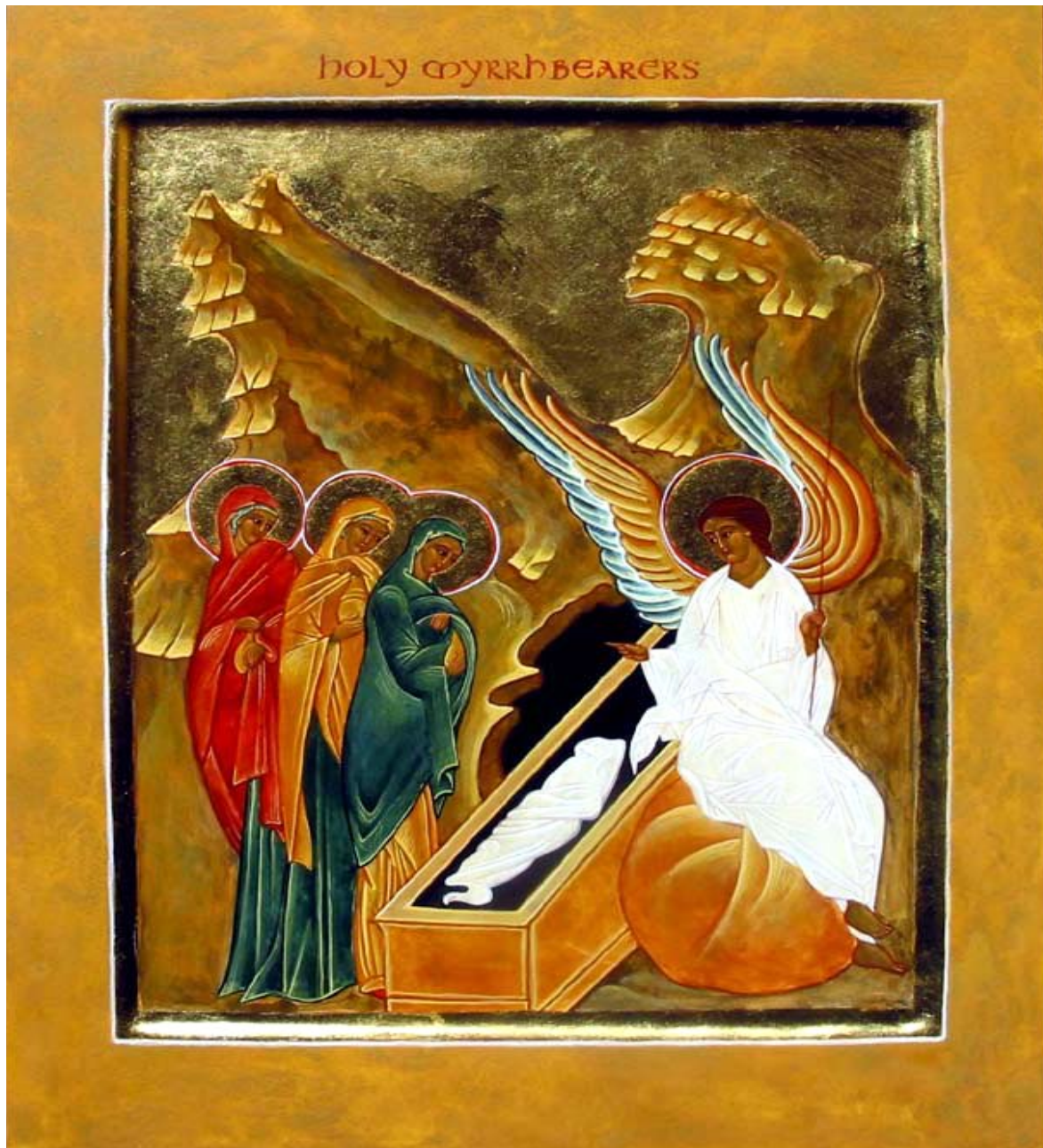


The Commemoration
of the Faithful Departed:
All Souls



Sunday 3 November 2024, 6pm

St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

We stand for the Processional hymn

Processional Hymn

NEH 295

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood:
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high!**

*Liturgy of St James
Tr Gerard Moultrie 1829-85
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I am the resurrection and the life;
those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live,
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the service

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

we light the candle of Easter, a symbol of the resurrection

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Prayers of Penitence

God has shone in our hearts to give the light
of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels
to show that the transcendent power
belongs to God and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,
and confess them before God our Father.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.**

We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen.**

Choir – Nunc Dimittis by Geoffrey Burgon

Collect

Let us pray for the peace and well-being of the whole Church.

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Choir – Agnus Dei: from setting by Basil Harwood in A flat Please be seated

First Reading: *Lamentations 3:17-26, 31-33*

Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want *Choir*

Hymn: *please stand*

NEH 353

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!**

John Whittier 1807-92

The Gospel Reading:

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

John 6: 37-40

at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Choir – *Plainsong: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord*

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

This is the will of him that sent me,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
and I will raise them up at the last day.

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud. We respond:

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.

Silence may be kept after each group of names. As the name of your relatives or friends are read out you may wish to light a candle.

**Hear us, O merciful Father,
as we remember in love
those whom we have placed in your hands.
Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.**

Choir Hymn 526,

*Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
Where sorrow and pain are no more;
Neither sighing but life everlasting.*

*Thou only art immortal, and the creator and maker of man:
And we are mortal formed from the dust of earth,
And unto earth shall we return: for so thou didst ordain,
When thou created me saying:
"Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return."
All we go down to the dust;
And weeping o'er the grave we make our song:
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.*

*Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
Where sorrow and pain are no more;
Neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

The Kontakion of the Departed

Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.

According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace
of Christ come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom,
where there will be neither sorrow nor pain, but life everlasting. **Alleluia. Amen.**

Choir – “Jesu, joy of man’s desiring” (from Cantata No. 147) – J S Bach

Final Hymn *please stand*

NEH 120

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

**R:/ Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.**

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. R:/**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. R:/**

Edmond Budry 1854-1932

The Blessing *we remain standing for the blessing*

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

May God give you his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy, in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Neither death nor life can separate us
from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: *Choral prelude, "Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ" J S Bach*



We are pleased to welcome you to our All Souls Service this evening. A retiring collection will be held to support the continuing work of the church of St John the Evangelist in East Dulwich. Your generosity tonight will enable us to extend our welcome others too.

The cover image depicts an icon of the holy myrrh bearers. After the resurrection, the women who went to anoint the body of Jesus met the resurrected Christ outside the tomb.