the Captain of their salvation. May their sacrifices here help to establish the freedom for which they died; and may their good example be a consolation and an encouragement to those who mourn for them. We pray that your sustaining love may ever surround them and bring them to the measure of the stature of the fullness of him who fought the good fight and won the victory, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Most Holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace, and all who yearn for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gathering our prayers and remembrance into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Requiem

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I. Requiem aeternam

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

Kyrie, eleison! Christe, eleison! Kyrie, eleison!

from Missa pro defunctis

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may light eternal shine upon them.

It is fitting that a hymn should be raised unto Thee in Sion and a vow paid to Thee in Jerusalem: give ear to my prayer, O Lord, unto Thee all flesh shall come at last.

Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

II. Out of the Deep (Psalm 130)

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord:

Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well:
the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:

O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee:
therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him:
in his word is my trust.
My soul fleeth unto the Lord:
before the morning watch,
I say, before the morning watch.
O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel:
from all his sins.

III. Pie Jesu

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem,
Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis sempiternam, requiem,
from 'Dies Irae', Missa pro defunctis
Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them rest,
Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest.

IV. Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Missa pro defunctis

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and majesty.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.

V. Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona eis requiem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona eis requiem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
In the midst of life, we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour?

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

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Latin text from *Missa pro defunctis*; English texts from the Burial Service, 1662 Book of Common Prayer

VI. The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

VII. Lux aeterna

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours: even so saith the Spirit.

Lux aeterna luceat eis Domine: cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

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

Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray: with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace.

Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee: and light perpetual shine on them for ever.

The congregation stands

Prayer

Almighty, everlasting God, let our prayer in your sight be as incense, the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Give us grace to behold you, present in your Word and Sacraments, and to recognize you in the lives of those around us. Stir up in us the flame of love which burned in the heart of your Son as he bore his passion, and let it burn in us to eternal life and to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

An offering will be taken during the singing of the Office Hymn.

Office Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #662

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide

Eventide

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. *Amen.*

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you. *Amen.*

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. *Amen.*

Voluntary at the Procession

Johannes Brahms

Blessed are ye faithful souls

— Leaders of Worship —

Officiant

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

Crucifer

Walter Abraham

Lector

Gary Young, Jr.

The Parish Choir

Laura Beasley-Topliffe, Rebekah Clark, Ethel Crawford, Debbie Phillips

Deborah Papps, Marjorie Short, Jane Thompson

Stephen Allen, Helen Watson-Felt

Gerry Cole, Bob Cole, Jason Stonehouse, Eric Wagner, David Walcher

Henry Dalby, *Treble*

Deborah Phillips, *Flute*

Mark Dirksen, *Organist*

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