

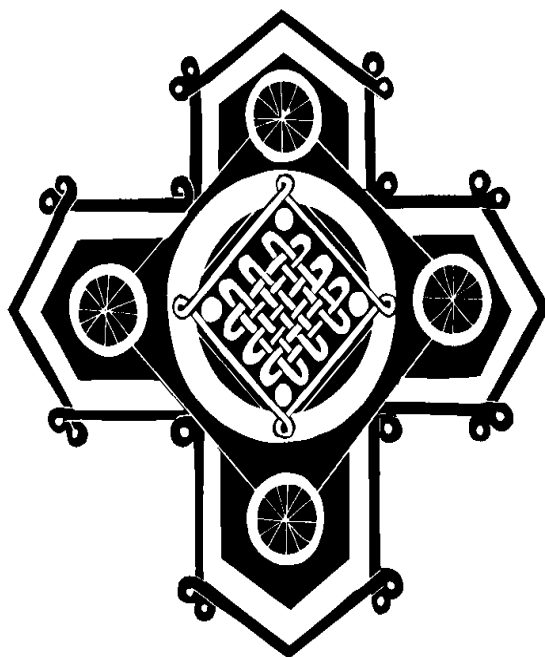
Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle

Washington, District of Columbia

+ Commemoration of the Faithful Departed +

And

Blessing of the Tombs of the Deceased Archbishops
Archdiocese of Washington



November 2, 2015

11:00 am

Celebration of the Eucharist

Robert Cardinal McElroy, Principal Celebrant and Homilist

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CHORAL INTROIT

FUNERAL IKOS

John Tavener

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, neither what shall become of me yonder; only God, who hath summoned me, knoweth. But make commemoration of me with 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 it aright. 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: 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 of the psalm: 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: Alleluia!

Youth and beauty of the body fade at the hour of death, and 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: 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: Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN

JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME

Worship 867

PENITENTIAL ACT

FIRST READING

Wisdom 3: 1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Worship 1226

No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever be put to shame.

SECOND READING

Romans 6: 3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Worship 329

[Assembly repeats each “Alleluia” after the cantor.]

GOSPEL

John 6: 37-40

PROFESSION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED

Worship 209

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PREPARATION

O Quam Gloriosum

Tomás Luis da Victoria

*O how glorious is the kingdom, where all the saints rejoice with Christ!
Dressed in white robes they follow the Lamb wherever he goes. Alleluia!*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ACCLAMATIONS

Worship 374-376

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lux aeterna

Gregorian Chant

May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord, in the company of your saints for eternity, for you are full of goodness.

COMMUNION HYMN

Restless is the Heart

Bernadette Farrell

**Refrain: *Restless is the heart until it comes to rest in you.
All the earth, all the earth shall remember and return to our God.***

*Lord, you have been our refuge through all time, From one generation to the next;
Before the mountains were born, or the earth brought forth, You are God, without beginning or end.*

*To your eyes a thousand years are like a day, No more than a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream, Like the grass that springs green in the morning, but faded by night.*

*Make us know our life's shortness, that we may gain true wisdom of heart.
In the morning fill us, fill us with your love.*

COMMUNION MOTET

Justorum Animae

Orlando de Lassus

*The souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them.
They seemed in the eyes of the foolish to be dead, but they are at peace.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Following the Blessing, Cardinal McElroy will go to the Chapel of St. Francis where he will lead the Assembly in prayer for the repose of the souls of Cardinal Baum, Cardinal O'Boyle, and Cardinal Hickey who are interred there.

PONTIFICAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

R/ AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

R/ NOW AND FOREVER.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/ WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

Deacon: The Mass is ended, go in peace.

R/ THANKS BE TO GOD.

Cardinal McElroy and the ministers process to the St. Francis Chapel
as the Schola Cantorum sings *In Paradisum*.

PROCESSION TO THE TOMBS

In Paradisum

FAURE OR Gregorian Chant

*May choirs of angels escort you into paradise;
And at your arrival may the martyrs receive and welcome you;
May they bring you home into the holy city, Jerusalem.
May the holy angels welcome you,
And with Lazarus, who lived in poverty,
May you have everlasting rest.*

INVITATION TO PRAYER

ANTIPHON

Ego Sum

Gregorian Chant

*I am the resurrection and life.
He who believes in me, even though he is dead, shall live;
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.*

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED BISHOPS

SPRINKLING OF THE TOMBS

RESPONSORY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Celebrant: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
Assembly: And let the perpetual light shine upon them.
Celebrant: May they rest in peace.
Assembly: Amen.

The Celebrant makes the sign of the cross over the tombs, saying:

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed +
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Assembly: Amen.

RECESSIONAL CHANT

Requiem in Aeternam

Gregorian Chant

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.
It is fitting, O God, to sing a hymn unto you on Mount Zion;
and our vows shall be carried out for you in Jerusalem.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Aus tiefer Not schrei' ich zu dir - BWV 686

J.S. Bach

Sunday, November 16, 2025

11:00 am

+ MASS OF REMEMBRANCE +

The Cathedral's *Schola Cantorum* will present the annual Mass of Remembrance featuring music from the choral requiems of Maurice Duruflé and Gabriel Fauré.

*Parishioners and friends are encouraged to come to remember and pray for their loved ones
who have passed from this life.*