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A Service of Light and Remembrance at All Souls' Tide

Welcome and introduction

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.

We meet this day remembering those who have died, 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.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls; you uphold us in life and sustain us in death; to you be glory and praise for ever! For the darkness of this age is passing away as Christ the bright and morning star brings to his saints the light of life. As you give light to those in darkness who walk in the shadow of death, so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants, that death may be for them the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you; where with your saints you live and reign one in the perfect union of love now and for ever. **Amen.**



The Bible Reading

The Address

Praying

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, God has prepared for those who love him.

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.

Thank you for our loved ones and for all that they continue to mean to us.

Show compassion to your people in their sorrow. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence.

Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ by dying for us, conquered death, and by rising again, restored life.

May we then go forward eagerly to meet him, and after our life on earth be reunited with our brothers and sisters where every tear will be wiped away. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**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.**

The Commemoration

The names of those to be remembered are read out and then our candles are lit

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

Amen.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you And be
gracious to you,
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
And give you peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**