



A Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Loved Ones



Sunday 14 November 2021, 4pm

You are welcome to take this copy of the service home with you if you wish.

I thought of you with love today

I thought of you with love today,
but that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday,
and days before that too.
I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name.
All I have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is my keepsake
with which I'll never part.
God has you in his keeping
I have you in my heart.

Author unknown

**Welcome to the Church of King Charles the Martyr,
whether you are a regular attender or are new with us today
we hope that you feel welcome.**

This service is an act of Remembrance for all those who we have loved and lost, especially over the last year.

Please do stand or sit as you feel able. The words for the Hymns are in the green books in the back of the seats in front of you – please do ask if you would like a large print edition.

You are very welcome to join us for tea and cake after the service in the church hall.

THE 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.
and also with you.

The Vicar welcomes the congregation and introduces the service

Please stand (if you are comfortable doing so) to sing
408 Love Divine, all loves excelling

RESPONSES

I have set the Lord always before me:
He is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.

Show us your mercy, O Lord:
And grant us your salvation.

For with you is the well of life:
And in your light shall we see light.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice
and love everything you have made.
In your mercy
turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Please be seated

POEM I thought of you with love today read by Yvonne a member of our pastoral team

BIBLE READING *read by Judith Reeve a member of our pastoral team*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 25.6-9

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

459 The Lord is my shepherd (Psalm 23)

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING *read by Jean Burt a member of our pastoral group*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus saith, Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:1-6

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE ADDRESS

Revd Atalie Gaines, Vicar

THE PRAYERS

The bidding and response in the prayers is:

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

**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.**

Please stand to sing
Be still, my soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*Katharina A. von Schlegel, pub. 1752
tr. by Jane L. Borthwick, pub. 1855*

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED

*As the names of your loved ones are read please feel free to come forward
and light a candle in their memory*

The names of the departed are read

Jesus said, "This is the will of him that sent me
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
and I will raise them up on the last day."

**The Choir sing the Anthem God be in my head by Walford
Davies**

RESPONSE

Hear us, O merciful Father,
as we remember in love those
whom we have placed in your hands.
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 Lord God almighty is our Father:
he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:
he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

The Lord, the Holy Spirit is among us:
he will lead us in God's holy way.

To God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever. Amen.

Please stand to sing
252 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

Please remain standing
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 his peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Please feel free to remain in the church for a while after the service if you wish and then join us in the hall for refreshments if you can.

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