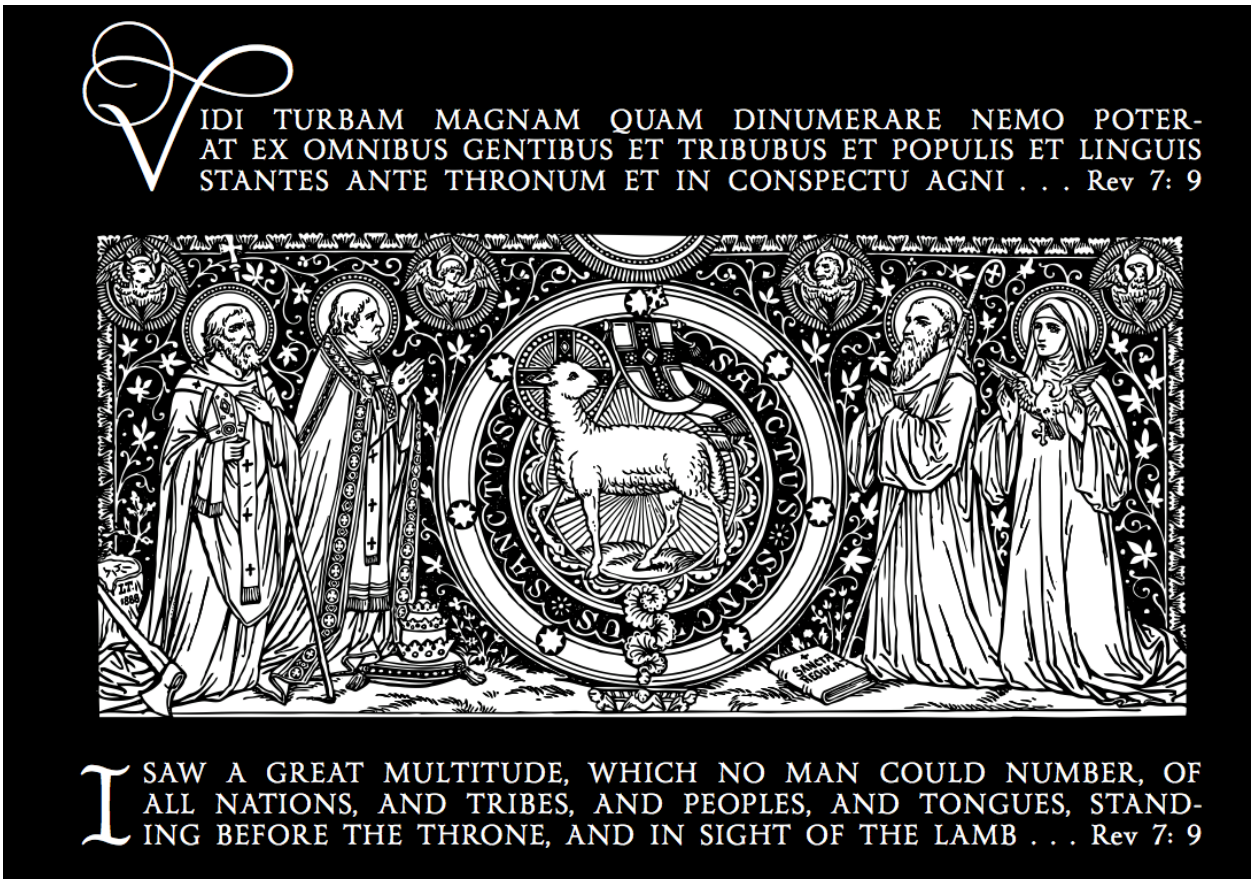



# All Souls' Requiem

## Holy Eucharist

4 p.m. | 1 November 2026

St. John's Episcopal Church
Tallahassee, Florida

## All Souls' Day

In the New Testament, the word "saints" is used to describe the entire membership of the Christian community, and in the Collect for All Saints' Day the word "elect" is used in a similar sense. From very early times, however, the word "saint" came to be applied primarily to persons of heroic sanctity, whose deeds were recalled with gratitude and admiration by later generations.

