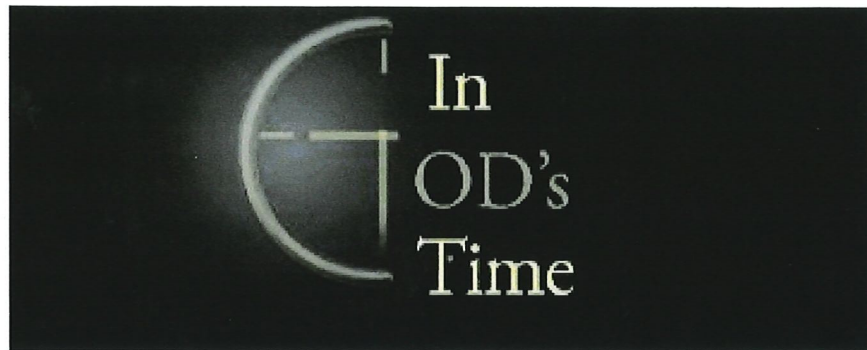


The Arts at St. John's

All Saints Vespers

A Virtual Worship Experience



God's Own Time

November 7, 2021

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Blue Bell, Pennsylvania

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+ Opening +

Prelude - "Litany for Flute and Organ" from *Suite Brevis*

... David Lasky

Reflection - "The Song of Saints"

... Susan Palo Cherwien

Response - "The Morning Trumpet"

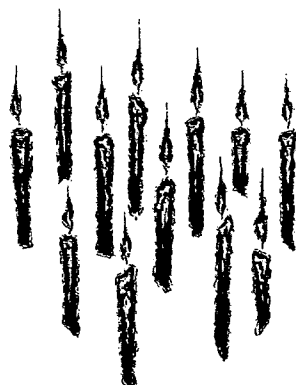
... Mack Wilberg

○ when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning;
And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
○ shout with glory! I shall mount above the skies when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

But now I am a soldier, my captains's gone before, and I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
He's given me my orders and he bids me ne'er give o'er, till I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
○ shout with glory! I shall mount above the skies when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

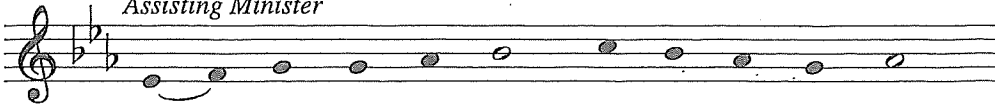
When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning,
And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
○ shout with glory! I shall mount above the skies when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

The assembly stands. A large, lighted candle is carried to its place.




Opening Versicles

Assisting Minister



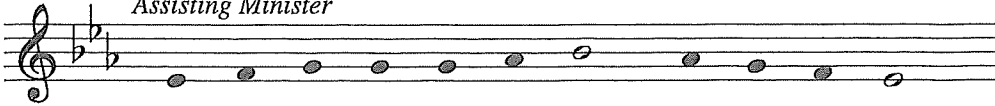
O ser - vants of God, let us sing our praise.

All



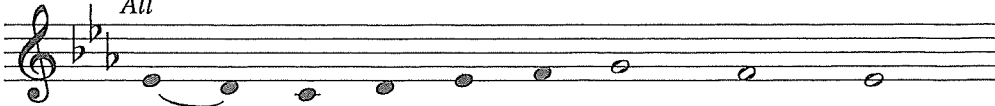
We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

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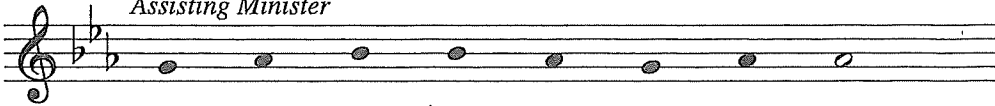
From the ris - ing of the sun to its set - ting,

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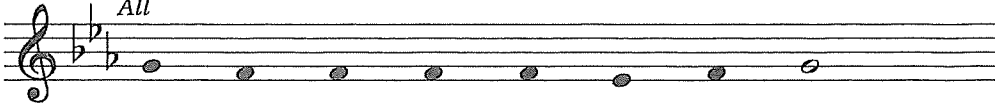
We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister




You lift up the weak and hun - gry.

All




We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister *All*



And your glo - ry shines a - bove the heav - ens We



ble - ss your ho - ly name, O God.

Hymn of Light - "Your Canopy of Vigil Lights"

(During the singing of the hymn, candles are lighted from large candle.)



