

Memorial Service

Introductory notes... the service will follow the format set out below. Please join in with all of the responses in **bold type**. Please feel free to ask any questions you have about the service. We are very pleased that you are part of our community here this evening.

Welcome and Intro:

The leader says...

The Bible tells us... 'The faithful love of the Lord never ends!

His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness;
his mercies begin afresh each morning.' Lamentations 3:22-23

Gathering prayer:

(this or another prayer is used)

Loving God,

As we are gathered here this evening, we ask that you would show us your compassion and help us to bring to you the struggles and joys of our lives.

Amen.

First Hymn

(please stand)

Call and response; Psalm 121

(Please sit)

The leader says:

Joining with many generations of God's people, we claim God's promise to help all those who look to Him for help. Saying the words of Psalm 121,

I lift up my eyes to the hills; **from where is my help to come?**

My help comes from the Lord, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not suffer your foot to stumble; **he who watches over you will not sleep.**

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel, **shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord himself watches over you; **the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, **neither the moon by night.**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil; **it is he who shall keep your soul.**

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, **from this time forth for evermore.**

Reading(s)

2nd Hymn

Talk/Reflection

3rd Hymn;
(please stand)

Music from the choir
(please sit and use this time for personal reflection)

Prayers

For the world, our local area, our friends and family, those who mourn and thanksgiving for the lives of those we love but we no longer see.

Collect

God of Hope and giver of all comfort, We place into your tender care those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Give them your peace which passes understanding, and help hem to know that neither death nor life can separate them from your love. In Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

4th Hymn
(please stand)

Final Prayer of Blessing

The Leader says this or another prayer,

Christ, who by his death destroyed death, raising you up to the life which is eternal.

The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.