

Service of Remembrance

4pm
Sunday 9th November



*...a special time of reflection and recollection of friends
and family who have passed away*



Order of Service

Welcome

Hymn O God Our Help In Ages Past

Today we come together to remember before God our loved ones to give thanks for their lives and to comfort one another in our grief.

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank you for each life we are remembering here today and the time we were given to share with them. We come to you today with a mixture of sadness but also gratitude for the gift of their presence in our lives. Help us to remember the joy that each one brought, the love they shared, and the memories we will cherish forever. Please comfort all who are mourning and take this time of worship to fill us with your peace that surpasses all understanding for we trust in your promise of eternal life through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Hymn Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 & John 11:25

Message “In Time and Eternity”

Song “My Forever Friend” Charlie Landsborough

Prayers

Dear God, the giver of time and eternity, in this time of sorrow and loss, we turn to you for strength and comfort. Please wrap your loving arms around us and grant us the peace that surpasses all understanding. Help us find solace in the memories of our loved ones and guide us through this difficult time of grief.

Father of all mercy and giver of all comfort, give hope to those who are sad, console those who still miss someone special, and grant peace to those who are angry. Help us to cast every care onto you and guide us gently through the challenges of this time and help us take hold of the opportunities of tomorrow. Amen

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, in the security of quiet prayer we confess to you that we have not lived up to the reasonable expectations of others; we have fallen short of our own standards, and we are far from being all that You would have us to be. In the name of Jesus Christ who welcomed sinners and lifted up the downcast, we ask you to forgive us for what we have done and refresh our faith in your willingness to accept us, help us enjoy our standing as your much loved children, and enable us to live lives in which you can take delight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Act of Remembrance

Therefore, in a state of grace, we come before Almighty God and remember those we love but see no longer.

We remember them by name...

[Names are either spoken by the Minister or called out from the congregation]

Let us say together

Grant to them Lord your eternal rest and let your perpetual light shine upon them.

The lighting of a candle is a token of the love which has shone from our loved ones into our lives; we light a candle to their memory.

We remain in silence for a few moments.

An opportunity is given for brief memories of our loved ones to be shared.

Let us say together.

Heavenly Father, we hold before you our special memories and love for our loved ones who have died. Work in all of us now to heal our pain and sadness. Give us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change; the courage to change the things we can; and the wisdom to know the difference.

Amen

Hymn How Great Thou Art

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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

Blessing