

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of The Holy Spirit Amen

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of all gentleness, surround us with your care,

And comfort us in our sorrow. It is our certain faith that your Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead.

Grant, through this mystery, that all who have gone to their rest in Christ may share in the joy of his resurrection.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6) Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place I am going." Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Let us pray.

O Lord, we thank you for the gift of our loved ones who have died and who we are remembering during this month of November. We remember especially all those who have died during the past eight months; those who died from COVID-19, those who died from other natural causes and those who died tragically.

We thank you, compassionate God for walking with us in all the dark moments of our grief and loneliness. Even when we find it hard to see you, we know and trust that you are beside us, and in the resurrection of Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, you give us a reason for living; a reason for hoping.

Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us direction and courage in this difficult time.

May we live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and may you help us, Lord, to bring light and hope to others. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen

Family Prayer Service

REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES



Conscious that we are all sisters and brothers of one another and of Jesus, together we say:

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. Amen

May we always recognise the power of love in our lives. May we always remember that we are never alone that we are always connected to others past and present with the eternal rhythm of the God of the universe. **Amen**

May we realise that each of our lives are unique and although we have lost some of our loved ones we still have our own role to play in life today and into the future. **Amen**

May we learn to see ourselves with the same delight, pride and expectations, with which God looks at us at every moment. **Amen**

God, we believe in your tender love for us. Give comfort and strength to those who mourn. Keep us all in your care and renew our lives in a spirit of trust. We ask this in faith, through Christ, Our Lord. **Amen**

Take time to close your prayer by listening to one of the following hymns;

The Cloud's Veil - Liam Lawton

Be not Afraid - John Michael Talbot

Eagle's Wings - John Michael Talbot

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