Solemn Requiem for All Souls'

Truro Cathedral
sacred space, common ground

All Souls' is also called 'The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed' and is kept on or near November 2nd, preserving its link with All Saints' Day on November 1st

Anglican theology carefully avoids a categorization of the departed. We are commanded not to sit in judgment upon others as we cannot see their hearts, but one thing we know for sure, that God's love for us never ceases: "If I fly to the heavens you are there, if I make the grave my bed you are there also." (Psalm 139). All the Christian dead are with the Lord and all of us with them are bound together 'in one communion and fellowship'.

'All Souls' has become for us much more the 'shadow side' of what we celebrate on All Saints'. There is a natural human fear and fragility in the face of death, an anxiety about our eternal destiny, an ongoing sense of our loss of those who have died, our desire to do some remembering of those who were dear to us as much as of the great saints of the Church, and our need to pray as well as to praise. All these elements come at All Saints-tide from a different angle than the equally proper joyful celebration of the glories of the saints in light.

Holy communion will be administered both at the High Altar and at a Nave station. Gluten free hosts are available. Please indicate to the priest if you require a gluten free wafer as you come to receive Holy communion.

All who usually receive Holy Communion in their own church are warmly invited to do so today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head as a signal to the minister.

Please note that the wine contains alcohol and *intinction* (dipping the wafer in the wine) is not permitted at Truro Cathedral.

Please feel free to sit or kneel at any point in the service.

Please join in with the responses in **bold type**.

The Gathering

*Please **stand** as the choir enters in silence and sing the 'Introit' and 'Kyrie' during which the ministers enter and the altar is censed.*

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 unto them,
O Lord, and let light perpetual
shine upon them.
A hymn, O God, becometh
thee in Sion,
and a vow shall be performed to
thee in Jerusalem.
O Lord, hear my prayer;
all flesh shall come to thee.
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.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites all to confess their sins using these or other suitable words:

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

*All remain **standing** for a period of silent prayer*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The president says

May God our Father forgive you your sins,
and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion.
Amen.

The Collect

The president says

*Let us pray, and all remain **standing** for a period of silent prayer.*

Eternal 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

*Please **sit***

First Reading *Wisdom 3.1-5, 9*

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

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;
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.

At the end the reader says

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

Psalm 130.1-4 *sung by the Choir*

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:
O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared**.**

*Please **stand***

Gospel Reading

John 6.37-40

All turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it passes them in the procession.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they rest from their labour.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The deacon says

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.

‘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.

*All remain **standing** while the Gospel procession returns.*

The Commemoration of the Departed

Let us pray

*Please **sit** or **kneel.** The president introduces the following acclamation*

Glory and honour and power: are yours by right, O Lord our God;
For you created all things: and by your will they have their being.

Glory and honour and power: are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain:
For by your blood you have ransomed for God a kingdom of priests from every race and language, from every people and nation.

We pray for the peace and repose of those whom we now name before God.

The president and deacon read aloud the names of those to be remembered.

When all the names have been read, a moment of silence is kept, and then the president says

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

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.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace, **and rise in glory**.

Prayers of Intercession

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Jesus, bread from heaven, you satisfy the hungry with good things: grant us a share with all the faithful departed in the banquet of your kingdom.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, the light of the world, you gave the man born blind the gift of sight and opened the eyes of his faith: bring those in darkness to your eternal light and glory.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, Son of the living God, you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life: raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, crucified Saviour, in your dying you entrusted each to the other, Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple: sustain and comfort all who mourn.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, our way and truth and life, you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith: reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Please **stand***

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace

Jesus said: 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.

Preparation of the Table
Taking of the Bread and Wine

*Please **sit** whilst the 'Offertorium' is sung and the altar is prepared*

O Domine Jesu Christe,
Rex gloriae,
libera animas omnium
fidelium defunctorum
de poenis inferni,
et de profundo lacu,
libera eas de ore leonis, ne
absorbeat eas tartarus, ne cadent
in obscurum. Sed signifer sanctus
Michael repraesentet eas in lucem
sanctam. Quam olim Abrahae
promisisti, et semini eius.
Hostias et preces tibi Domine
laudis offerimus, tu suscipe pro
animabus illis, quarum hodie
memoriam facimus; fac eas,
Domine, de morte transire ad
vitam.
Quam olim Abrahae
promisisti, et semini eius.
Amen.

O Lord Jesu Christ, King of
Majesty, deliver the souls of
all the faithful departed from
the pains of hell and from the
deep pit, deliver them from
the lion's mouth, that the
dark lake devour them not,
that they descend not to the
realms of darkness. But let
Michael the holy standard-
bearer restore them to the
brightness of glory: which
once thou promised to
Abraham and his seed. We
offer thee, Lord, sacrifice and
prayers with our praise;
accept them for those souls
in hose memory we make
this oblation. Grant them,
Lord, to pass from death to
life: which once thou
promised to Abraham and his
seed. Amen

The president says

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.

*Please **stand***

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:

Choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus	Holy, holy, holy,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	Lord God of hosts,
Pleni sunt coeli et terra	heaven and earth are full
gloria tua.	of thy glory.
Hosanna in excelsis.	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 the Blessed Virgin Mary
and 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.

*Please **sit** or **kneel** while the choir sings the 'Pie Jesu.'*

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem; dona eis requiem sempiternam.	Blessed Jesus, O Lord, grant them rest; grant them everlasting rest.

The Lord's Prayer

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes

Giving of Communion

The president says the following

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*Please **sit** and follow the direction of the Lay Assistants during the distribution of communion. At the distribution the minister says*

The Body of Christ. *and* The blood of Christ.

After receiving communion, please take the opportunity to light a candle in the Nave at the direction of Lay Assistants and Vergers in memory of your loved one.

The choir sings the 'Agnus Dei,' and 'Libera me'

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona eis requiem sempiternam.	O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant them rest eternal.
Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum sanctis tuis in aeternam, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.	Let light perpetual shine upon them, O Lord, together with the saints for thou art good. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.
Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna, in die illa tremenda, quando caeli movendi sunt	Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death, on that awful day when heaven and earth shall be moved,

et terra, Dum veneris iudicare
saeculum per ignem.
Tremens factus sum ego,
et timeo, dum discussio venerit,
atque ventura ira.
Dies illa, dies irae,
calamitatis et miseriae,
dies magna et amara valde.

when thou shalt come to
judge the world by fire.
Trembling I stand before
thee, and I fear the trial that
is at hand and the wrath to
come. That day, a day of
wrath, of calamity and of
misery, a great and most
bitter day.

Requiem aeternam
dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua
luceat eis.

Eternal rest grant them,
O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine
upon them.

After Communion

*Please **stand***

The president says the post communion prayer.

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.
Amen

Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,
that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

The Dismissal

The president says

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

May God the Father give to you and to all those whom you love his comfort and peace, his light and 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

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The choir sings 'In Paradisum.'

In Paradisum

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 the angels receive thee
in Paradise; at thy coming
may the martyrs receive thee,
and bring thee into the holy
city Jerusalem.
There may the choirs of
angels receive thee, and with
Lazarus, once a beggar,
may thou have eternal rest.

The ministers, servers and choir depart in silence.

***Please do not take this order of service away**.*

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