

In Solemn Remembrance of September 11, 2001

Friday, September 11, 2020

Musical Selection

Prelude from *Suite No. 3 in C Major*, BWV 1009 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc, et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Words: Latin, based on Luke 1:28-42. Music: Franz Schubert (1797-1828).

Welcome

The Opening Anthem

Presider I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;

he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,

and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,

and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord. and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;

even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you those who died because of the attacks on September 11th, 2001. We thank you for giving them to us to know and to love as companions on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The First Lesson Genesis 9:12-16

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and his sons, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Reader The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Lesson Hebrews 10:32-36

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection

Allemande from *Suite No. 4 in E-flat Major*, BWV 1010 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Gospel Matthew 16:24-28

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Rector

Poem Remember by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Reader Remember me when I am gone away,

Gone far away into the silent land;

When you can no more hold me by the hand,

Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you plann'd:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Musical Selection

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

Words: Latin, from the traditional Requiem Mass. Music: from *Requiem*, Op. 48, Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924).

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Remembering the horrific events of this day nineteen years ago, we pray to God,

our refuge and our strength, saying, "Gracious God, hear our prayer."

For justice and peace in the world:

Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For our nation and its leaders:

Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For members of our Armed Forces and diplomatic corps both at home and abroad:

Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For all firefighters, police officers, medical workers, and other first responders:

Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the family members and friends who support and care for them:

Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the sick and the suffering, including those who contracted illnesses because of their

service at Ground Zero:

Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those battling COVID-19, for those who are out of work, and for our city as it faces

another crisis:

Gracious God.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who died in the attacks on September 11, 2001 or because of injuries sustained in

them, including these firefighters who died in uniform:

Captain William Burke, Jr., Engine 21 Firefighter George Cain, Ladder 7 Firefighter Michael Clarke, Ladder 2

Battalion Chief Thomas DeAngelis, Battalion 8

Firefighter George DiPasquale, Ladder 2

Firefighter Robert Foti, Ladder 7

Firefighter Willie T. Franklin Jr., Engine 65

Firefighter Denis Germain, Ladder 2 Firefighter Daniel Harlin, Ladder 2 Captain Frederick III Jr., Ladder 2

Firefighter Thomas McCann, Engine 65 Firefighter Charles Mendez, Ladder 7 Firefighter Carl Molinaro, Ladder 2

Battalion Chief John Moran, Battalion 49, formerly Ladder 7

Firefighter Richard Muldowney Jr., Ladder 7

Firefighter Dennis Mulligan, Ladder 2

Firefighter Douglas Oelschlager, Ladder 15, formerly Ladder 7

Firefighter Robert Parro, Engine 8

Lieutenant Kenneth Phelan, Battalion 32, formerly Ladder 7

Firefighter Vincent Princiotta, Ladder 7 Lieutenant Vernon Richard, Ladder 7

Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those of us still living, that, even as the years pass by, we may continue to honor the

sacrifices made on our behalf:

Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those born in the years since that fateful day, that generations to come may learn from

the struggles their forebears endured:

Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Gracious God, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace;

let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in

them the good purpose of your perfect will; for your tender mercies' sake.

All Amen.

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Sarabande from *Suite No. 3 in C Major*, BWV 1009 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Blessing

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Solemn Postlude

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

Participants

Presider

The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Rector

Readers

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Intercessor

The Reverend Peter Thompson, Associate Rector for Formation and Liturgy

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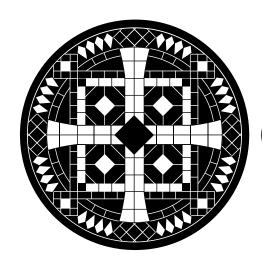
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