Tonight is the eve of All Saints’ Day, the festival in the Church that recalls the faith and witness of our siblings in Christ throughout all ages. The service celebrates our continuing communion with them, and memorializes the recently deceased. The early Church followed the Jewish custom that a new day began at sundown; thus, feasts and festivals in the Church were observed beginning on the night before. The night before All Saints’ (or All Hallows’) became known as All Hallows’ Eve, or Halloween. Our Scripture readings tonight point to Jesus, for it is by faith in him that we step from darkness into light, and from death into life.
Gathering
The service begins in the Memorial Garden. The ushers will distribute candles.

*Greeting

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Opening Prayer | In unison:

Lord Christ, your saints have given light to the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country, where you live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

*Procession of the Saints | The congregation will silently follow the crucifer and worship leaders inside, bearing the light with them. The choir sings the introit while the congregation processes into the chancel to be seated. If the chancel fills, please be seated in the chairs at the front of the nave.

*Choral Introit

Funeral Ikos

John Tavener
(1944–2013)

Why these bitter words of the dying,
O brethren, which they utter as they go hence?
I am parted from my brethren.
All my friends do I abandon, and go hence.
But whither I go, that understand I not,
either what shall become of me yonder;
only God who hath summoned me knoweth.
But make commemoration of me with the song:
Alleluia.

But whither now go the souls?
How dwell they now together there?
This mystery have I desired to learn,
but none can impart aright.

*All rise as able
Do they call to mind their own people, as we do them?
Or have they forgotten all those
who mourn them and make the song:
\textit{Alleluia}.

We go forth on the path eternal,
and as condemned, with downcast faces,
present ourselves before the only God eternal.
Where then is comeliness? Where then is wealth?
Where then is the glory of this world?
There shall none of these things aid us,
but only to say oft the psalm:
\textit{Alleluia}.

If thou hast shown mercy unto man, O man,
that same mercy shall be shown thee there;
and if on an orphan thou hast shown compassion,
the same shall there deliver thee from want.
If in this life the naked thou hast clothed,
the same shall give thee shelter there, and sing the psalm:
\textit{Alleluia}.

Youth and the beauty of the body fade at the hour of death,
and the tongue then burneth fiercely,
and the parched throat is inflamed.
The beauty of the eyes is quenched then,
the comeliness of the face all altered,
the shapeliness of the neck destroyed;
and the other parts have become numb, nor often say:
\textit{Alleluia}.

With ecstasy are we inflamed
if we but hear that there is light eternal yonder;
that there is Paradise, wherein every soul
of righteous ones rejoiceth.
Let us all also enter into Christ,
that all we may cry aloud thus unto God:
\textit{Alleluia}.

—Greek Orthodox burial liturgy; trans. Isabel Hapgood
*Opening Hymn | UMH 90

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

*Confession and Assurance of Pardon | In unison:

Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;
and we have done those things that we ought not to have done;
there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

The Peace | All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.

Proclamation

Prayer of Illumination | In unison:

O Living God, bring us forth from death to life, so that as the
scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we, like all of your
saints, may be brought to a sure and living faith in your lordship;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 613 in pew Bibles.

Isaiah 25:6–9

Witness of the Saints

Lorenzo Ruiz (1594–1637)
Ecce quomodo moritur

The righteous perish and no one takes it to heart

Ecce quomodo moritur justus et nemo percipit corde.
The devout are taken away, and no one understands.
Viri justi tolluntur et nemo considerat.
From the face of iniquity the just are taken away,
A facie iniquitatis sublatus est justus
and their memory will be in peace.
et erit in pace memoria eius.
Their place was made in peace and their home in Zion.
In pace factus est locus ejus et in Sion habitatio ejus.

—Isaiah 57:1–2

Tabitha (First century)

Musical Response | Please join the choir in singing the hymn printed at the back.

In Our Day of Thanksgiving

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Witness of the Saints

George Matheson (1842–1906)
Musical Response

Set Me as a Seal

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love;
either can the floods drown it.

—Song of Solomon 8:6a, 7a

Witness of the Saints

Pauli Murray (1910–1985)

God Is Love

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 99 in pew Bibles.

John 11:32–44

Response

*Nicene Creed | In unison:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: Hear our prayer.

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion
*The Great Thanksgiving | Word and Table Service I, found on page 9 at the front of the hymnal. The “Holy, holy, holy” will be sung by the choir.

*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

Sharing of the Bread and Wine | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. Wine is used for Communion. If you have a gluten allergy, a server will be in the chancel with gluten-free wafers available upon request. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Prayer After Thanksgiving | In unison:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. We praise you that through this meal you assure us that we are living members of the Body of Christ and heirs of your eternal kingdom. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
Sending Forth
*Benediction

*The Sharing of the Light | The choir sings while candles are lit.

In Paradisum (*Requiem*)

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.

*Into paradise may the angels lead you,*
*on your arrival, may the martyrs receive you*
*and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem.*
*May the chorus of angels receive you,*
*and with Lazarus, who once was poor,*
*may you have eternal rest.*

—*Western burial liturgy*

*Closing Hymn | UMH 723*

Shall We Gather at the River

*Closing Procession | At the hymn’s conclusion, the crucifer and torchbearer will lead a candlelight procession out of the chancel, signifying the light of Christ shining in the world. Please feel free to remain in the chancel for the organ postlude if you would prefer. Should you need to leave, please do so quietly and respectfully.*

Postlude

Esquisses byzantines
IX. In paradisum

—*Hanson Place*
1 In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
2 In the morning of life, and at noon, and at evening,
3 These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
4 Sing praise, then, and thanksgiving God’s love here has found them,

for the saints who before us received the reward;
    they were gathered to heaven from our worship below;
    and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
    whose journey is ended, whose perils are past;

when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
    but not till God’s love, at the tomb and the altar,
    yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
    they believed in the light and its glory is round them.

but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord,
    had clothed them with grace for the way they should go,
    and still they were seeking the city of God,
    where the clouds of earth’s sorrows are lifted at last.

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God is love. God is love; let us love one another as God first loved us. God is love.

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