

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR



**Service of Commemoration for All Souls
Sunday 1st November 2026**

WELCOME

Grace, mercy and peace be with you.

And also with you.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HYMN 331 Abide with me

1. 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 glom, 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!

Blessed are you, Lord our God;
you uphold us in life and sustain us in death:
to you be glory and praise for ever.
For as the darkness of this age is passing away
Christ the bright and morning star
brings to his saints the light of life:
as you give light to those in darkness
so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants
that death may be for them the gate to life
and to unending fellowship with you;
where with your saints you live and reign
one in the perfect union of love
now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING Wisdom 3:1-4, 9

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN 459 The Lord's my shepherd

1. 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 in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished
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.

READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

At the end:

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Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: Faire is the Heaven by William Harris

Faire is the heaven where happy soules have place
In full enjoyment of felicitie;
Whence they do still behold the glorious face
Of the Divine, Eternall Majestie;

Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins
Which all with golden wings are overdight.
And those eternall burning Seraphins
Which from their faces dart out fiery light;

Yet fairer than they both and much more bright
Be the Angels and Archangels
Which attend on God's owne person without rest or end.
These then in faire each other farre excelling
As to the Highest they approach more neare,
Yet is that Highest farre beyond all telling

Fairer than all the rest which there appeare
Though all their beauties joynd together were;
How then can mortal tongue hope to expresse
The image of such endlesse perfectnesse?

ADDRESS

THE READING OF THE NAMES OF THE DEPARTED

You are invited to come and light candles in memory of those who have died.

The Choir will sing Justorum Animae by William Byrd

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and the torment of death shall not touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are in peace.

The Gradual from Missa Pro Defunctis by T L de Victoria

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
In memoria aeterna erit iustus:
ab auditione mala non timebit.

Give them eternal rest, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine on them.
The just shall be remembered everlastingly,
they will not fear an evil hearing.

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
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.

HYMN 252 The day thou gavest

1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at your behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

2 We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward onto light,
through all the world her watch is keeping
and rests not now by day or night.

3 As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

4 The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high

5 So be it, Lord! thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands and grows forever
Til all thy creatures own thy sway

THE BLESSING

Please feel free to stay quietly in church for a while.

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