The Eve of All Saints' Day

October 31, 2021 | 4 pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Cortège et Litanie

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

PRECES & RESPONSES

Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

PSALM 34 Benedicam Dominum Setting: S. Dettra

TWILL alway give thanks unto the LORD: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

▲My soul shall make her boast in the LORD : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the LORD with me : and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the LORD heareth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the LORD is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they who seek the LORD shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

What man is he that lusteth to live: and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil, and do good: seek peace, and ensue it.

The eyes of the LORD are over the righteous: and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the LORD is against them that do evil: to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The LORD delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

(standing)

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.

First Lesson 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 an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men 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 elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

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Evening Service in D

Herbert Brewer (1865–1928)

Second Lesson Revelation 19:1, 4–10

HEARD what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" And from the throne came a voice crying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great." Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

NUNC DIMITTIS *Evening Service in D*Herbert Brewer

Anthem Ernest Bullock (1890–1979)

GIVE us the wings of faith to rise within the veil and see the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came; they, with one united breath ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their breast; and, following their incarnate God they reached the promised rest.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

HYMN 624Jerusalem the golden

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