



# FAIRLAWN

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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
Special Music  
Sunday, March 1, 2026 10:30am**

**Rev. Jean Ward and Rev. Nigel Weaver, Presiding  
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music  
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir and Guests  
with Chamber Orchestra  
Morrey Ewing – Reader**

***Requiem*  
by John Rutter**

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\*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.

Congregational responses, singing and readings in unison are indicated in **bold text**.

## Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land in your image,  
and entrusted them with the care of the earth.

***It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect  
to those who first occupied this land we are upon.***

We give thanks to the Huron-Wendat,  
Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations,  
and the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation:  
the first peoples of this land.

We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land.

***Creator let us be of Good Mind  
to reconcile the mistreatment of this land  
and those who have been displaced.***

We give thanks for Indigenous voices.

***Give us attentive ears to hear them,  
and sincere and open hearts  
that we may embrace the work of reconciliation  
to which you call your Church.***

With thankful and respectful hearts,

***we pray in Your name,  
Your Son the Peacemaker  
and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.***

**\*Processional Hymn** Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place

**Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place  
through all the ages of our race;  
before the mountains had their birth,  
or ever thou hadst formed the earth,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to everlasting our abode.**

**O teach us thou to count our days,  
and set our hearts on wisdom's ways;  
turn, Lord, to us in our distress,  
in pity now thy servants bless;  
let mercy's dawn dispel our night,  
and all our day with joy be bright.**

**O send the day of joy and light,  
for long has been our sorrow's night;  
afflicted through the weary years,  
we wait until thy help appears;  
from age to age with us abide;  
in us let God be glorified.**

**So let there be on us bestowed  
the beauty of the Lord our God;  
the work accomplished by our hand  
establish thou, and make it stand,  
yea, let our hopeful labour be  
established evermore by thee.**

(J. G. Wagner, 1742)

### **\*Gathering Prayer**

Holy One,  
You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;  
***and we are mortal, formed of the earth,  
and to earth shall we return.***  
For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,  
***"You are dust, and to dust you shall return."***  
All of us go down to the dust;  
***yet even at the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia — alleluia — alleluia.***

### **\*Introit**

Eternal Light

E. Daley

Eternal light, shine in our hearts,  
Eternal hope, lift up our eyes,  
Eternal pow'r, be our support,  
Eternal wisdom, make us wise.  
(from a prayer by Alcuin, 8<sup>th</sup> century,  
para. Christopher Idle, b. 1938,  
used with permission)

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## Sharing Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

## Reading

Revelation 21:3-4, Revelation 22:5  
and *Lux Aeterna* from the Requiem Mass

Reader: Morrey Ewing

I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,  
"Behold, the dwelling of God is with all people,  
and God shall dwell with them, and they shall be God's people.  
God shall be with them, and be their God.  
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain:  
for the former things are passed away."

And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun,  
for the Lord God will be their light,  
and they shall reign forever and ever.

May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, in the  
company of thy saints forever and ever; for thou art  
merciful. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon them.

## \*Hymn

O Grant Us Light

**O grant us light, that we may know  
the wisdom thou alone can give;  
that truth may guide where'er we go,  
and virtue bless where'er we live.**

**O grant us light, that we may learn  
how dead is life from thee apart,  
how sure is joy for all who turn  
to thee an undivided heart.**

**O grant us light, in grief and pain,  
to lift our burdened hearts above,  
and count the very cross again,  
and bless our God's unending love.**

**O grant us light, when, soon or late,  
all earthly scenes shall pass away,  
in thee to find the open gate  
to deathless home and endless day.**

**O grant us light, and grant us love.  
Your light and love will show the way.  
O send your solace from above,  
be with us all, dear God, we pray.**

(vv. 1-4 John Bishop, 1665-1737;  
v. 5, E. D.)

