**Thanks, pray, remember: a simple service for remembering around All Souls**

**It is traditional at this time of year for churches to offer a service when people can remember those they love but see no longer – over recent years this has grown in many communities to be one of the most well attended services in the year.
This year it will be different.**

**This simple outline is designed for use either digitally or physically. There is also a simple act of thanks and remembering you could include in a Sunday morning worship on that day.**

**You may still wish to read a list of names, if that has been your practice, and invite those in your community to send them, or simply allow time for people to enter those names on line whether you are live-streaming or using zoom.**

**We gather:**

The minister/leader welcomes everyone in these or similar words:

Welcome . *Today we are taking time to pause, give thanks and remember all those we have loved but see no longer whether they have died recently or long ago.. We will hold them before God and know God’s comfort and hope with us here. We will be able to light a candle either in your home, here in church, or on line if you prefer.*

[add any practical instructions]

**Time for thanks:** [based on Psalm 136]

Blessing and thanks to God

Who created our world

And shapes our lives

**God’s love lasts forever**

Thanks be to God

Who gives us friends and families

To laugh and cry with us

And show us love each day

**God’s love lasts for ever**

Thanks be to God

For people who care and help,

Who work for healing

And show us kindness

**God’s love lasts forever**

Thanks be to God

For faithful love and joyful living,

For good memories

And hope for tomorrow

**God’s love lasts forever.
Amen**

**Listening and reflection**

Play recorded music as appropriate

Readings including Psalm 23 [which links to the funeral service, and could be spoken together]

Reflection or short homily

The commemoration

**You are worthy, our Lord and God,**

**to receive glory and honour and power.**

**All   For you have created all things,**

**and by your will they have their being.**

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,

and by your blood you ransomed for God

saints from every tribe and language and nation.

**All   You have made them to be a kingdom and priests**

**serving our God,**

**and they will reign with you on earth.**

Allow time for people to light candles and/or read list of names.

Lord God, creator of all,

you have made us creatures of this earth,

but have also promised us a share in life eternal.

According to your promises,

may all who have died in the peace of Christ

come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom,

where there will be neither sorrow nor pain,

but life everlasting.

All   **Alleluia. Amen.**

**Prayers:**

 Offer prayers for our world and our own lives ending with

**The Lord’s prayer**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Final music and/or images

**Conclusion**

The Lord is here, God’s spirit is with us.

We need not fear

**God is with us.**

We are surrounded by love

**God is with us.**

We are immersed in peace.

**God is with us.**

We rejoice in hope.
**God is with us.**

We travel in faith.
**God is with us.**

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