Beginning in the tenth century, it became customary to set aside another day on which the church remembered that vast body of the faithful who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the church. It was also a day for particular remembrance of family members and friends. Although those in this wider body of the faithful are no less part of the communion of saints than those persons whose particular sanctity is celebrated on All Saints' Day, the liturgical mood of the two days is nevertheless quite different, as the joy and exultation of All Saints' Day transitions to the much more personal remembrances and griefs of All Souls' Day.

Although the observance of All Souls' Day was abolished at the Reformation because of abuses connected with masses for the dead, a renewed understanding of its meaning has led to a widespread acceptance of this commemoration, and to its inclusion as an optional observance in the calendar of the Episcopal Church. Today, we celebrate it with this Requiem Mass as an extension of our Allhallowtide observances.

## About Today's Service

This service is offered in remembrance of all the faithful departed and is often referred to simply as a *Requiem* (Latin: "rest"). That representative word is taken from the first phrase of the liturgy: *Requiem aeternam dona eis* ("Rest eternal grant to them"). Unlike many other nineteenth-century settings of the Mass for the Dead (especially those of Berlioz and Verdi, which are of enormous scale and pack a huge dramatic punch), Fauré's Requiem "is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest." [Fauré's comment after completing the first of several versions he would write over a fifteen-year period] One of the biggest differences between Fauré's Requiem and other typical ones is the omission of the dramatic, terrifying Dies Irae ("Day of Wrath") which depicts the horrors of the Last Judgment. Instead, the piece concludes with In Paradisum ("Into Paradise"), an angelic text previously meant for escorting the coffin to the cemetery, and thus ending the work on a luminous, ethereal note.

Today, St. John's Choir will sing a version of the Requiem using a more recent arrangement—also by John Rutter--of the orchestral accompaniment transcribed for organ. In a 1902 interview, Fauré, who spent his career as an organist, said his goal was "to stray from the established path after all those years accompanying funerals, I wanted to do something different." May this All Souls Day service using the music of Fauré's Requiem accomplish the composer's vision of faith in eternal rest.

## About the *Ofrenda*

In Mexico, *ofrendas* are created for *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) in homes and in community spaces. These decorated tables with photos and mementos of deceased loved ones include marigolds, candles, images of saints and other spiritual items. *Ofrendas* are used to honor and remember deceased family and friends at All Saints/All Souls, often serving as a visual and tangible focus for prayer. St. John's is pleased to incorporate this new tradition into this holy day.

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.*
*Thank you for silencing your cell phone prior to the service.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

**Prelude** ..... **Prélude, Fugue et Variation**, Op. 18
César Franck

**Introit & Kyrie** *(Please stand as the procession enters)* .....Gabriel Fauré

*Sung in Latin.*

Give them eternal rest, Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. A hymn becomes you, God, in Zion, and a vow shall be paid to you in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer: to you all flesh shall come.

*Sung in Greek.*

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

### The Collect of the Day

*The Presider says to the people*

The Lord be with you.
*People* And also with you.
*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

### A Reading from the Book of Wisdom *(Please be seated)*

But 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 for ever. 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. *[Wisdom 3:1-9]*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 130

