



## **November Remembrance Service**

### *Introductory Rite*

**Leader:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

Today we take time to remember those whom we've met on life's journey and who have now passed on to eternal life. We may be remembering someone very dear to us – a mother, father, brother or sister, a grandparent, a daughter or son, a dear friend or relation.....and we may also call to mind people who walked alongside us in life's journey for only a brief time, but who touched our lives deeply.....we remember those who have died during the past year, and all our loved ones who have died....

### *Lighting of the Candle*

**Reader 1:**

Lord Jesus, you said, 'I am the Light of the World'.

As we light this candle, we ask that your light will shine on all those who have died....May they be bathed always in the light of your love and grace, and come to eternal life with you.

**All:** Amen (*Candle Bearer now lights the candle*)

### *Opening Prayer*

**Leader:** Loving God, you are close to those who call on you.  
Be with us, as we mourn the loss of family and friends.  
Comfort us by your promise of eternal life.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

### *Liturgy of the Word*

**Reader 2:** *A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans* (14:7-9)

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

**The word of the Lord**

## **Ritual**

### **Prayer Leader:**

Let us now take a moment to remember in silence our loved ones who have died:

*All place names of people they would like to remember on the tree.*

### **Reflection: Gone from Sight**

#### **Prayer Leader:**

We remember those who died during the winter months..in November  
.....*PAUSE*...during the month of December... *PAUSE*...those who died in January..  
*PAUSE*...

...we remember those who died in Springtime....in February.....*PAUSE*.. .....in  
March.. ....*PAUSE*.....in April..... *PAUSE*.....

we call to mind those who died during the summer months... May...  
*PAUSE*.....June..... *PAUSE*..... July... *PAUSE*.....

we pray for those who died in autumn time....in August.... *PAUSE*.....in  
September..... *PAUSE*.....in October..... *PAUSE*

#### **Reflection:**

Reader 1: At the rising of the sun and at its going down

**All: We remember them.**

Reader 1: At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter

**All: We remember them.**

Reader 1: At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring

**All: We remember them.**

Reader 1: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer

**All: We remember them.**

Reader 1: At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn

**All: We remember them.**

Reader 1: At the beginning of the year and when it ends

**All: We remember them.**

Reader 1: As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now a part of us  
as we remember them.

**Prayer Leader:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

**All: And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**Prayer Leader:** May the souls of the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**All:** Amen

### *Prayers of the Faithful*

**Prayer Leader:** Let us ask God to hear the prayers of our hearts:

Reader 5: For all the people we know and love who have died and whom we  
remember today. *Lord, hear us.*

Reader 5: For all who are sad and in mourning because of a loved one's death.  
May they experience comfort and support in their Christian  
community. *Lord, hear us.*

Reader 5: For all who have died a violent death – May they now know the peace  
of Christ. *Lord, hear us.*

Reader 5: For all people who are dying at this time. May they experience the  
presence of Christ with them. *Lord, hear us*

Reader 5: For all people, that we may savour the gift of life given to us by God  
our Creator. *Lord, hear us.*

Reader 5: For our own intentions..... *Lord, hear us.*

### **Prayer Leader:**

God our protector, hear the prayers we make to you in hope: May the Spirit of  
God open our hearts and ears to one another. We make this prayer through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

**Prayer Leader:** Conscious that we are all sisters and brothers of one another and  
of Jesus, together we say: *Our Father.....*

**If they were to speak to us, what would they say... take a moment to write  
down what the those who have died would say to you had they  
an opportunity to speak to you. Then put their words into the  
basket under the tree.**

### **Prayer Leader:**

God, we believe in your tender love for us. Give comfort and strength to those  
who mourn today. Take away any feeling of guilt and ease the burden of regret.  
Keep them in your care and help them to renew their lives in a spirit of trust.  
We ask this in faith, through Christ, Our Lord. **Amen**