



A Service of Prayers and Readings in Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

All STAND as the choir and ministers enter

Welcome

In the name of Christ, who died and was raised by the glory of the Father, we welcome you: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

All **And also with you**

We meet this day to remember our departed loved ones, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our praises to the Father.

Remain *STANDING* to sing the hymn

Be Still for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear:
in Him no sin is found -
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned:
how awesome is the sight -
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3 Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace –
no work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Words and Music by David Evans (b. 1957)

Remain *STANDING*

I have set the Lord always before me:
He is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.
Show us your mercy, O Lord:
And grant us your salvation.
For with you is the well of life:
And in your light shall we see light.

All sit

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

Readings

Wisdom 3 : 1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God.

Romans 8 : 31b-end

What shall separate us from the love of God?

At the end of each, the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Remain SEATED as the choir sings

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd :
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture :
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul :
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea thou 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.

All STAND

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.

After the Psalm, we remain STANDING

The Gospel Reading

Before the Gospel the Reader says:

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

John 14 : 1-6

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

Prayers

Let us pray.

The Choir leads the congregation into prayer:

O Lord, listen to my prayer as I call to you.

O Lord, listen to my prayer as I call to you, O Lord, I call to you.

Words from Psalm 102

Music by Margaret Rizza (b. 1929)

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

All **O Lord, listen to my prayer as I call to you.**

O Lord, listen to my prayer as I call to you, O Lord, I call to you.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

All **O Lord, listen to my prayer...**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

All **O Lord, listen to my prayer...**

4 *All Souls*

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

All **O Lord, listen to my prayer...**

May we have strength to meet the days ahead in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those we love.

All **O Lord, listen to my prayer...**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to life everlasting.

All **O Lord, listen to my prayer...**

Grant us grace to entrust those whom we remember to your never-failing love which sustained them in this life. Enfold them in the arms of your mercy, and remember them according to the favour you bear for your people.

All **O Lord, listen to my prayer...**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

All **Our Father, who 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 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.**

Lord Christ, our Redeemer, in the day of your coming raise us up, and set us at your right hand in the day when your greatness shall appear. Keep the living by your grace and give resurrection to the dead. We ask this in your name, O Lord our resurrection and our life.

All **Amen.**

Those who wish to light a candle in the memory of a loved one are invited to come forward while the choir sings

Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom

Music by Jacques Berthier (1923-94)

The Commemoration

You, Christ, are the King of Glory.
The eternal Son of the Father.

You overcame the sting of death
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory
We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood;
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

Hear us, O merciful Father,
as we remember in love all those
whom we have placed in your hands.

The names of loved ones who have departed are read out, and others are remembered in the silence of our own hearts.

Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

All **Amen.**

The Russian Kontakion for the Departed is sung by the choir.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
Where sorrow and pain are no more;
Neither sighing but life everlasting.
Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of man:
And we are mortal formed from the dust of the earth,
And unto earth shall we return:
For so thou didst ordain,
When thou created me saying:
“Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return.”
All we go down to the dust;
And weeping o’er the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The eternal God is your dwelling place,
and underneath are the everlasting arms.
Blessed is the Lord,
our strength and our salvation.



The Dismissal

We STAND to sing the hymn

Now is eternal life

- 1 Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death’s ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.

- 2 For God, the living God,
Stooped down to man’s estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life’s gate:
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.

3 Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
Our life is hid with God in thee,
Now and through all eternity.

Words: G.W. Briggs (1875-1959)
Music: 'Christchurch' Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

Lord of all, our breath and being come from you, yet our earthly end is dust; as you loosen those who are bound and feed the hungry, so bring us in your mercy through the grave and gate of death to the feast of eternal life, where you reign for ever more.

Neither life nor death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God give us his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy in this world and the next.

All **Amen**

The choir sing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
and the rain fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
May God hold you ever in the palm of his hand.

Music by Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The choir and ministers depart in silence.

After the service you are welcome to stay in the quiet of the church for as long as you wish.