

OCTOBER 30, 2016
11:00 A.M.

THE FEAST OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED



ALL SOULS' DAY (TRANSFERRED)

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
2325 UNION STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

About Herbert Howells

The music of English composer, Herbert Howells (1892-1983) is characterized by profound sadness coupled with a fearful yet awesome characterization of the Divine.

His music is generally very patient, somber, soft, and at times fragile. A cathedral musician, his sound world was defined by the pure tone of a men and boys choir and a very long, generous reverberation through centuries-old stone cathedrals. For much of his life, Howells' musical career was affected by Graves' disease, rendering him at times unable to maintain his post at Salisbury Cathedral. Additionally, he faced tremendous financial hardship and difficult social standings. It is completely understandable how his music is marked by great tragedy and loss. Requiem was composed in 1932 and is often associated with the death of his son, Michael, however research suggested that it was in fact written before Michel's passing. Later, Howells composed his magnum opus, *Hymnus Paradisi*, for the memory of Michael, which uses many themes and motifs from the *Requiem*.

Howells' Requiem is decidedly different from most other settings of the *Missa pro defunctis*. Most requiem settings (such as those of Fauré, Duruflé, Verdi, Mozart, Cherubini) follow a specific pattern of texts, including the *Introit* and *Kyrie*, *Sequence (Dies Irae)*, *Offertorium*, *Sanctus* and *Benedictus*, *Agnus Dei*, *Pie Jesu*, *Lux Aeterna*, and *Libera Me*. These pieces in a typical requiem function as pillars of the Mass, much like the Ordinary of the Mass. However, Howells, like Brahms, deviates from the prescribed formula for the requiem. Howells assembled a selection of Psalms and prayers from the Book of Common Prayer creating a sort of memorial composition without functioning as a Mass. We have included four of the six movements in today's liturgy.

About the Feasts of All Souls

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 by later generations.

Beginning in the tenth century, it became customary to set aside another day—as a sort of extension of All Saints—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. This evolved into the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, commonly called All Souls, observed the day after All Saints.

Though the observance of the 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 among Anglicans and to its inclusion as an optional observance in the calendar of the Episcopal Church.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The congregation shall gather in silence.

INTROIT

Salvator Mundi, from *Requiem*

Herbert Howells

1892-1983

sung by the combined choirs of St. Mary's Parish and Lacuna Arts

O saviour of the world, who by thy cross and thy precious blood
has redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

The Congregation stands at the tolling of the bell.

BURIAL ANTHEMS

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 shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
For if we live, we live unto the Lord.
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF THE LORD

KYRIE

Hymnal, S-91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit..**

Celebrant 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.**

FIRST READING

all are seated

Isaiah 25:6–9

PSALM 23

H. Howells

sung by the combined choirs of St. Mary's Parish and Lacuna Arts

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 in the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: 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.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Congregation **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Cantor Whoever listens to my words and believes has passed from death to life.
Congregation **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

John 5:24-27

Response after the Deacon introduces the Gospel

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Response at the end of the Gospel reading

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Very Rev. Dr. Donald G. Brown

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

from *On Wings of Awe*

A Machzor for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
edited and translated by Rabbi Richard N. Levy

Intercessor At the rising of the sun and at its going down
we remember them.
At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
we remember them.
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring
we remember them.
At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer
we remember them.
At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn
we remember them.
At the beginning of the year and when it ends
we remember them.

All **As long as we live, they too will live: for they are now a part of us,
and we remember them.**

Intercessor When we are weary and in need of strength
 we remember them.
 When we are lost and sick at heart
 we remember them.
 When we have joy we crave to share
 we remember them.
 When we have achievements that are based on theirs
 we remember them.

All **As long as we live, they too will live:
 for they are now a part of us, and we remember them.**

The names of those of our community who have died in the past year are now read.

The Celebrant adds the concluding collect...

