

Remembering Service



Before the service, invite people to share the names of those they wish to remember.

Gathering in God's Presence

Picture of a candle; invite folk to light a candle if they wish

Words of Comfort

"The steadfast love of „the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3v22).

And God has said: "I will never leave you: I will never abandon you" (Hebrews 13 v5).

God, you are always present with us

in every touch we cannot feel,

in the words we cannot speak,

in the breath we cannot share.

Hold us in your love

Give us your peace

and grant us strength to continue in trust. Amen.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=af1c_zEemvQ

Opening Prayer

God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, who is with us in all circumstances, we come to offer our thanks for all that is good;

For the beauty and wonder of the created world

For the lives of those we love and for the lives of all who have departed this earth,

We thank you for memories of joys shared

For the uniqueness of the life we come to remember

We offer up to you our sense of the mystery of dying, our anger and bewilderment, our pain and sorrow at loss, our vulnerability and fear as we continue our own journey.

In the midst of separation and distance in our daily living help us to know that you are near.

Help us to trust your promise that nothing, in illness or health, in living or dying, can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus.

And so we join our prayers with those of all your church, past, present and to come, in the the prayer that Jesus taught us....

The Lord's Prayer

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.

A Time with God's Word

HYMN: The Lord's My Shepherd (Townend version, link at the end of this document)

Bible Readings

John Chapter 14, selected verses

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, 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.

Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let our hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

1Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of humankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Time to Reflect

A few words

We read together the hymn 'When Trouble Strikes'

<https://slideplayer.com/slide/12432550/>

A time of prayer

Loving God, you tell us to look forward to a day when your kingdom shall come and your will be done; a time when there will be no more sorrow and death and when every tear will be wiped from our eyes.

Until that time comes, help us to find comfort in your love.

We name before you N

We pray for N's family, friends, and all who knew them

Now N is no longer with us in the way we knew, assure us that they are safe in your care.

(Repeat for each name) 'Grant to us all, strength for today and hope for tomorrow.'

Play: God of comfort

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IL5YyjPIH9s#action=share>

A closing prayer

Ever Faithful God,

beyond the mystery of death is the mystery of eternity.

Hold all those whom we love and miss in your divine mystery

joined with those of every generation who sing your eternal praises

surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses.

May we return to the duties which await us in the world,

resolved to be more faithful to you and more loving to one another.

These things we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Link for Townend Hymn

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?view=detail&mid=5CF156392CCC1E2FB99F5CF156392CCC1E2FB99F&shtp=Gmail&shid=5a3f7f85-6a9c-44e0-bce5-689024e104cd&shtk=VGhIIExvcmQncyBteSBTaGVwaGVyZCAtIFN0dWFydCBUb3duZW5kIFt3aXRoiGx5cmIjc10%3D&shdk=IlRoZSBMb3JklGlzIG15IHNoZXBoZXJkOyBJIHNoYWxslG5vdCB3YW50LiBIZSBtYWtlcyBtZSB0byBsaWUgZG93biBpbiBncmVlbiBwYXN0dXJlc3sgSGUgbGVhZHMgbWUgYmVzaWRlIHRoZSBzdGlscCB3YXRlcnMulEhIHJlc3RvcmlzIG15IHNoZS4gWWVhLCB0aG91Z2ggSSB3YWxrIHRobm91Z2ggdGhIIHZhbnGxleSBvZiB0aGUgc2hhZG93IG9mIGRIYXRoLCBjIHdpbGwgZmVhcnBub3BlbnBldmlsOyBGb3Igc2hhZG91IGFyZSB3aXRoiG1lOyBZb3VyIHJvZCBhbmQgWW91ciBzdGFmZiwgdGhleSAuLi4%3D&shhk=VP68rXbWez3mVs%2B7yyhAKwpOHpXPuCVViUi1oHhu6pU%3D&form=VDSHOT&shth=OSH.yhbIWFpidjrbDAOxkX%252B%252FEA>