

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

On the Eve of The Feast of All Souls'
November 1, 2018
7:00 p.m.



The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin
2325 Union St.
San Francisco, California

About this Service

The liturgy of the dead and burial are Easter liturgies and centers its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too shall be raised. Therefore, the liturgy is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.” This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

– adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*

About Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*

Fauré's reasons for composing his *Requiem* are uncertain. One possible impetus may have been the death of his father in 1885, and his mother's death two years later, on New Year's Eve 1887. However, by the time of his mother's death he had already begun the work, about which he later declared, "My Requiem wasn't written for anything – for pleasure, if I may call it that!"¹

As with much of Western classical music, the *Requiem* owes its roots to Christian faith. Traditionally, at its heart, it is a prayerful lament for the dead. Fauré's *Requiem* was altogether different, though, because here was a composer who, unlike many of his contemporaries, had no clear religious beliefs. By contrast, he was very much a doubter, described by his own son as 'a sceptic'. In place of the sombre nature of many requiems that had gone before, Fauré's is noted for its calm, serene and peaceful outlook. Anyone looking for morose themes is searching in the wrong place. Instead, here we find musical solace in a work that focuses not on the morbid, but on the supposedly restful and fear-free nature of death.

Of all seven sections, the *Pie Jesu*, *Agnus Dei* and *In Paradisum* emerge as the most glorious, filled with rich, soulful melodies. The work garnered the praise of many other composers – not least Camille Saint-Saëns, who thought it divine. It was performed at Fauré's own funeral in 1924.²

¹ Duchon, Jessica (2000). Gabriel Fauré. London: Phaidon.

² www.classicfm.com/composers/faure/music/requiem/

Flowers

Flowers have been donated by those honoring their loved ones during this season of the faithfully departed. In remembrance we have included these individuals so honored to the necrology that is read during this service.

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.*

PRELUDE

Pavane

Gabriel Fauré

The congregation stands at the tolling of the bell.

1845-1924

THE PROCESSION

Introit and Kyrie

Fauré

sung by the Parish Choir

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them. Thou, O God, art praised in Zion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem: thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

EOW 3

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember our beloved ones before you and thank you for giving them to us to know and to love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of Christ so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered into the company of all your saints; by the power of your Holy Spirit we pray. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

all sit

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.

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

GRADUAL

Libera Me

Fauré

Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal in that day of trembling: when heaven and earth shall be shaken: when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. Trembling taketh hold upon me, and fearfulness, as the sifting draweth on and the wrath to come: when heaven and earth shall be shaken. O, that day, that day of anger, of calamity and misery; O that great day, and exceeding bitter! When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

THE SECOND READING

I Corinthians 15: 50-58

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body

puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

all stand

Cantor Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Cantor Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

People **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 5: 24-27

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. "

Response at the end of the Gospel reading

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

all sit

The Rev. Marguerite Judson

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

all stand

The Apostles' Creed

Presider In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith, saying:

**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 OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from EOW 3

Deacon Let us pray to our Savior Jesus Christ, who said: "I am the Resurrection and the life."

Leader Loving God, you have called your people together in the mystical body of Jesus Christ. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die daily to sin and rise to newness of life, and that we, with our Redeemer, may pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant to us who continue on our earthly pilgrimage that we may walk by faith and love and be led by the spirit in holiness and righteousness all our days. Lord in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant that all the dead, ever increasing in the knowledge and love of you, may go from strength to strength in a new life of perfect service. Lord in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your tender mercy, that by casting all their sorrow on you, may know the consolation of your love. Lord in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

Deacon Gracious God, to whom no prayer is offered without hope of mercy; let light eternal shine on them give us your consolation. Strengthen our faith in your unfailing compassion; deliver us from despair, and help us to know your peace, which passes all understanding. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

all sit

WELCOME AND GREETING

OFFERTORY

Domine Jesu Christe

Fauré

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Majesty, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the hand of hell, and from the pit of destruction: deliver them from the lion's mouth, that the grave devour them not; that they go not down to the realms of darkness. Sacrifice and prayer do we offer to thee, O Lord: do thou accept them for the souls departed, in whose memory we make this oblation: and grant them, Lord, to pass from death unto life: which thou hast promised in ages past to Abraham and his seed.

all stand

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION Jesus, Son of Mary, fount of life alone *Hymnal #357*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is

changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heaven. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

SANCTUS

sung by Parish Choir

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel, as the Celebrant continues...

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE INVITATION

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Piè Jesu

Fauré

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest; grant them rest eternal.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Agnus Dei et Lux Aeterna

Fauré

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest eternal.

May light eternal shine, O Lord, upon them, for endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou art gracious. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them, for endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou art gracious.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

all stand

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, we thank you 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 BLESSING

Officiant May God grant you faith as your consolation and eternal life your hope, and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

RETIRING PROCESSION

In Paradisum

Fauré

Into paradise may the angels lead thee; and at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee, and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem. May the choirs of angels receive thee, and mayest thou, with Lazarus once poor, have everlasting rest.

Please depart in silence.

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