

Blessing of a Chapel of Rest



But the angel
spoke and said
to the women
Do not be
afraid, for I
know that
you seek
Jesus, who
was crucified +
he is not here, for he has
risen even as he said +
Alleluja Alleluja Alleluja

The Gathering

We begin outside the chapel and are invited to enter

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Go within his gates giving thanks,
enter his courts with songs of praise

Psalm of Ascent

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord; ☐
the righteous shall enter through it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made; ☐
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ☐
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

Psalm 118.19-26

The Collect for a funeral

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us and all the faithful departed
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection: that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

¹The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Isaiah 61.1-3

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Second Reading

A reading from the Book Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city,

the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.’

Revelation 21.1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Address

The Blessing of the Chapel

Lighting of Candles

A candle is lit and held by everyone present

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

And rise in glory

Prayer of Blessing.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Jesus, bread from heaven, you satisfy the hungry with good things: grant us a share with all the faithful departed in the banquet of your kingdom.

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, the light of the world, you gave the man born blind the gift of sight and opened the eyes of his faith: bring those in darkness to your eternal light and glory.

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, Son of the living God, you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life: raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, crucified Saviour, in your dying you entrusted each to the other, Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple: sustain and comfort all who mourn.

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, our way and truth and life, you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith: reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, enthroned at the right hand of God, gather into your arms those who have gone ahead us and are now at rest, [*We remember especially NN, in whose memory we dedicate ❖ this Chapel today*] looking for the day when we will join them in the heavenly banquet.

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God 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.**

The Dismissal

Living God, you have lit the day with the sun's light
and the night with shining stars.

Lighten our hearts with the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness
risen with healing in his wings, Jesus Christ our Lord.

And so preserve us in the doing of your will,
that at the last we may shine as the stars for ever;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling,
and to present us faultless before the presence
of his glory with exceeding joy,
to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty,
dominion and power, both now and ever. **Amen.**

Jude

24,25

The Peace

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Go in the light and peace of Christ

**We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. Amen.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

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