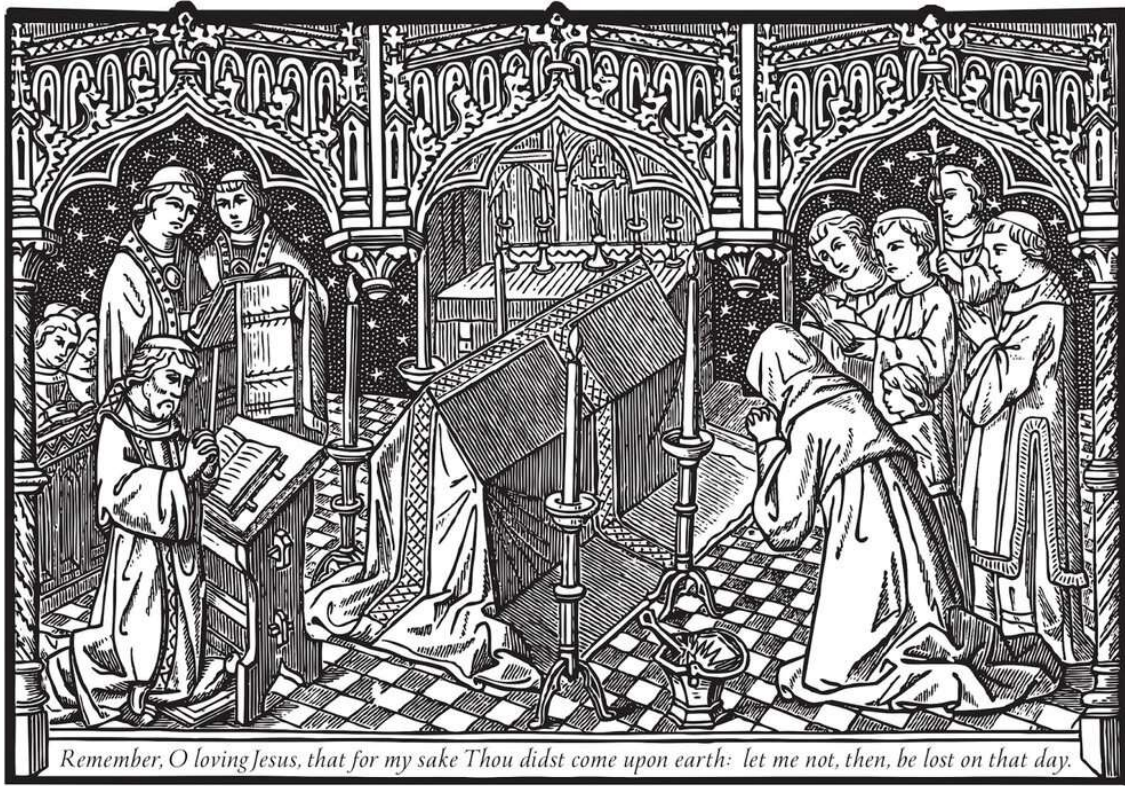


THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

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ARDMORE, PA



BLESSING OF THE MEMORIAL GARDEN AND CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

Sunday, November 1, 2026
3:00 p.m.

"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God."
~ Wisdom 3:1

THE BLESSING OF THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Congregation gathers in the Memorial Garden. The Officiant enters the Garden and says,

Officiant I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;

He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live,

People **and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.**

Officiant I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
And though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;

People **Whom I shall see for myself, and my eye shall behold, and not as a stranger.**

Officiant For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

For if we live, we live unto the Lord. And if we die, we die unto the Lord.

People **Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.**

Officiant Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so, saith the Spirit,

People **For they rest from their labors.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy death hast overcome death, and by thy rising to life again hast restored to us everlasting life: Grant to all thy servants, who here are buried, that their bodies may rest in peace, and through the grave and gate of death they may pass to a joyful resurrection through thy merits; who livest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Then, while the Lord's Prayer is being prayed, the Officiant censes the Memorial Garden.

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,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Officiant O God, by whose mercy the souls of the faithful are at rest: Favorably grant pardon of their sins to the souls of all your servants, who here and everywhere are at rest in Christ, that being set free from all guilt they may rejoice with you forever; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be ever upon this place, and sanctify and keep it holy, that it may be a fit resting-place for the bodies of His saints, until the day of the Lord Jesus, when He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. **Amen.**

The graves are then sprinkled with holy water to remind us that our beloved dead have been saved by grace through baptism and are honored by the nearer presence of God.

Officiant Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

People **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Officiant May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, † rest in peace.

People **Amen.**

Please process in silence to the Church, together filling up the front rows of pews first.



THE ORDER FOR CHORAL EVENSONG

Phos Hilaron

Evening Hymn

H. Balfour Gardiner

Te lucis ante terminum, rerum creator, poscimus, ut solita clementia sis praesul ad custodiam. Procul recedant somnia et noctium phantasmata; hostemque nostrum comprime, ne polluantur corpora. Praesta, Pater omnipotens, per Iesum Christum Dominum, qui tecum in perpetuum regnat cum Sancto Spiritu. Amen.

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray that with thy wonted favor, Thou would'st be our guard and keeper now. From all ill dreams defend our eyes, from nightly fears and fantasies; tread under foot our ghostly foe, that no pollution we may know. O Father, that we ask be done, through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son; who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee, doth live and reign eternally. Amen. — trans. John Mason Neale

The Preces

C. Phillips

Please stand, as the Officiant and Choir sing:

℣: 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, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

℣: Praise ye the Lord.