***Requiem***

John Rutter (b. 1945)

(Please see insert for text, translation, choristers and instrumentalists)

**\*Hymn**

O Lord of Life

**O Lord of life, where'er they be,  
safe in thine own eternity,  
our dead are living unto thee.  
God is with us, now and ever,  
thanks be to God.**

**All souls are thine, and here or there  
they rest within thy sheltering care;  
one providence alike they share.  
God is with us, now and ever,  
thanks be to God.**

**Thy word is true, thy ways are just;  
above the requiem, "Dust to dust,"  
shall rise our psalm of grateful trust.  
God is with us, now and ever,  
thanks be to God.**

**O happy they in God who rest,  
no more by fear or doubt oppressed:  
living or dying, they are blest.  
God is with us, now and ever,  
thanks be to God.**

(Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1840-1929/E. D.)

## Introduction of Offering

Out of love and duty,  
faithful women brought perfume and ointment  
to a garden tomb.

***Intending to preserve the dead,  
they found new life, instead.***

Now, out of love and duty,  
we bring our gifts.

***May they bring life to us and to others.  
Amen.***

## Offertory Anthem Set Me As a Seal

E. Daley

Set me as a seal upon thine heart,  
as a seal upon thine arm,  
for love is strong as death.  
Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can the floods drown it.  
(from Song of Solomon 8:6, 7)

## \*Presentation of the Offering

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,  
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

In peace let us pray saying:

Teach us to number our days  
***that we may get a heart of wisdom.***

For this community, our country, and the world;  
for an end to racism and all forms of oppression,  
and an end to poverty and all social injustice.

Teach us to number our days  
***that we may get a heart of wisdom.***

For the victims of heat and drought, hunger and thirst,  
 economic exploitation, and climate extremes.

Teach us to number our days  
***that we may get a heart of wisdom.***

For all people in their daily life and work  
 and for those out of work, overburdened,  
 or facing financial difficulties.

Teach us to number our days  
***that we may get a heart of wisdom.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
 For our own needs and those of others,  
 remembering especially those of our congregation  
 who are in particular need at this time.

Teach us to number our days  
***that we may get a heart of wisdom.***

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ,  
 and for those whose faith is known to you alone,  
 that they may be held secure in your love.

Teach us to number our days  
***that we may get a heart of wisdom.***

We turn to you,  
 as children turn to a resourceful and resilient mother,  
 as children look to a gentle and nurturing father.

***May your name be hallowed, may your rule come,  
 may your will be done, on earth as in heaven.***

***Give us today our daily bread.***

***Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.***

***Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.***

***For the rule, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.***

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**\*Recessional Hymn** Those Hearts That We Have Treasured

**Those hearts that we have treasured,  
those lives that we have shared,  
those loves that walked beside us,  
those friends for whom we've cared,  
their blessing rests upon us,  
their life is memory,  
their suffering is over,  
their spirits are set free.**

**They still give hope and comfort,  
they did not lose the fight,  
they showed us truth and goodness,  
they shine into our night.  
Remember days of gladness;  
remember times of joy;  
remember all the moments  
that grief can not destroy.**

**From hearts that we have treasured,  
from lives that we have shared,  
from loves that walked beside us,  
from friends for whom we're cared,  
we've learned to treasure kindness,  
we've learned that grace provides,  
we've learned to be together,  
we've learned that love abides.**

**\*Blessing**

Every child has known God,  
not the God of names,  
not the God of don't,  
not the God who does anything weird,  
but the God who only knows four words  
and keeps repeating them, saying:  
"Come dance with Me."  
Come Dance.

— Hafiz

May the Trinity of Love  
 Love uncreated, Love incarnate, Love among and within  
 enfold you, empower you, equip you.  
 Go from this place to love and to serve.

**\*Choral Commissioning**

E. Daley

(The choir will sing through once, and then the congregation is invited to join in.)

**O Lord, throughout this time of Lent, may we close by you stay,  
 we walk with you, as we await the joy of Easter Day.**

(E. D.)

**Postlude**

Gigue

Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

Alanna Ellison – Harp

Transcribed for harp by Carlos Salzedo (1885-1961)



**Thank you** to Eleanor Daley,  
 the Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir,  
 guest choristers and instrumentalists  
 who inspired us this morning.