*Plainsong, Tone III.5 Sung by the Compline Choir*

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

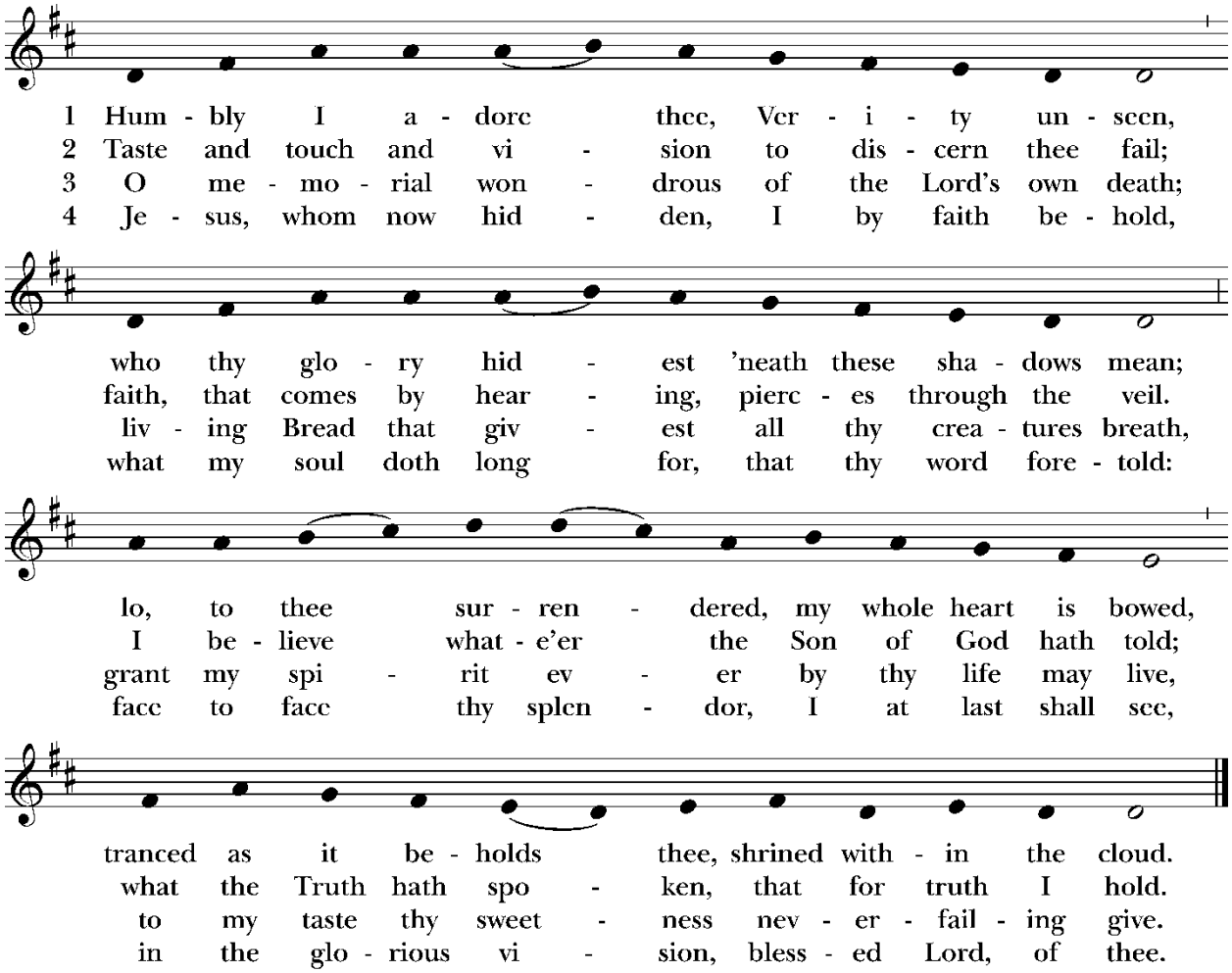
With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. *[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18]*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn** *(Please stand)*




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## The Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man. *[John 5:24-27]*

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** ..... **The Rev. Marda Messick**
Priest Associate

*A brief period of silence follows the sermon.*

## The Necrology

*Please remain seated.*

**Pie Jesu** ..... Gabriel Fauré

*Sung by the choristers of the St. John's Choir School.*

*Pie Jesu, dona eis requiem sempiternam.*

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant to them rest everlasting.

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Announcements

## The Offertory

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**O Domine, Jesu Christe** ..... Gabriel Fauré

