CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

Requiem Eucharist



All Souls' Day

2nd November 2026

5.30pm

Quire

Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Requiem Eucharist

The Choral Setting is Maurice Duruflé (1902-86), Requiem

Please ask the priest if you require a gluten-free communion wafer

Livestreaming

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Cover picture: The Memorial Garden, Canterbury Cathedral

This garden was, until 1920, the bowling green for the Dean and Canons. After the First World War, Lord Harris asked Dean Wace for a place for a War Memorial in the Precincts, and the Chapter agreed to give the bowling green for this purpose.
As well as commemorating the dead from both World Wars and subsequent conflicts, the Memorial Garden is also the resting place of the ashes of many members of the Cathedral community.

Health and Safety

Much of the present Cathedral was built hundreds of years ago. Whilst most of the parts of this ancient cathedral that are normally open to the public are easily accessible for all, the historic stone floor may be unpredictably uneven in places, entry to some parts is via stone steps or access ramps of varying gradients, and lighting levels may vary.

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The Gathering

All stand as the choir enters in silence.

The choir sings Requiem aeternam *as the clergy enter*

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion,
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.
Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
To thee, O God, are due hymns of praise in Zion,
and to thee vows will be offered in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer, unto thee all flesh shall come.
Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The President says

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 Deacon introduces

Prayers of Penitence

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of his glory in the face of Jesus 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.

Remain standing to say

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.

The President says

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Everlasting 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.

Sit
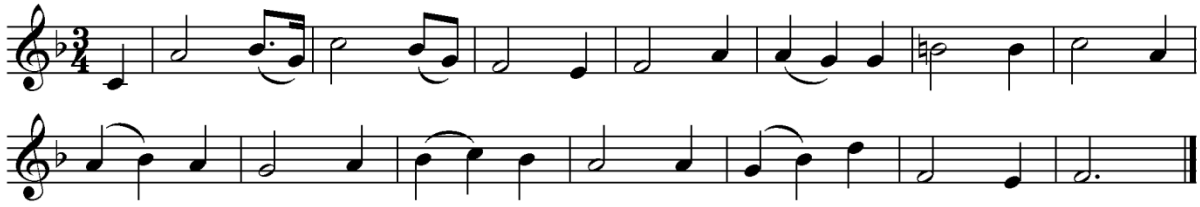
The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading *Wisdom 3.1-9*

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand to sing



The Lord's my Shepherd,
I'll not want
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

[2]My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

[3]Yea, though I walk through
death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

[4]My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

[5]Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Words: Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter (1650) *Tune:* CRIMOND AM 799

Remain standing

The Gospel *John 6. 37-40*

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.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

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

Remain standing (or sit if you would prefer)

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The President says

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power.
For you have created all things, and by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nations.
You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign with you on earth.

The names of those to be remembered are read, silence is kept.

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

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.

The choir sings

Pie Jesu Domine,	*Merciful Lord Jesus,*
dona eis requiem,	*grant them rest,*
requiem sempiternam.	*rest everlasting.*

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.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Stand

The President says

Jesus says:
'Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Deacon says

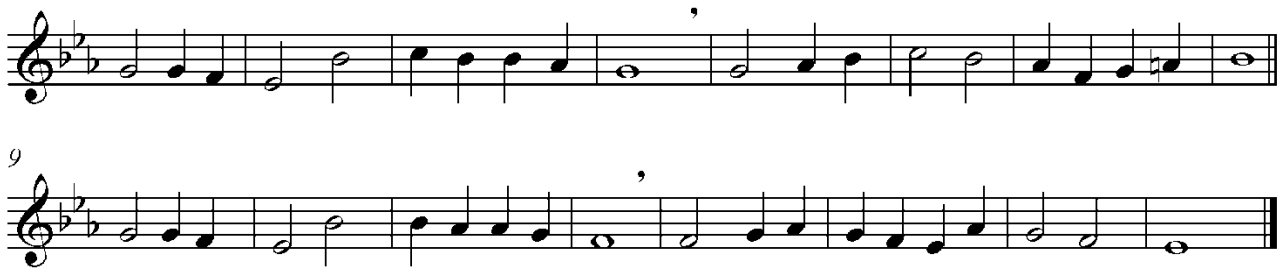
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another

Remain standing to sing

The Offertory Hymn *during which the table is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. If you would prefer to give electronically, please use the QR code*

When the Thurifer turns to bow to the congregation, all turn to the altar



Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

[2]Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

[3]I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

[4]I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

[5]Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) *Tune:* EVENTIDE AM 10

The President takes the bread and wine and praises God for his gifts

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth, giver of life and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.

Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and singing:

The choir sings

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

Benedictus qui venit
In nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

The Deacon says

Praise to you Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The President says

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say,
each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Notre Père…

Vater Unser…

Onze Vader…

Padre Nuestro…

Ojcze Nasz…

Baba Yetu…

E to matou Matua…

Ein Tad…

Πάτερ ἡμῶν

Remain standing for

Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven: if anyone eats of this bread they will live for ever.
Lord, give us this bread always.

'I am the bread of life', says the Lord: 'whoever comes to me will never hunger; whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

'I am the vine; you are the branches'
May we dwell in him as he lives in us.

Sit as the President and other ministers begin

The Distribution of Communion

Please come up for Communion as directed by the stewards. All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own church are encouraged to receive today. If you are accompanied by children who do not yet receive, please bring them with you to receive a blessing. They must not be left on their own.

If you are not a communicant, you are welcome to come forward at this point in the service to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides. Please ask the priest if you ***need a gluten-free host.***

We request that ***you do not intinct (dip) your host in the wine*** *but either take a sip from the cup or remain with your head bowed. This is for the reasons of good hygiene.*

If you would like to receive Communion in your place, please inform a steward.

We keep a ***prayerful silence*** *during Communion to allow others to prepare to receive the sacrament or pray afterwards.*

During Communion, the choir sings the Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem,
sempiternam requiem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant them rest,
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting.

Prayer after Communion

Stand as the President says

Let us pray.
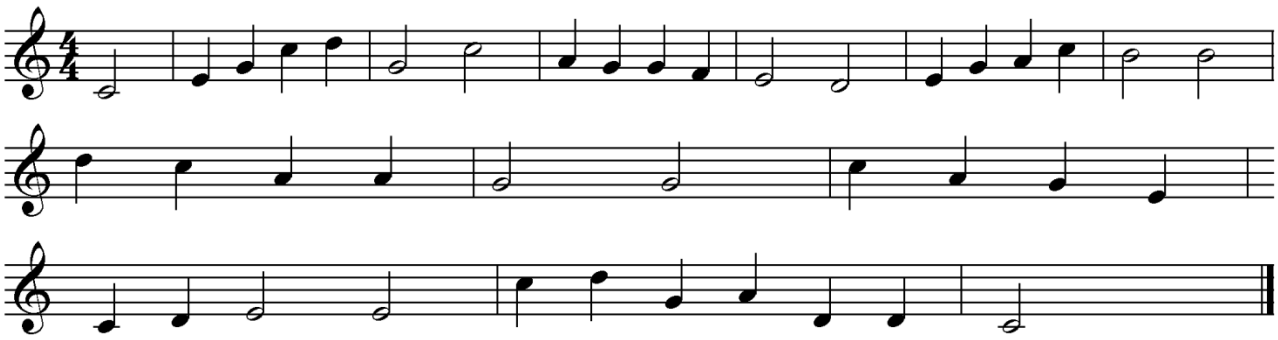
Silence is kept

God of love,
may the death and resurrection of Christ,
which we have celebrated in this Eucharist,
bring us, with all the faithful departed,
into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation,
to whom be glory for time and for eternity.
Amen.

All then say

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Remain standing to sing



Now is eternal life,
if ris'n with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
and held within his hand;
no more we fear death's ancient dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.

[2]Man long in bondage lay,
brooding o'er life's brief span;
was it, O God, for naught,
for naught, thou madest man?
Thou art our hope, our vital breath;
shall hope undying end in death?

[3]And God, the living God,
stooped down to man's estate;
by death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
who lives in him shall never die.

[4]Unfathomed love divine,
reign thou within my heart;
from thee nor depth nor height,
nor life nor death can part;
my life is hid with God in thee,
now and through all eternity.

Words: G W Briggs (1875-1959) *Tune:* CHRISTCHURCH AM 211

The Dismissal

The President says

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.

The Deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing while the choir sings

In paradisum deducant angeli: in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem. Chorus angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere, aeternam habeas requiem.	*May angels lead you into paradise:* *may the martyrs receive you* *at your coming, and lead you* *to the holy city of Jerusalem.* *May a choir of angels receive you,* *and with Lazarus who was once poor,* *may you have eternal rest.*

All remain standing as the choir and clergy depart in silence

Usual Pattern of Services

7.30am	Morning Prayer	Monday-Friday
8.00am	Holy Communion	Daily
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Saturday, Sunday, & Bank Holidays
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Sunday
12.30pm	Taizé Prayer	Monday (in term time)
12.30pm	Prayers for Peace	Tuesday (in term time)
12.30pm	Holy Communion	Wednesday
5.30pm	Choral Evensong	Daily

Safeguarding : Do you need to talk?

Are you concerned about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult?

Or is there something that you would like to discuss that affects you?

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