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The Cathedral Church of St Machar

Service of
Remembrance and Thanksgiving

All Soul's Evening Service

Sunday 1st November 2026
6:00pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Petit Prélude - Joseph Jongen

INTROIT

Introitus de la Missa pro Defunctis a 4
– Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611)

WELCOME

OPENING RESPONSES

The World belongs to God:
the earth and all its people.
How good it is, how wonderful:
to live together in unity.
Love and faith come together:
justice and peace join hands.
If Christ's disciples keep silent:
these stones would shout aloud.
Open our lips, O God:
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

HYMN 718 – We cannot measure how you heal

PRAYER

FIRST READING – 1 John 3: 1-3

ANTHEM

And I saw a new heaven - Malcolm Archer (b.1952)

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 5: 1-12

after the reading:
For the Word of God in Scripture;
for the Word of God among us;
for the Word of God within us:
thanks be to God.

HYMN – O God, why are you silent - *see insert* (tune: *Ewing - 747*)

REFLECTION

MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

LIGHTING OF THE LIGHTS

During which will be sung:

The Last Journey
– John L Bell (b.1949) & Graham Maule (1958-2019)

PRAYER

HYMN 726 – When we are living, we are in the Lord

CLOSING RESPONSES

On our hearts and our houses:
the blessing of God.
In our coming and going:
the peace of God.
In our life and believing:
the love of God.
At our end and new beginning:
the arms of God to welcome us and bring us home.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

Vesper Voluntary Op 14 No. 3 - Edward Elgar

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   The proud and strong and violent
   all claim you and rejoice.
   You promised you would hold me
   with tenderness and care.
   Draw near, O Love, enfold me,
   and ease the pain I bear.

2. Now lost within my grieving,
   I fall and lose my way,
   my fragile, faint believing
   so swiftly swept away.
   O God of pain and sorrow,
   my compass and my guide,
   I cannot face tomorrow
   without you by my side.

3. My hope lies bruised and battered,
   my wounded heart is torn;
   my spirit spent and shattered
   by life's relentless storm.
   Will you not bend to hear me,
   my cries from deep within?
   Have you no word to cheer me
   when night is closing in?

4. Through endless nights of weeping,
   through weary days of grief,
   my heart is in your keeping,
   my comfort, my relief.
   Come, share my tears and sadness,
   come, suffer in my pain;
   O bring me home to gladness,
   restore my hope again.

5. May pain draw out compassion,
   let wisdom rise from loss.
   O take my heart and fashion
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   your grace and love revealing
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