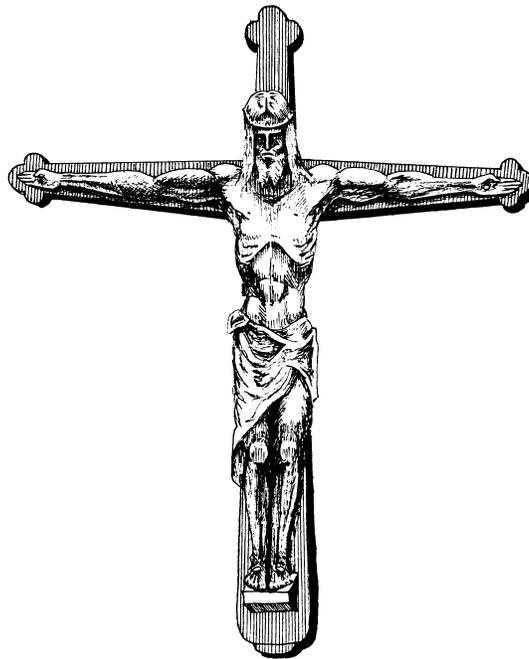


REQUIEM EUCHARIST
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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ALEXANDRIA, VA



IN REMEMBRANCE OF
ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OF COVID-19
AROUND THE WORLD

OPENING SENTENCES

In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who by our sins are justly angered.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayers,
but spare us, O Lord.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

O worthy and eternal Judge,
do not let the pains of death
turn us away from you at our last hour.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servants, and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

For our brothers and sisters, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for all those who have died, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brothers and sisters eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brothers and sisters to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brothers and sisters; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

The celebrant adds the concluding collect

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

TOLLING OF THE BELL

During this time, the people are invited to pray for all those who have died.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem. Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem sempiternam.
Pious Lord Jesus, grant them rest. Pious Lord Jesus, grant them everlasting rest.
music from Requiem, op. 48

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God. Behold the one who takes away the sins of the world.

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;
People **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**
Celebrant May their souls, and the souls of all the departed,
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 357: Jesus, Son of Mary

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 - diancy 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.

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THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Rhoysemedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)