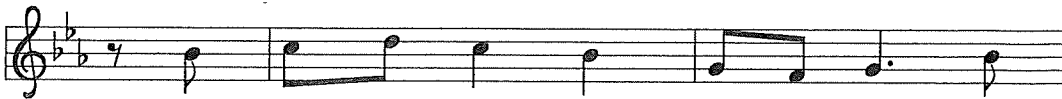
1 Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each
2 You walk with us a - long the way, your
3 Re - freshed by sab - bath rest this night, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing
Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now at
wak - en us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ, un -



on the night, and all cre - a - tion sings your praise.
close of day, our un - known guest, our host and feast.
fail - ing Light, where peace and jus - tice are at home



You formed the moon and fired the sun, you
Grant those who share this eve - ning meal the
and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick - ened dust with ho - ly breath, and bind - ing us to
faith and vi - sion to be - lieve that hearts might see what
sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O mer - ci - ful, im -



your dear Son, re - newed our life, de - stroyed our death.
eyes con - ceal: by grace your pres - ence we re - ceive.
mor - tal One, O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

Thanksgiving for Light

- L. The Lord be with you.
- C. **And also with you.**
- L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- L. We praise and thank you, O God,
for you are without beginning and without end.
You made the day for the works of light and the night
for refreshment of our weakness.
O loving Lord and source of all that is good,
mercifully accept our evening sacrifice of praise.
As you have conducted us through the day and brought us to night's beginning,
keep us now in Christ; grant us a peaceful evening and a night free from sin;
and, at the end, bring us to everlasting life through Christ our Lord:
Through whom we offer glory, honor, and worship to you in the Holy Spirit,
now and always and forever and ever.
- C. **Amen.**

(You may extinguish your candle or leave it lighted as long as you wish.)

Sit

+ Psalmody +

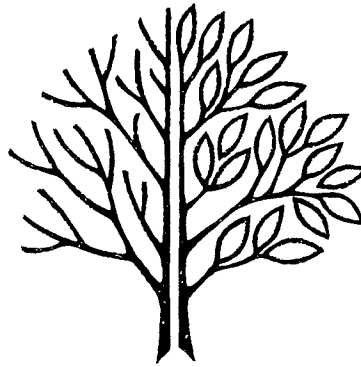
Psalm 86 - "Till the End of My Days"

Refrain (Cantor, then All)

Michael Joncas

Lord, you are good, good and for-giv-ing,
bound-less in love to all who call your name.
Turn to me, God; turn and give an-swer:
show me your mer-cy till the end of my days.

1. You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
Hearken O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to the sound of my pleading, **Refrain.**
2. All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name.
For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God. **Refrain.**
3. You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.
Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant. **Refrain.**



Silence

Psalm Prayer

- L. Gracious Father, when your Son called out to you in the time of trouble, you heard him and brought him out of the pit of death to the glory of the resurrection. Give strength to your servants whom you have raised with him to new life, that with undivided hearts we may worship you and tell the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. **Amen.**

Stand

Hymn - "Sing With All the Saints in Glory"

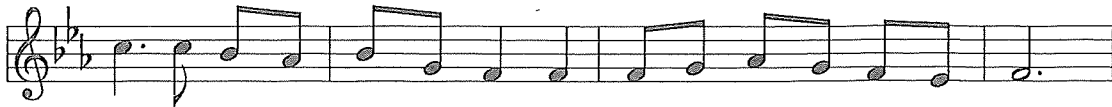
Assembly



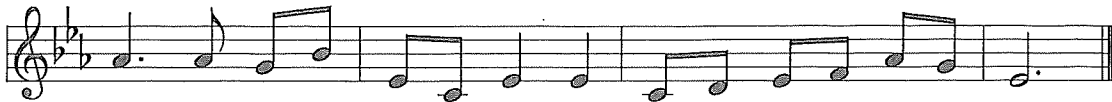
1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
3 Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
Shout for joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;
Life e - ter - nal Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

Choir

2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed th' eternal gates.

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+ Readings and Responses +

The First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

After the reading: (L) Word of God, word of life.
(C) **Thanks be to God.**

Response - "The Souls of the Righteous"

... Thomas Pavlechko

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
there shall no torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seem to die,
but they are at peace.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis, peccata mundi.
Dona eis requiem. Requiescant in pacem.
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Grant them eternal rest. Your everlasting rest in peace.*

The Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

After the reading: (L) Word of God, word of life.
(C) **Thanks be to God.**

Response - "The Song of the Leaves of Life and the Water of Life"

... R. Vaughan Williams

Duet - Deborah Swider and Joy Schauer

Unto him that overcometh shall be given the Tree of Life
which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.
On either side of the river growth the Tree of Life,
the Leaves of the Tree are for thy healing.

In the midst of that fair City flows the river of the Water of Life clear as crystal.
Who so will, let him take of the Water of Life freely.
Who so drinketh of this water shall never thirst.
Take thou the Leaves of the Tree of Life.
So shalt thou enter in through the Gates of the City.

The Third Reading

Ephesians 1:11-19

After the reading: (L) Word of God, word of life.
(C) **Thanks be to God.**

1. Sonatina

2a. Chor

Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit.
In ihm leben, weben und sind wir,
solange er will.
In ihm sterben wir zur rechten Zeit,
wenn er will.

2b. Arioso (Tenor)

Ach, Herr, lehre uns bedenken,
daß wir sterben müssen, auf daß wir klug werden.

2c. Arie (Bass)

Bestelle dein Haus; denn du wirst sterben
und nicht lebendig bleiben!

2d. Chor und Arioso (Soprano)

Es ist der alte Bund: Mensch,
du mußt sterben!
Ja, komm, Herr Jesu!
(Instrumental Chorale:
Ich hab mein Sach' Gott heimgestellt
Er mach's mit mir wie's ihm gefällt
Soll ich all hier noch länger leb'n
Nicht wider strebn
Seim Willn tu ich mich ganz ergebn.)