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# *Requiem*

by John Rutter (b. 1945)

**Conductor – Eleanor Daley**

**Soprano – Amy Dodington**

## **FAIRLAWN AVENUE SENIOR CHOIR**

### **SOPRANO**

Kim Alexander, Sharon Barrett Ewing, Anne Bornath, Aerin Cartwright, Martha Cooper, Rosalie Cowan, Amy Dodington, Virginia Gies\*, Leonora Hoicka, Eleanor MacKay, Xandi Neville\*, Kathy Salisbury, Kirsten Smith, Susan Suchard\*, Frances Welsh\*, Laura Ziliotto

### **ALTO**

Martha Boyce, Lynn Featherstone\*, Karen Freedman\*, Meredith Hall, Bonita Kersey, Andrea Ludwig, Lynda MacKenzie, Anne Pyper, Valerie Scovill, Patti Vipond, Esther Welsh, Judith Young

### **TENOR**

Mitch Bondy\*, Willis Bote\*, Geoffrey Horning, Ed Oikawa\*, Jean François Roy\*, Phil Smith, Tom Welsh, Mark Wood-Salomon

### **BASS**

Philip Blackford, Dion Mazerolle, Peter McGillivray\*, Gary Poole, Mark Richardson, Tom Salisbury, Don Smith, Giles Tomkins, Peter Yampolsky

\*Guest Chorister

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Flute – Maria Pelletier

Oboe – Gillian Howard

Cello – Mary-Katherine Finch

Harp – Alanna Ellison

Organ – Sharon Beckstead

Timpani – Andy Morris

Glockenspiel – Xandi Neville

# Requiem

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## 1. Requiem aeternam

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.  
Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion: et tibi reddetur votum in  
Jerusalem.

Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

*from Missa pro defunctis*

*Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee: and light  
perpetual shine on them for ever.*

*Thou, Lord, art worshipped in Sion: thy praises shall ever be sung  
in all Jerusalem.*

*O hear us; O Lord, hear thy faithful servants' prayer; to thee  
shall all mortal flesh return.*

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

## 2. Out of the deep

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?

For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for 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.

Psalm 130

## 3. Pie Jesu

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.

*from 'Dies Irae', Missa pro defunctis*

*Blessed Jesu, Lord I pray, in thy mercy grant them rest.*

*Lord our God, we pray thee, grant them everlasting rest.*

## 4. Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

*Missa pro defunctis*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and majesty.*

*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord our God:*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

## 5. Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

*Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: in thy mercy, grant them rest.*

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour?

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

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.

Latin text from *Missa pro defunctis*; English texts from the Burial Service, 1662 Book of Common Prayer

## 6. The Lord is my shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth 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 comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23

## 7. Lux aeterna

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours: even so saith the Spirit.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray: with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace.*

*Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee: and light perpetual shine on them for ever.*

English text from the Burial Service (slightly altered);

Latin text, *Missa pro defunctis*

**John Rutter's *Requiem*** is a tender and luminous choral work that speaks gently of loss, hope, and peace. Blending ancient Latin texts with English psalms, its flowing melodies and warm harmonies offer comfort and quiet beauty. Rather than mourning alone, this Requiem invites listeners into a space of rest, remembrance, and healing.

### **The Special Music Fund**

You may wish to remember or honour someone, or simply contribute to the Special Music Fund, which provides money for instrumentalists and choral music for special seasons of the year. While the general operating fund allows us to pay our section leaders, the Fund enables us to perform larger sacred works on Special Music Sunday, which in the past have included Faure's *Requiem*, Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Mark Hayes' *Gloria, Magnificat and Requiem*, Richard Nance's *Mass for a New Millennium*, Jonathan Willcocks' *Magnificat and Gloria*, K. Lee Scott's *Gloria and Requiem*, Bob Chilcott's *On Christmas Night*, Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living and Jubilate Deo*, Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*, John Rutter's *Magnificat and Gloria*, and today his *Requiem*. A donation to the Special Music Fund may be made by using the envelope provided in your bulletin. If you wish to donate to the Fund in memory of a loved one, please provide the name(s) so honoured, in order that we may appropriately acknowledge the donation. Thank you for your wonderful and continuing support of Music at Fairlawn Avenue.

The Music Committee

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