

In Loving Memory (All Souls' Day)



¶ The Gathering

Words of welcome The Greeting

The president greets the people

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

Jesus says, "come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11.28

We have come together in 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 God's love, and the hope he gives us, through faith in Jesus Christ Let us therefore remember God's presence with us now.

Silence is kept

A hymn is sung

The Collect

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them

enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

The Bible Reading

At the end

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Prayers

Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death.

Jesus, bread from heaven, you satisfy the hungry with good things: grant us a share with all the faithful departed in the banquet of your kingdom. Hear us, risen Lord,

All our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, the light of the world, you gave the man born blind the gift of sight. Open the eye of faith and bring us from darkness to your eternal light and glory. Hear us, risen Lord,

All our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, Son of the living God,
you summoned your friend Lazarus
from death to life:
raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.
Hear us, risen Lord,

All our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, crucified Saviour,
in your dying you entrusted each to the other,
Mary your mother
and John your beloved disciple:
sustain and comfort all who mourn.
Hear us, risen Lord,

All our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, our way and truth and life, you drew your disciple Thomas f rom doubt to faith: reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost. Hear us, risen Lord,

All our resurrection and our life.

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers
with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us

AII 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 hymn is sung

The congregation are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of their loved one.

¶ The Commemoration

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power.

All For you have created all things, and by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nation.

All You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign with you on earth.

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud.

All Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with the saints: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal,
the creator and maker of all:
and we are mortal,
formed from the dust of the earth,
And unto earth shall we return.
For so you ordained
when you created me, saying:
'Dust you are and to dust you shall return.'
All of us go down to the dust,
yet weeping at the grave, we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Give rest,

O Christ, to your servant with the saints: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

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

the sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.

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 Dismissal

A hymn is sung

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 Christ from the dead, so may we trust you to give eternal life to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, who gives comfort and strength, Jesus Christ, who gives hope and life, and God the Father,

who gives meaning and purpose, touch your lives today and everyday; and the blessing ...

All Amen.



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