3a. Arie (Alto)

In deine Hände befehl ich meinen Geist;
du hast mich erlöset, Herr, du getreuer Gott.

3b. Arioso und Choral (Bass/Alto)

Heute wirst du mit mir im Paradies sein.

Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin
In Gottes Willen,
Getrost ist mir mein Herz und Sinn,
Sanft und stille.
Wie Gott mir verheißen hat:
Der Tod ist mein Schlaf worden.

4. Chor

Glorie, Lob, Ehr und Herrlichkeit
Sei dir, Gott Vater und Sohn bereit',
Dem Heiligen Geist mit Namen!
Die göttlich Kraft
Mach uns sieghaft
Durch Jesum Christum, Amen.

1. Sonatina

2a. Chorus

God's time is the best of all times.
In Him we live, move and are,
as long as He wills.
In Him we die at the appointed time,
when He wills.

2b. Arioso (Tenor)

Ah, Lord, teach us to consider that we must die,
so that we might become wise.

2c. Aria (Bass)

Put your house in order;
for you will die and not remain alive!

2d. Chorus and Arioso (Soprano)

It is the ancient law: human, you must die!
Yes, come, Lord Jesus!

(Instrumental Chorale:

I have brought my affairs home to God,
He does with me as it pleases Him,
if I should live yet longer here,
I shall not struggle against it;
rather I do His will with total devotion).

3a. Aria (Alto)

Into Your hands I commit my spirit,
You have redeemed me, Lord, faithful God.

3b. Arioso and Chorale (Bass/Alto)

Today you will be with Me in Paradise.

With peace and joy I depart
in God's will,
My heart and mind are comforted,
calm, and quiet.
As God had promised me:
death has become my sleep.

4. Chorus

Glory, praise, honor, and majesty
be prepared for You, God the Father and the Son,
for the Holy Spirit by name!
The divine power
makes us victorious
through Jesus Christ, Amen.

+ Gospel Canticle and Prayers +

Response

L. Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

C. **But in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

The assembly stands to sing the gospel canticle for the evening, the song of Mary.

Hymn - "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav-ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho-ly fear your mer-cy ev-er flows.
3 To Is-ra-el, your ser-vant blest, your help is ev-er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

The Prayers

L. In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



L. For the peace from above, and for our salvation:

for the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

L. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, for the clergy, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

L. For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed; for those who work to bring justice, health and protection, for those who live in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

L. For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

L. For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times; for our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and need, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

L. For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord: rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.



Concluding Prayers

L. O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C. Amen.

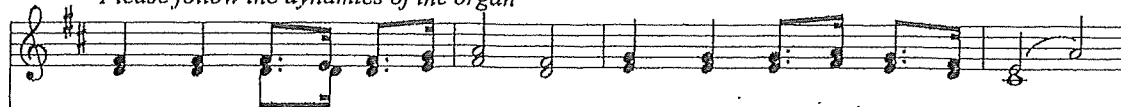
- L. Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C. **Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by thy name
thy kingdom come, they will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and 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.**

Blessing

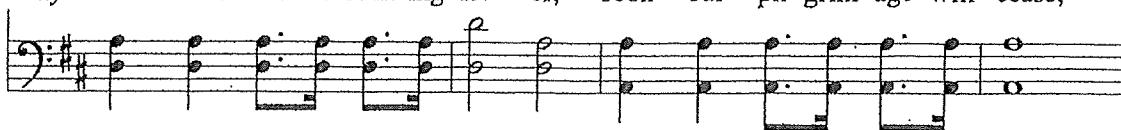
- L. Let us bless the Lord.
- C. **Thanks be to God.**
- L. Almighty and merciful God,
the Father, the **+** Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.
- C. **Amen.**

Departing Hymn - "Shall We Gather at the River"

Please follow the dynamics of the organ



unison 1 Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
harmony 2 On the mar-gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
unison 3 'Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
harmony 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



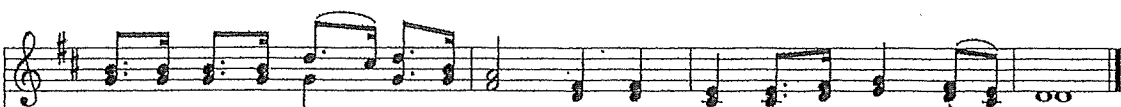
with its crys-tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor-ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



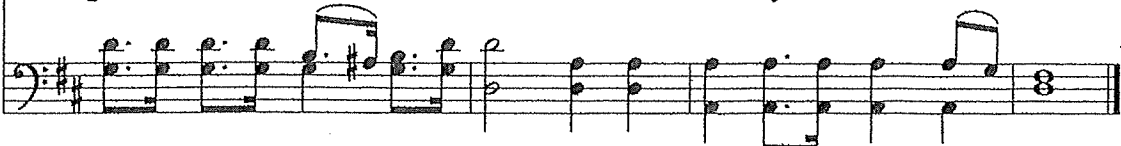
Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



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