Evensong

in memory of those who have died

Sunday 17 May 2020

4 p.m.
Memorial Evensong
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • 17 MAY 2020 • 4 PM

Today’s Evensong commemorates those who have died since the onset of COVID-19. Our Episcopal / Anglican tradition teaches that the liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy, marked by confidence that just as Jesus was raised from the dead we, too, will be raised. But no amount of joy in God’s presence minimizes human grief. Deaths in these last months touch us in a particular way as we cannot gather in person to mourn our loss, nor celebrate the life we’ve shared. The scripture and prayers, canticles and hymns that follow honor that grief. Together, let us hold those who have died and those who mourn in the tender love we share in Christ.

Organ Voluntary

The Invitatory and Psalter

Burial Sentences

The people stand as the procession enters.

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.
I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shal stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though after my skin worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God:
whom I shall see for myself,
and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

–Book of Common Prayer, p.491

Welcome

The Right Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus,
Bishop of California
**In Memory...**

This service is punctuated with the names of those we remember this evening.
Their names, their lives, are not forgotten, whom we love but see no more.
Psalm 121
(BCP, p. 778)

Choir  I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
       from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD,*
       the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved *
       and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
       shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The LORD himself watches over you; *
       the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,*
       nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
       it is he who shall keep you safe.
The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,*
       from this time forth for evermore.

The Readings

Isaiah 25:6–9
read by Mayor London Breed
City and County of San Francisco

Reader  A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will
make for all peoples a feast of rich food,
a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled
with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear. And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the
sheet that is spread over all nations; he will
swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God
will wipe away the tears from all faces, and
the disgrace of his people he will take away
from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It
will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him, so that he might save
us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

In Memory...
The Magnificat  (Luke 1:45–55)  

Herbert Howells  
Unison Service  

Choir  
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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.  


John 6:37–40  

The people sit.  
read by Assemblymember David Chiu  
District 17  

Reader  
A reading from the Gospel according to John.  

E verything 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.”  

In Memory...  

The Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29–32)  

Sung by the choir.  
Howells  

Choir  
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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.  

The Homily

The people sit.

The Right Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop of California

In Memory...

The people stand.

The Apostles' Creed

Sung by all on a monotone.

Officiant

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

All

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,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Harris

Officiant

The Lord be with you.

Choir

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Sung on a monotone.

All

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.
Litany for the Dead

Remembering these beloved dead, we pray:
God, your will for us is abundant life;
receive them into the fullness of your life.

You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith;
shed the brightness of your light on them who also sought understanding.

You are greater than all our ideas and images of you;
draw them into the mystery of your being.

We praise your perfect Mercy and Love;
welcome them in the grace of that love and mercy.

We honor you as the giver of life;
gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life.

We bless you for ever and ever.
Hear our prayer. Alleluia. Amen.

Collects

Officiant Eternal God, your mercy is without end,
and your steadfast love never ceases:
Accept our prayers for all the dead
and receive them into the land of light and joy,
into the company of your saints;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant O God who brought us to birth, and in whose arms we die,
comfort us in our grief and shock at the deaths we cannot fully mourn;
embrace us with your love, and meet our confusion with hope of new life;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Anthem

Choir Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured
in the heat of the conflict: from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendor,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia. from The Salisbury Diurnal
trans. Dr. George Herbert Palmer (1842-1933)

Closing Prayers

The people may stand. The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King
Sung by all, standing as an offering is received.

Eventide

Hymn 662

1. Abide with me: fast falls the evening;
   2. I need thy presence every passing hour;
   3. Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;
   4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
   5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;

   1. the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
   2. what but thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?
   3. Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
   4. ills have no weight, and fears no bitterness.
   5. shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

   1. when other helpers fail and comforts flee,
   2. Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
   3. Change and decay in all around I see;
   4. Where is death’s sting? where, grave, thy victory?
   5. heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;

   1. help of the helpless, O abide with me.
   2. Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
   3. O thou who changest not, abide with me.
   4. I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
   5. in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Kontakion

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.
You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to earth shall we return.
For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.
Bishop, Homilist: The Right Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop of California

Officiant: The Very Rev. Dr. Malcolm Clemens Young, Dean

Prayers: The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King, Vice Dean and Canon for Social Justice

Readers: The Honorable London N. Breed, Mayor, City and County of San Francisco
         The Honorable David Chiu, Member of the California State Assembly

Musicians: Canon Benjamin Bachmann, The Diana Dollar Knowles Canon Director of Music
           Kevin Fox, Instructor of Voice and Music Theory
           John Kelley, Choirman
           Gabriel Fanelli, Choirman