

IN GRATEFUL MEMORY



*A Service for Remembering
and Giving Thanks*

WELCOME

HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike,
No cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking,
And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day

Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labours,
And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness,
Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing,
And give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
Whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping,
And give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

OPENING SENTENCES

We have come into our
Father's presence,
to remember our loved ones
who have passed through
the valley of the shadow of death;
to renew our faith and trust in God;

to pray for those who mourn;
and to seek God's grace,
that we may know his love, and the
hope he gives us,
through faith in Jesus Christ.
Let us therefore remember God's
presence with us now.

TIME OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of
his glory in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure in earthen
vessels to show that the transcendent
power belongs to God and not to us.
As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind our sins of word, deed
and omission, and confess them
before God our Father.

You rose from the dead
to life in the Spirit:
Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

You bring pardon and peace
to the broken in heart:
Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy

You make one by your Spirit
the broken and divided:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy

May Almighty God
have mercy upon you,
forgive you all your sins
and bring you to everlasting life.

Amen

HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

SAID RESPONSE (Psalm 91)

Safe in the shadow of the Lord
Beneath his hand and power,
**I trust in him, I trust in him,
My fortress and my tower.**

My hope is set on God alone
Though Satan spreads his snare,
**I trust in him, I trust in him,
To keep me in his care.**

From fears and phantoms of the night,
From foes about my way,
**I trust in him, I trust in him,
By darkness as by day.**

His holy angels keep my feet
Secure from every stone;
**I trust in him, I trust in him,
And unafraid go on.**

Strong in the Everlasting Name,
And in my Father's care,
**I trust in him, I trust in him,
Who hears and answers prayer.**

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,
Possessed by love divine,
**I trust in him, I trust in him,
And meet his love with mine**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

REFLECTION

THE COMMEMORATION

Prayer & lighting of candles

TIME OF SILENCE

WORDS OF COMFORT

Be still and know that I am God.

The eternal God is your refuge and
underneath are the everlasting arms.

Blessed are those who mourn
for they shall be comforted.

PRAYER

God of compassion and love,
we remember before you with
thanksgiving, those whom we love,
but see no longer.
Grant us, Lord God,
to trust you, not for ourselves alone,
but for those we love
who are hidden from us by the
shadow of death;
that as we believe your power to have
raised Jesus from the dead,
so we may trust you to give eternal life
to all who believe in Him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God,
world without end, **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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 those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer
Be thou still my Strength and Shield.
Be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and Hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

A FINAL BLESSING

The Lord bless you
and watch over you.
The Lord make his face
to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you
and remain with you always.
Amen