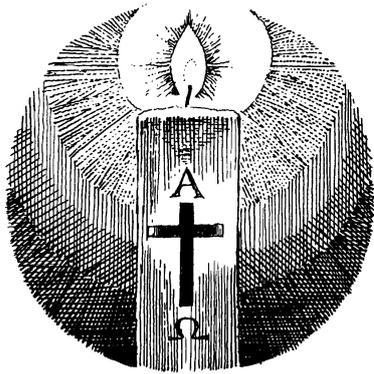


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The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – All Souls (A)

2 November 2023

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

- O light forever dawning
beyond the darkest night;
O comfort of the mourning,
our strength and our delight;
receive our humble pleading
for those whose course is run,
lest pardon they be needing
for any evil done.**
- To him who like the eagle
arose on conqu'ring wing,
the cross his banner regal,
O death, where is your sting?
There's surely no rejection
for those who share his strife,
but hope and resurrection
and everlasting life.**

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Greeting & Introduction

Penitential Act

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:

Christ, have mercy. **R. Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:

Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect

God of loving-kindness,
listen favourably to our prayers:
strengthen our belief
that your Son has risen from the dead
and our hope
that your departed servants will also rise again.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(Isaiah 25: 6-9)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;

the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26

- The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?**
- There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.**
- O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.**
- I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!**

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Matthew 11: 25-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven
and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned
and the clever and revealing them to mere children.
Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do.
Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father;
and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no

one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Pious List

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

May their souls

and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: In Paradisum – Gabriel Faure

Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord,
so that your departed servants
may be taken up into glory with your Son,
in whose great mystery of love we are all united.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he

who comes in the name,

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Breaking of the Bread

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. (x2)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

**R. Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion

Music: Lead kindly light – St John Henry Newman

Prayer after Communion

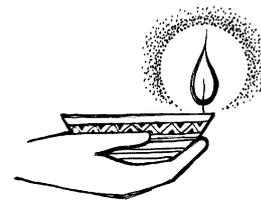
Grant we pray, O Lord,
that your departed servants,
for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament,
may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Recessional

Music: Erbarme dich mein, O Herre Gott (BWV 721) – J.S. Bach



Rest in Peace

Lord, be good to them
and show them all your love.

Lord, be kind to them
and grant them peace above.

Lord, be merciful to them
and wipe their sins away.

Lord, be generous to them
with all my heart I pray.

Lord, be gracious to them
for the good that they have done.

Lord, be gentle to them
for sufferings undergone.

Lord, may we meet again at last
when heaven's crown's been won.

Fr Patrick Sales SSC

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