



# Evening Mass of Remembrance

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia  
The Holy Eucharist Rite II

November 17, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.

*Those who have brought photos of loved ones to place on the altar are invited to do so either before the opening procession, or during the announcements.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY:** Elegy

C. Hubert H. Parry

## THE ENTRANCE

### **ANTHEM AT THE PROCESSION**

*All stand. The Presider sings the antiphon, which is then repeated by all. Thereafter, the Presider sings the verses, and all join on the antiphon, as indicated.*



Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever. [*Ant.*]

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger. [*Ant.*]

For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession. [*Ant.*]

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors. [*Ant.*]

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: COMMUNION SERVICE IN F**  
*Sung by the choir. The people remain standing.*

Herbert Sumsion

Glory be to God on high, And in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee.  
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son,  
Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord;  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**THE FIRST LESSON** [*The people are seated.*]

Isaiah 25:6-9

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**AT THE GRADUAL, PSALM 130** *De profundis*

Hylton Stewart

*Sung by the choir.*

- 1 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.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**THE SECOND LESSON**

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

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 forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 358** "Christ the Victorious, give to your servants"

*Russia*

*Sung by all, standing.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 5:24-27

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, 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 judgment, because he is the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Ann Gillespie  
*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
*All stand. Prayers begin with the reading of names of those who have died since the last Evening Mass of Remembrance.*

*Intercessor* For our brothers and sisters, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."  
Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for our brothers and sisters,  
and dry the tears of those who weep.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Intercessor* You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Intercessor* You raised the dead to life; give to our brothers and sisters eternal life.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Intercessor* You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brothers and sisters to the joys of heaven.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Intercessor* Our brothers and sisters were washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give them fellowship with  
all your saints.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Intercessor* They were nourished with your Body and Blood; grant them a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

*Intercessor* Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brothers and sisters; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal  
life our hope.

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.** [*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.*]

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM:** "Justorum animae"

Camille Saint-Saëns

*(Sung in Latin)* 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, but they are at peace.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Prayer D, Book of Common Prayer, p. 372*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*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 AND BENEDICTUS: COMMUNION SERVICE IN F**

Herbert Sumsion

*Sung by the choir. The people remain standing.*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory, Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

*The Presider continues and gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ and prays over the bread and wine.*

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

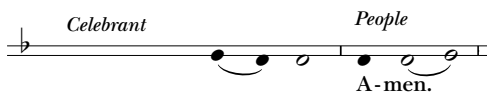
*Presider* Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we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

*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. [*The Presider continues.*]

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.



**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

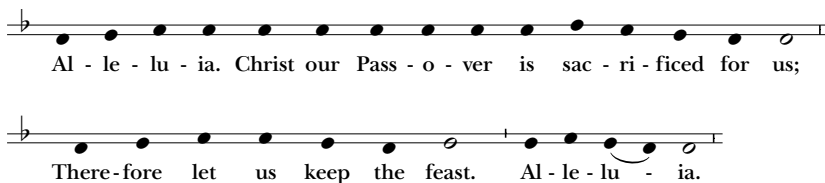
*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* **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, HYMNAL, S 152**

Ambrosian chant

*The Presider sings the first line; the congregation responds by singing the second line.*



**INVITATION** [*The People are seated.*]

*As Jesus welcomed all to his table, so do we at Holy Comfoter. The bread and the wine are the central symbols of God's presence and we invite you to share in the Eucharist in whatever way feels comfortable to you, regardless of age or tradition. We also offer gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice as alternatives—just let the priest know. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest. The Holy Eucharist is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, a mutual indwelling of Christ in us and us in him. Come to the table and be joined into Christ's ministry of love and reconciliation.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** [*The hymn is sung by all.*]

AGNUS DEI: COMMUNION SERVICE IN F

Herbert Sumsion

*Sung by the choir.*

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.

HYMN 357 "Jesus, Son of Mary"

*Adoro devote*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *[Said by all.]*

**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 CONTAKION

*Presider* Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

*People* **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Presider* 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.

*People* **Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Presider* Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord:

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

*Presider* May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*People* **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

AT THE CLOSING, HYMN 688 "A mighty fortress is our God"

*Ein feste Burg*

*Sung by all, standing.*

DISMISSAL *[The people respond,]*

**Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Prelude on *Ein feste Burg* (Hymn 688)

Helmuth Walcha



*The nave will remain open for quiet reflection following the liturgy.*