

A Service of Remembrance – All Souls Day
November 1, 2021

The Gathering

“I am the resurrection and the life.^[a] Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” (John 11:25,26)

Opening Prayer

God of all life and of what comes beyond the life we know,
we come to you tonight in our need.
We come in our brokenness.
We come to you with our gratitude.
We come with loose ends that we have not been able to tie up.

We may not know why it is that we have come
or why you have led us here,
but we know that you have promised never to turn us away.

Song

*Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

Prayer

God of all time, we say that time is a healer,
and yet healing does not happen without our permission.
If we come tonight with bitterness,
persuade us with your sweetness.
If we come tonight with anger,
pacify us with your patience.
If we come with pain,
soothe us with your tenderness.
If we come numb with shock,
calm us with your hand placed on our shoulders.
If we come in despair,
give us hope.

Song

*Our darkness is never darkness in your sight:
the deepest night is clear as the daylight.*

Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Silence

Song

*God to enfold you, Christ to uphold you,
Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight;
So may God grace you, heal and embrace you,
Lead you through darkness into the light.*

Invitation to light candles

As candles are lit you are invited to share a name or a memory of people you would like remembered. Or you may light a candle in holy silence.

After all candles are lit and memories shared we sing together ...

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Collect for All Souls**

God of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer.
Grant them your peace,
let light perpetual shine upon them,
and in your loving wisdom and almighty power,
work in them the good purpose of your perfect will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Blessing

May God bless us
and heal us
and hold us in love,
today
tonight
and for evermore.
Amen

Closing Song - sung by musicians:

Dona Nobis Pacem

* Prayers taken from *A Service of Remembrance and Travelling On* found in [Candles and Conifers](#) by Ruth Burgess

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