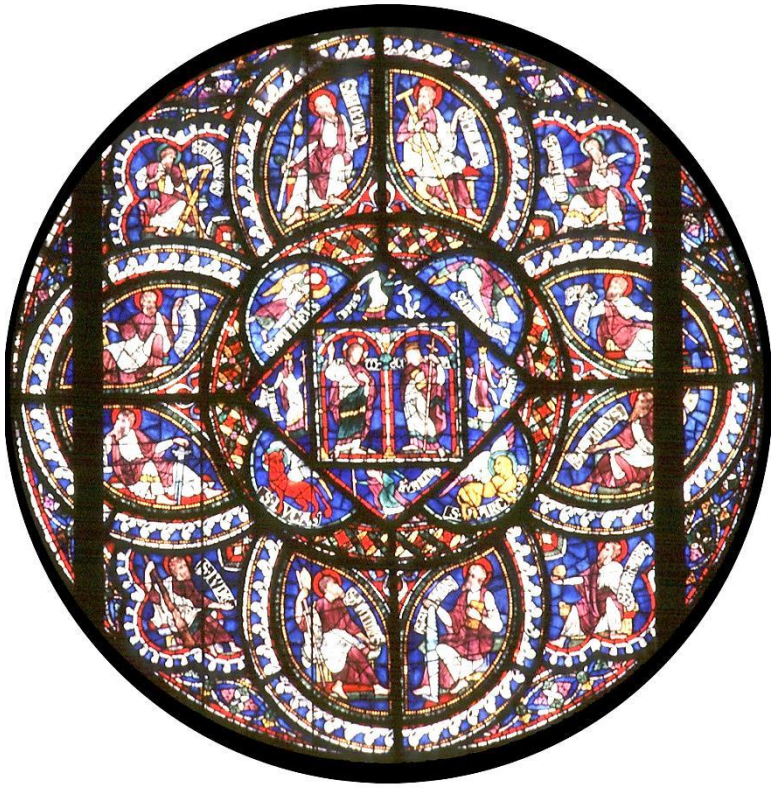
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

Solemn Evensong

and Farewell to the Reverend Andrew Dodd,
Canon Treasurer



All Saints' Day

1st November 2026

5.30 pm

Quire

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the procession enters the Quire

The choir sings the Introit

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life, that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Words: From Lidley's Prayers (1566) *Music:* Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-85)

A welcome is offered

The Cantor and choir sing the Preces

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Music: Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Sit as the choir sings

Psalms

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O praise the Lord of heaven :
praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his :
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon :
praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, all ye heavens :
and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord :
for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever :
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth :
ye dragons, and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and vapours :
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills :
fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle :
worms and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth and all people :
princes and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord :
for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him :
even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

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O praise God in his holiness :
praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts :
praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet :
praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances :
praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals :
praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath :
praise the Lord.

Stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 65. 17-25*

Thus says the Lord:

‘For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,’

says the Lord.

Stand as the choir sings

Magnificat

During this, the Altar is censed. As the thurifer turns to cense the people, please turn to face the High Altar.

Magnificat anima mea Dominum; et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo,	*My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*
quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae;	*For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.*
Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.	*For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.*
quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius,	*For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his name.*
Et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.	*And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.*
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo; dispersit superbos mente cordis sui;	*He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*
deposuit potentes de sede, et exaltavit humiles;	*He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.*
esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes.	*He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.*
Suscepit Israel puerum suum, recordatus misericordiae suae, sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in saecula.	*He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.*
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.	*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Music: Donna McKevitt (b. 1970)

Sit

New Testament Reading *Hebrews 11.32-12.2*

What more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.
Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Stand as the choir sings

Nunc Dimittis

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace:	*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : According to thy word.*
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum	*For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,*
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum:	*Which thou hast prepared :* *before the face of all people;*
Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.	*To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :* *and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.	*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :* *and to the Holy Ghost;* *As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Music: Donna McKevitt (b. 1970)

Turn East and say together the

Apostles' Creed

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 catholick Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Cantor and choir sing the Versicles and Responses

The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

Sit or kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon 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. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Music: Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

The Collects

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen*

Sit as the choir sings

Anthem O be joyful

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
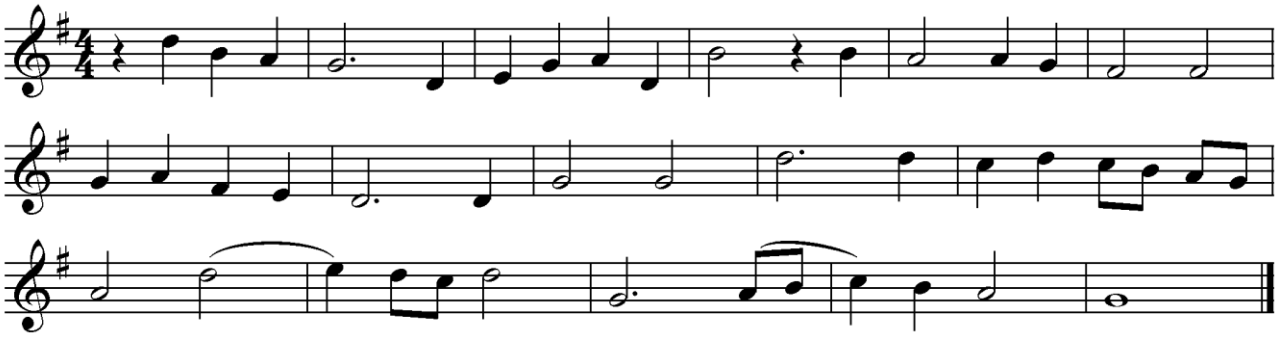
Words: Psalm 100 *Music:* Charles MacPherson (1870-1927)

Sit or Kneel

Prayers *concluding with*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.

Stand to sing during which a collection will be taken.
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For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. *Alleluia.*

[2]Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light. *Alleluia.*

[3]O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. *Alleluia.*

[4]O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia.*

[5]And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Alleluia.*

[6]The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. *Alleluia.*

[7]But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluia.*

[8]From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia.*

Words: W. Walsham How (1823-97) Tune: SINE NOMINE AM 296

Presentation to Canon Andrew

Blessing

May Christ who makes saints of sinners,
who has transformed those we remember today,
raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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