℟: The Lord's Name be praised.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Wisdom 3:1-9

Reader A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are at peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself. As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever. They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him: for grace and mercy is to his saints, and he hath care for his elect.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing

Hymn 357

Jesus, Son of Mary, fount of life alone

Adoro devote

1 Je - sus, Son of Ma - ry, fount of life a - lone,
2 Think, O Lord, in mer - cy on the souls of those
3 Of - ten were they wound - ed in the dead - ly strife;
4 Rest e - ter - nal grant them, af - ter wea - ry fight;
now we hail thee pres - ent on thine al - tar throne.
who, in faith gone from us, now in death re - pose.
heal them, Good Phy - si - cian, with the balm of life.
shed on them the ra - diance of thy heaven - ly light.
Hum - bly we a - dore thee, Lord of end - less might,
Here mid stress and con - flict toils can nev - er cease;
Ev - ery taint of e - vil, frail - ty and de - cay,
Lead them on - ward, up - ward, to the ho - ly place,
in the mys - tic sym - bols veiled from earth - ly sight.
there, the war - fare end - ed, bid them rest in peace.
good and gra - cious Sa - vior, cleanse and purge a - way.
where thy saints made per - fect gaze up - on thy face.

Please be seated.

Psalm 42:1-5 *sung by choir*

Quemadmodum

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my food day and night,
while all day long they say to me,
“Where now is your God?”

I pour out my soul when I think on these things;
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
among those who keep holy-day.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Reader A reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Magnificat *Sung by the choir*

Service in C

Sir C. V. Stanford

† My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
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. - *Luke 1:46-55*

The Third Lesson

John 5:24-27

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to St. John.

Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Nunc Dimittis *Sung by the choir* Service in C

Sir C. V. Stanford

† Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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. – *Luke 2:29-32*

Please stand and join in singing the Apostles' Creed.

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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the † life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

C. Phillips

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.
Please kneel.

Kyrie

C. Phillips

The Lord's Prayer *sung by the choir*

C. Phillips

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, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

C. Phillips

Sung by officiant and choir.

℣. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
℞. And grant us thy salvation.
℣. O Lord, save the State.
℞. 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.

Collect for the Commemoration of All Souls

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of thy Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as thy children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

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 our hearts may be set to obey thy

commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Collect for Aid Against Perils

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 Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Welcome

The Rector

Anthem

And I Saw a New Heaven

E. Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as one adorned for their beloved. And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. – *Revelation 21:1-4*

Reading of the Necrology

The officiant reads the names of those who have died, first saying,

O God, bountiful in forgiving, and lovingly desirous of man's salvation, we humbly beseech thy mercy on behalf of the brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors of this parish, who have passed from this world that, through the intercession of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, thou wouldst permit them to come to the full participation of everlasting happiness. We remember especially ...

Hymn 355 *sung by the choir*

Kontakion

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain, when you created me saying, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Final collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death, between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Please stand and sing:

Hymn 358

Christ the Victorious

Russia



1 Christ the Vic - to - ri - ous, give to your ser - vants
2 On - ly Im - mor - tal One, Might - y Cre - a - tor!
3 God - spo - ken pro - phe - cy, word at cre - a - tion:
4 Christ the Vic - to - ri - ous, give to your ser - vants

rest with your saints in the re - gions of light.
We are your crea - tures and chil - dren of earth.
"You came from dust and to dust shall re - turn."
rest with your saints in the re - gions of light.

Grief and pain end - ed, and sigh - ing no long - er,
From earth you formed us, both glo - rious and mor - tal,
Yet at the grave shall we raise up our glad song,
Grief and pain end - ed, and sigh - ing no long - er,

there may they find ev - er - last - ing life.
and to the earth shall we all re - turn.
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
there may they find ev - er - last - ing life.

Postlude

Prelude, Aria, Finale: Finale (2015)

Margaret Vardell Sandresky

Lou Carol Fix, Organist & Choirmaster Emerita

The composer of the Finale, Margaret Vardell Sandresky (b. 1921), was Lou Carol Fix's music theory teacher at Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She is now 105 years old and continues to compose daily. In the Finale, Sandresky includes her own hymn, KENAN. The hymn, which will not be sung, is played through at the beginning and end of the postlude. A copy of the text is provided so that the congregation may meditate on its four verses while Lou Carol plays. The words of the hymn seem to reflect thoughts and ideas appropriate to All Souls' Day, and we hope that you will find them meaningful.

KENAN

"Glory to the Lamb," Psalm IX

Margaret Vardell Sandresky



1. Hark! the notes of an - gels sing - ing, "Glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lamb!"
 2. Ye for whom his life was giv - en, sa - cred themes to you be - long:
 3. Filled with ho - ly em - u - la - tion, we u - nite with those a - bove:
 4. End - less life in him pos - sess - ing, let us praise his pre - cious name;

All in heav'n their trib - ute bring - ing, rais - ing high the Sav - ior's name.
 come, as - sist the choir of heav - en, join the ev - er - last - ing song.
 sweet the theme, a free sal - va - tion, fruit of ev - er - last - ing love.
 glo - ry, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing be for - ev - er to the Lamb.



The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that the one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.



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St. George's mission is to share together God's work in our lives through liturgy and sacrament, through joyous and caring fellowship, and through courageous and compassionate engagement with the world.