

# IN MEMORY OF ONE WHO HAS PASSED AWAY

1 *A hymn may be sung.*

2 *The minister says these words, or other words of welcome and comfort:*

Welcome.

We are here to remember our *brother* N.

God is with us;

God the Father who created us;

God the Son who redeemed us;

God the Spirit who sanctifies us.

The love of God is greater than any love on earth.

May the Lord our God be praised!

*All* **May he be praised indeed!**

*Minister* Let us pray.

God of mercy,

we come before you to remember N.

and we ask you to help us bear our sorrow.

We bring our thanks,

for his life was a gift from you;

and we ask for your peace in our hearts,

knowing your love and your mercy,

in our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen**

3 *A psalm may be read, or these words from Psalm 42.*

*Minister* As a deer longs for flowing streams,

so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for the living God.

When shall I behold his face?

Put your hope in God:

*All* **I will come and praise him,  
my helper and my God.**

*Minister* My tears have been my food, day and night,

while they say to me:

Where is your God?

These things I remember,

how I used to go with the others to the house of God,

with shouts of joy and praise.

Put your hope in God:

*All* **I will come and praise him,  
my helper and my God.**

*Minister* Why are you downcast, O my soul?

Why are you distressed within me?

Put your hope in God:

*All* **I will come and praise him,  
my helper and my God.**

*Minister* I will say to God my rock:

Why have you forgotten me?

Why do I go with sorrow and troubles?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?

Put your hope in God:

*All* **I will come and praise him,  
my helper and my God.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

4\* *A hymn may be sung.*

5\* *One person who knew the deceased may tell briefly about the work that God did in their life. The congregation may keep a minute's silence. The minister or another person may thank God for the life of the deceased.*

6 *One or more passages from Holy Scripture may be read.*

7\* *Hymn.*

8 *Sermon.*

9\* *Hymn.*

10 *The prayers. The minister may use suitable prayers from pages 131-132, or other prayers. All may join in the Lord's Prayer.*

*The prayers are concluded with one of these two prayers:*

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10a *Minister*

Father, we are here before you in sorrow, but trusting in your love for N and for us. We know that death can not separate us from your care for us through Christ Jesus.

This is our faith.

*All* **Lord, increase our faith.**

*Minister* Father, your Son Jesus shed tears beside the grave of Lazarus. We believe that you share in our grief, even as you give us strength to stand firm at this time.

This is our faith.

*All* **Lord, increase our faith.**

*Minister* Father, your Son died that we might be forgiven. We trust in your forgiveness for N and for ourselves.

This is our faith.

*All* **Lord, increase our faith.**

*Minister* Father, we read that you offered your only Son, so that anyone who believes in him should not be lost, but have eternal life.

This is our faith.

*All* **Lord, increase our faith.**

*Minister* This indeed is the faith of the Church, on earth and in heaven. The name of the Lord be praised: Alleluia!

*All* **Amen!**

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10b *Minister* Almighty God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for our sake, we your children put ourselves in your hands, for we have none to turn to apart from you.

We thank you for the life of our *brother* N, and for your love which we saw in *him*. Purify our thoughts, and wipe away any bitterness or regrets. Give us your grace, that we may follow *his* good example, and show your love to others.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Minister* Be close to those who mourn; comfort them, and lead them by your Spirit, that they may continue to serve you, with new hope and joy, according to your perfect will.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Minister* We thank you for those who tend the sick and those who are close to death....  
Help them to witness to your gentleness and watchfulness, in their work day by day.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Minister* We thank you for our unity in Christ, which death cannot destroy; increase, we pray, our faith in the communion of saints; and grant us in heaven the joy of seeing all the faithful whom we loved on earth. All glory be to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and evermore.

*All* **Amen.**

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11\* *Offertory hymn.*

12\* *Notices.*

13 *Blessing or grace.*

14 *Concluding hymn.*