Andrew Miller, Baritone

*Sung in Latin.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, king of glory, deliver the souls of the departed from the punishments of hell and from the deep pit. O Lord Jesus Christ, king of glory, deliver the souls of the departed from the mouth of the lion, lest Tartarus swallow them up, lest they fall into darkness. We offer prayers and sacrifices of praise 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. Amen.
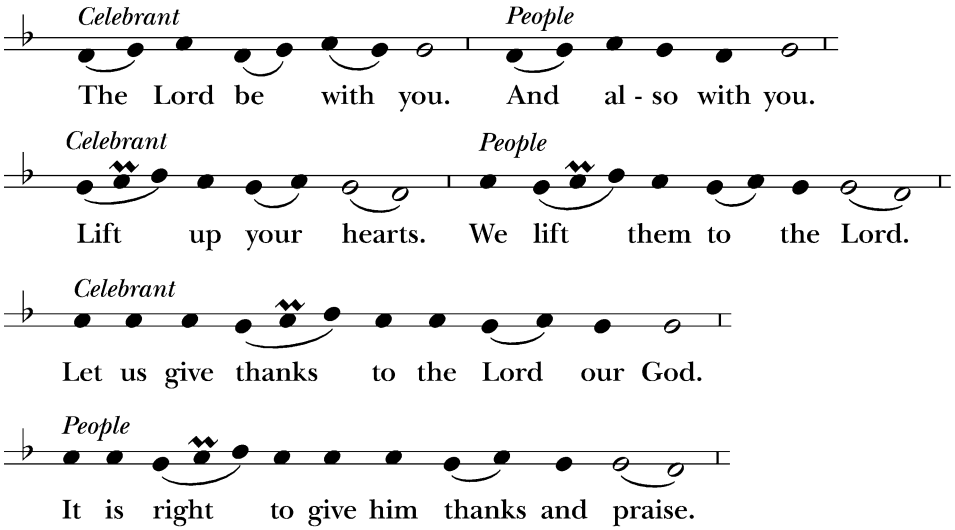
**The Presentation of Gifts**

*Presider* All things come of thee, O Lord.
*People* And of thine own have we given thee.

# The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D**

*The People remain standing.*




*Then facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**Sanctus** .....Gabriel Fauré

*Sung in Latin.*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

*The People kneel as they are able. Then the Presider continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Presider and People*

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Presider continues*

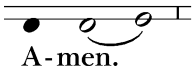
Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John the Evangelist and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*People*




## The Lord's Prayer

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

*People and Presider*

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 Breaking of the Bread

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

**Agnus Dei** .....Gabriel Fauré

*Sung in Latin.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give them eternal rest. May eternal light shine on them, Lord, with your saints for ever, for you are good. Give them eternal rest, Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.

## The Invitation to Communion

*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

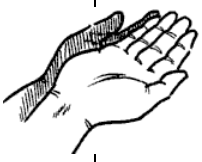
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### The Communion of the People

Communion is central to our worship at St. John's. All baptized Christians—regardless of age or denominational affiliation—are welcome to receive.

1. **Wait for guidance from the ushers.**
   At the appropriate time, an usher will invite the people in your pew to rise and follow the line to the Communion station. Those with limited mobility may request that Communion be brought directly to their pew.

2. **Receive the Bread.**
   As you approach the minister, extend your hands with palms open and facing up. You may consume the Bread immediately or wait to have it dipped in the Wine.



3. **Receive the Wine.**
   The Wine is served in a large chalice as a sign of unity. Assist the lay minister by guiding the chalice to your lips, holding it by the base, and take a small sip. If you would rather not drink directly from the chalice, you may offer your Bread to the lay minister and allow him or her to dip it in the Wine and hand it back to you to consume.



4. **Return to your pew.**
   Return to your pew, kneel if you like, sing with the congregation, or offer your silent prayers to God.

If you are unbaptized or would prefer not to receive the bread or wine for any reason, cross your arms over your chest at the rail. This signifies to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing instead.

**Communion Voluntary** .....*Alle Menschen müssen sterben*
J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

**Libera me** .....Gabriel Fauré

Andrew Miller, Baritone

*Sung in Latin.*

Deliver me, Lord, from eternal death, on that terrible day: when the heavens and earth will be shaken; when you will come to judge the age with fire. I am made to tremble, and I am afraid, since trial and anger are coming, when the heavens and earth will be shaken; that day, day of wrath, calamity and misery, day of great and exceeding bitterness. Give them eternal rest, Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.

**Communion Hymns**..... 324, 354

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *(Kneel)*

*Presider and People*

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to 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 your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**The Collect for the Departed**

*Presider*

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Give to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Blessing**

*Presider*

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** *(Remain kneeling)*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
*People* Thanks be to God.

**In paradisum** *(Remain kneeling)*.....Gabriel Fauré

*Sung in Latin.*

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you and bring you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May a choir of angels welcome you, and, with Lazarus, once a poor beggar, may you have eternal rest.

*The people rise and depart in silence.*


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