

## ***Welcome and introduction***

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Your faithful servants bless you.  
**They make known the glory of your kingdom**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
our light and our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Now, as darkness is falling,  
wash away our transgressions,  
cleanse us by your refining fire  
and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.  
By the light of Christ,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts  
and make us ready to enter your kingdom,  
where songs of praise for ever sound.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

### *Short Silence*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*A hymn may be sung*

## ***Confession***

As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission and confess them before God our father.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
Who forgives all who truly repent  
Have mercy upon you,  
Pardon and deliver you from all your sins  
Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
And keep you in life eternal;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

***The Word of God***

**A reading from the Bible**

**Sermon**

*A hymn may be sung*

***A time of reflection and remembrance***

**Four Candles for Remembrance**

*Author Unknown*

The first candle represents our grief.  
The pain of losing you is intense.  
It reminds us of the depth of our love for you.

This second candle represents our courage.  
To confront our sorrow,  
To comfort each other,  
To change our lives.

This third candle represents our memories.  
For the times we laughed,  
The times we cried,  
The times we were angry with each other,  
The silly things you did,  
The caring and joy you gave us.

This fourth candle represents our love.  
We light this candle that your light will always shine.  
We cherish the special place in our hearts  
that will always be reserved for you.  
We thank you for the gift your living brought to each of us.  
We love you.

*As the names of those being remembered are read out a candle will be lit to represent each person named.*

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

*Romans chapter 8 verses 38-9*

Grant to us, Lord God,  
to trust you not for ourselves alone,  
but for those also whom we love  
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;  
that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,  
so may we trust your love  
to give eternal life to all who believe in him;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### ***Prayers of Intercession***

*The response is*

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

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, let us pray with confidence

as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.**

*A hymn may be sung*

***Final blessing***

God the Father,  
By whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
Open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son,  
Who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
Give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
Whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
Empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

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