CONCLUDING COLLECT

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Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Due to the solemn nature of this liturgy we will forego verbal announcements this morning.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 121, from *Requiem*

H. Howells

sung by the combined choirs of St. Mary's Parish and Lacuna Arts

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:
he 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 and for evermore.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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all stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

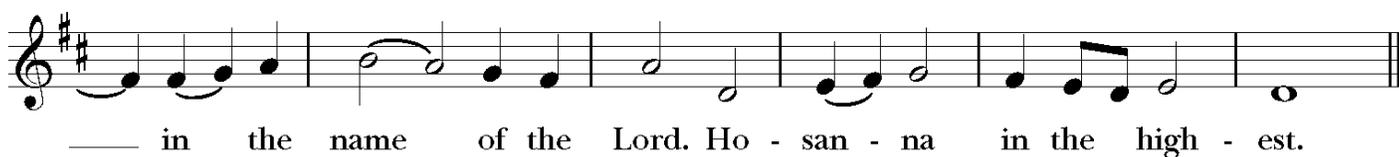
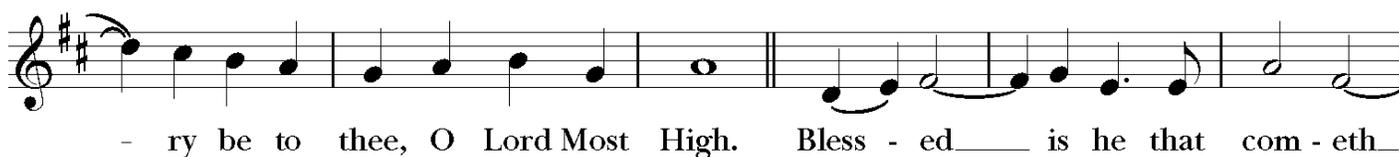
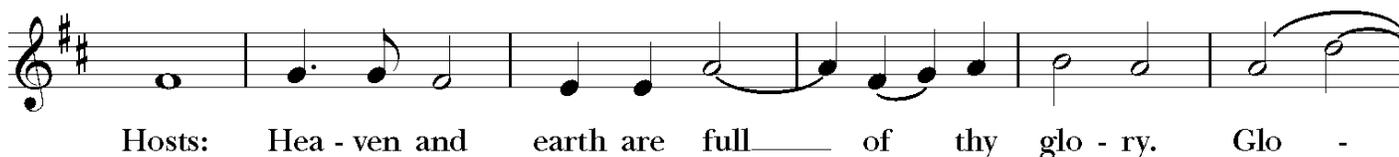
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The celebrant continues...

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Hymnal, S-114



The celebrant continues.....

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All those who wish to are invited to hold hands during this prayer.

**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 FRACTION

THE INVITATION

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine.
Bread and wafers are both available. If you have a preference, please let the clergy know.
You may also receive a blessing instead of bread and wine by crossing your arms over your chest.

AGNUS DEI

Hymnal, S-158

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a - way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak-est a -
way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that tak-est a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN

Humbly I adore thee

Hymnal, #314

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

stand

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

please be seated

RECESSIONAL ANTHEM

Requiem Aeternam, from *Requiem*

H. Howells

sung by the combined choirs of St. Mary's Parish and Lacuna Arts

Rest eternal grant unto them.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

The clergy and altar party recess.

POSTLUDE

The congregation may depart in silence

Upcoming Events at The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin:

- November 24 10:00 am **Thanksgiving Day Service**
- November 27 11:00 am **Choral Eucharist for the First Sunday of Advent**
- December 4 6:00 pm **Advent Carol Sing and Dinner**
- December 17 1:00 pm **Caroling on Union Street** with St. Mary's Parish Choir
- December 18 9:00 & 11:00 am **A Service of Lessons & Carols**
St. Mary's Children's Choir and Parish Choir
- December 24 3:00 pm **Christmas Pageant**
Costumed players and live animals
- 5:00 pm **Christmas Eve Eucharist** with Children's & Youth Choirs
- 8:30 pm **Candlelight Carol Sing**
Parish Choir and Brass Ensemble
- 9:00 pm **Candlelight Eucharist**
Parish Choir and Brass Ensemble
- December 25 10:00 am **Holy Eucharist with Carols**
Parish Choir and Organ

Upcoming Event for Lacuna Arts Chorale

Lacuna Arts Chorale (Sven Edward Olbash, director), presents
The Story of Christmas
a dramatic cantata for a cappella choir and soloists by Hugo Distler
Friday, December 9 at 8 pm at Old First Concerts.
For more information, visit www.LacunaArts.org/season.

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