

# Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses

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*Please bring pictures of deceased loved ones for whom we will pray during the Taizé service this month.*



## Introduction and Welcome

On All Souls' Day the Roman Catholic Church remembers all those who have died — not just the great and the good, but the ordinary man-in-the-street. Families visit graves with bunches of flowers and in church the names of the dead may be read out. In some parts of the country, All Souls' Day ends with a play or some songs.

ETERNAL LIFE & HEAVEN

### 487 SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY



- G Gsus4 G D G D G D
1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
  2. Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has yet per - ceived!
  3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead;
  4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un - known.



- G Gsus4 G C Am G D G D7 G
1. Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, To the form - er days be - long.
  2. Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing, Nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
  3. Join with all the heav'n - ly voic - es; Child of God, lift up your head!
  4. When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!



- D G D G D B7 Em A D
1. All a - round the clouds are — break - ing, Soon the — storms of time shall cease;
  2. God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, There on — high our wel - come waits;
  3. Pa - tri - archs from dis - tant — a - ges, Saints all — long - ing for their heav'n,
  4. Oh, to en - ter that bright — por - tal, See that — glow - ing fir - ma - ment,



- G Gsus4 G C Am G D G D7 G
1. In God's like - ness, peo - ple wak - ing, Know the ev - er - last - ing peace.
  2. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
  3. Proph - ets, psalm - ists, seers, and sa - ges, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
  4. Know, with you, O God im - mor - tal, Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!

Note: When guitar and keyboard play together, keyboardists should improvise using the guitar chords above the melody.

Text: 87 87 D; 1 Corinthians 15:20; William J. Irons, 1812–1893; fr. *Psalms and Hymns*, 1873, alt.  
Music: HYMN TO JOY; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867; guitar acc. © 1995, 1997, OCP. All rights reserved.

Our brothers and sisters from Latin America celebrate in a more elaborate way. Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a celebration of life and death. While the holiday originated in Mexico, it is celebrated all over Latin America with colorful calaveras (skulls) and calacas (skeletons).

Day of the Dead combines the ancient Aztec custom of celebrating ancestors with All Souls' Day, a holiday that Spanish invaders brought to Mexico starting in the early 1500s. The holiday, which is celebrated mostly in Mexico on November 1 and 2, is like a family reunion—except dead ancestors are the guests of honor.

While Halloween is a dark night of terror and

mischief, Day of the Dead festivities unfold over two days — November 1 and 2, the same as All Saints Day and All Souls Day in Christianity — in an explosion of color and life-affirming joy.

Marigolds are the iconic flower of the Day of the Dead. The Day of the Dead is deeply rooted in pre-Hispanic Aztec rituals blended with Roman Catholic traditions. But many of the indigenous symbols remain, including the vibrant and fragrant marigold. Monarch butterflies are traditionally believed to be returning loved ones.

**Sung by all: "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" (verses 1-4)**

**Reading from the Gospel according to John**

*Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.*

*In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?*

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.*

*Where I am going you know the way."*

*Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"*

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

**Sung by all: Dwellers in the Holy City**

**Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews**

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."*

**Dwellers in the Holy City 976**



1. Dwell - ers in the ho - ly cit - y,  
 2. Fam - 'ly born to God's own house - hold,  
 3. Sing - ers in the choir of heav - en,  
 4. Saints a - round the ban - quet gath - ered,



O - pen wide the gold - en door;  
 Bring our faith - ful friends with - in,  
 Let your prayer like in - cense rise;  
 Claim them now as next of kin;



May our friends from this world sum - moned  
 Free of suf - f'ring, pain and sor - row,  
 Let our friends in song, now join you,  
 Lead them to the fam - 'ly ta - ble;



Know God's pres - ence ev - er - more.  
 Free of weak - ness, free of sin.  
 Prais - ing the God in par - a - dise.  
 Let the feast of joy be - gin.



Saints and an - gels, make them wel - come,  
 May their pass - ing lead to glo - ry,  
 And may we, re - joic - ing, join you,  
 Friends at God's own ta - ble seat - ed,



Glad at home for ev - er - more.  
 Vic - t'ry o - ver death and sin.  
 Prais - ers all in par - a - dise.  
 Let the feast - ing now be - gin!

## Extended Silence

### Petitions

**Chant 2x:** O Lord, hear my prayer.

We now join the worldwide Taizé Community with our own spontaneous prayers. Repeat the chant “O Lord, hear my prayer...” 1x after each spoken petition: During the sung response after your petition light a votive candle from the Easter Candle, the symbol of the Risen Christ.

1. That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God, we pray:

2. That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life, we pray:

3. For all those who lost their lives in the line of duty as martyrs for the faith or service in the military, we pray:

4. For the people of Ukraine who are suffering so much destruction; we pray:

Add your own spontaneous prayers, after which we will again sing the response each time. You may also pray your prayer silently and then light a votive candle on the table.

### We pray together: *The Lord's Prayer*

**Chant 5x:** *Nothing can trouble*

### Closing Prayer

God of Abraham and of Moses, Lord of the Living, who visited Jesus within His grave and filled Him with the Fullness of Eternal Life, hear our prayers this evening as we come before this altar of remembrance. With reverence, we visit this sacred shrine.

Pause in silence to be united with your loved ones

Lord, we come here to keep the flame of love alive within our hearts. As we gaze upon their faces, we rejoice because those names have been written for all ages in the Palm of Your Divine Hand.

Nothing dies; rather, life is only transformed into new life.

With faith in the reality of that Earthen Easter Morning when all the Holy Dead shall rise in the splendor of Your Glory.

Till that day, grant Eternal Rest to them and to all the Holy Dead. Amen.

## O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
*Alt. text: The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:*  
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
all my hope comes from God. *The Lord is my song, the*  
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.  
*Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

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Nada te turbe - Nothing can trouble 29

Am Dm7 G Cmaj7 1. F Dm6  
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne  
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

E Am 2. F Dm6 E Am mf  
na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.  
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

## Closing Song “May Holy Angels Lead You”

Thank you for coming. Join us again on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. central time either in person or virtually.

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## How to celebrate Dia de Los Muertos

You can celebrate Dia de Los Muertos or the Day of the Dead, not just on one day, but throughout the whole month of November. Here are some suggestions:

1. Visit the gravesite of a loved one.
2. Take a picnic to the cemetery where your loved one rests.
3. Bake pan de muerto
4. Set up an altar in your home
5. Make your own sugar skulls
6. Host a Day of the Dead feast
7. Dress up as a Catrina or Catrin.

Think traditional Mexican dresses, big, feathered hats, flower crowns, sugar skull face paint and the most important detail: color! Dress: Get creative! You can keep it simple with a traditional Mexican dress like an embroidered Puebla dress, or wear a long, flowery or fancy lace dress.

## May Holy Angels Lead You 978

May ho - ly an - gels lead you forth to par - a - dise,  
and may the mar - tyrs greet your com - ing home.  
May you find wel - come there with - in God's dwell - ing - place,  
the rad - iant cit - y, New Je - ru - sa - lem.  
May an - gel choirs re - ceive you, sing - ing joy - ful - ly,  
as you be - hold with La - za - rus, once poor,  
the bless - ed vi - sion of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty.  
May you know rest and peace with God for - ev - er - more.

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