



ST NICHOLAS
ANGELICAN CHURCH, BIRCH CLIFF



St. Aidan's in the Beach

The Feast of All Souls

Choral Evensong

The Choir of St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff
under the direction of Ms. Christine Hanson

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The Choir of St. Aidan's in the Beach
under the direction of Mr. Michael Pirri

Sunday, November 3, 2024
4:00pm Evening Prayer



Welcome to St. Nick's!

We are delighted to welcome you to this solemn service of All Souls this evening. Whether you're a parishioner of St. Aidan's or St. Nicholas', whether you are here virtually or in-person, for the first time or the hundredth time, we pray that this is a sacred time for you. Our sidespeople are the friendly people at the back of the church who can help you with anything you need. Everything you need today is in this leaflet. We hope you'll participate as you feel comfortable.



Washrooms

Our washrooms are downstairs, which you can get to by the staircase near the left-side chapel, or by the elevator, also in the chapel. For help with the elevator, speak to one of our sidespeople.

Accessibility

If you need extra space for a walker or wheelchair, our sidespeople will show you to the accessibility pew near the front of the church.



Better Sight and Sound

Large-print copies of this leaflet are also available: just ask a sidesperson. If you have difficulty hearing, we have audio-assistive devices that will help you hear the service better.

Territorial Acknowledgment & Commitment to Reconciliation

We acknowledge that the land on which our parish sits is the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations and the Métis Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. We also recognize, and pray for the continual grace to honour the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.



Service of Choral Evensong

Prelude O Welt, ich muss dich lassen (J. Brahms)

Introit View Me, Lord (R. Lloyd)

View me, Lord, a work of thine; shall I then lie drowned in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel at thine altar, pure and white;
They that once thy mercies feel, gaze no more on earths delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade when the heavenly light appears;
But the covenants thou hast made, endless, know nor days nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust, to thy mercies fast I fly.
Though I am but clay and dust, yet thy grace can lift me high.

Processional

Preces & Responses (Traditional Ferial)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O God, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Psalms Psalm 121 (Plainsong)

You may be seated for the psalms.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help?
My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer they foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 130

(H. Walford Davies)

Out of the deep have I called unto thee O Lord: Lord hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss,
O Lord, who may abide it?
But there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.
I look of the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.
My soul fleeth unto the Lord; before the morning watch, I say, before the
morning watch.
O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

As you're able, you may stand for the Gloria.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Reader But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Here endeth the lesson.

Magnificat Evening Service in C Minor

(G. Dyson)

As you're able, you may stand for the Magnificat.

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Reading: John 11:21-27, 32-44

Reader Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Here endeth the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis Evening Service in C Minor

(G. Dyson)

As you're able, you may stand for the Nunc Dimittis

Choir Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God,

***All* the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father**

Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy Spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

As you're able, you're invited to kneel or sit.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father,

Choir which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy 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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us (Traditional Ferial)

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the King.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir And evermore mightily defend us.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

Officiant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we remember before thee all thy servants who have served thee faithfully in their generation, and have entered into rest, beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow in their steps, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that

our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Anthem Evening Hymn (H. Balfour-Gardner)

Homily The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges, (St. Aidan's in the Beach, Toronto)

Offertory Hymn *Lead, Kindly Light*

As you're able, you're invited to stand.



1. Lead, kind - ly Light, a - mid th'en - cir - cling gloom, Lead thou me on;
2. I was not ev - er thus, nor prayed that thou Shouldst lead me on;
3. So long thy pow'r hath blessed me, sure it still Will lead me on



The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead thou me on.
I loved to choose and see my path; but now Lead thou me on.
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and tor - rent, till The night is gone,



Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see The dis - tant scene;
I loved the gar - ish day, and, spite of fears, Pride ruled my will:
And with the morn those an - gel fa - ces smile, Which I have loved



one step e - nough for me.
re - mem - ber not past years!
long since, and lost a - while.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Officiant Let us remember at this time also those who we have loved, and see no longer in this life.

Almighty and everliving God, with whom still love the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: we give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. We remember especially... *[Those in the Book of Remembrance are named]*.

May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy name, have perfect fulfilment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Officiant Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

All And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Officiant May the souls of the faithful departed, through the tender mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.

All Amen.

Concluding Prayers

The officiant offers prayers, which conclude with the prayer of St. John Chrysostom...

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All Amen.

The Grace & Blessing

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore.

All Amen.

Officiant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn *Abide With Me* (Common Praise #24)

As you're able, you're invited to stand.

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

Postlude III. Elegy and Fugue *from* A Fugal Trilogy

(H. Willan)

Thank you for joining us this evening!
Everyone is welcome to come downstairs for a reception,
where Ms. Joy Horswill will be presented an award
from the Royal School of Church Music.

Assisting in tonight's service:

Officiant: The Rev. Andrew MacDonald (St. Nicholas)
Homilist: The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges (St. Aidan's)
Readers: Bill Goodfellow, Nick Everett
Servers: Bill Goodfellow
Livestreaming Tech: Ella Penton
Sidespeople: Stephanie Ford, Joan Pantlin

Upholding in prayer this week....

- The World:** Church of the Province of Southeast Asia
Canada: The Diocese of Athabasca, Bishop David Greenwood
Diocesan Cycle: The Church Historical Society
Deanery: Our Regional Dean, the Rev. Canon Julie Burn
Ministerial: Scarborough Baptist
Parish Ministry: The ministry of our Altar Guild & Flower Convenor
Parish Families: Vivian Weinert, the Rev. Joan Wilson, Cindy Wood
The Sick: For all who are sick or in any need. For all those living with chronic problems, our housebound parishioners and their caregivers.

Sunday Prayer List

If you would like someone included in the prayers on Sunday mornings, you can either contact the office and ask for them to be added, or there is also a list at the back of the church to which you can add names. Because these are public prayers, we ask that you respect people's privacy and ask their permission first. Names submitted to the office will be included in the prayers for two weeks.

Daily Prayer Chain

If you or a family member or friend needs prayer for any reason, you can pass those names along to the church office. The names will be given to the members of the St. Nick's Prayer Chain, who will uphold those people in their daily prayers for 30 days.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." Romans 12:12

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