

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: God of Compassion,
We gather to remember lives that have touched
our own. Our love for these people will not
diminish. The gifts we share will always remain.

All: **Our hearts remember the days that we
shared and the love that was given.**

Reading 1: But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and
no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their
departure was thought to be an affliction and their going from
us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope
is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
Like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt
offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run
like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord
will reign over them for ever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful
will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon
his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

Reading 2: For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will
see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will
know fully, even as I have been fully known. And
now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and
the greatest of these is love.

Psalm 23: *(back page)*

Reflection: Rev. Karen Coxon

Eternal God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away; we
rejoice in the communion of all your people. We remember with
thankful hearts all who have faithfully lived and died, especially those
dear to us.

Invitation for an act of remembrance

Background Music: Pi-e Jesus

Leader: In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

All: **We remember them.**

Leader: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

All: **We remember them.**

Leader: In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

All: **We remember them.**

Leader: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

All: **We remember them.**

Leader: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

All: **We remember them.**

Leader: In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

All: **We remember them.**

Leader: When we are weary and in need of strength,

All: **We remember them.**

Leader: When we are lost and sick at heart,

All: **We remember them.**

Leader: When we have joys we yearn to share,

All: **We remember them.**

Leader: So long as we live, they too shall live,

All: For they are now part of us, as we remember them.

Offertory Music: *Canon D*

Offertory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: As we journey from here, may our every action proclaim our hope in God, may our every word proclaim our joy in God, may our every heartbeat proclaim our peace in God,

All: Always and ever may we rest in God;
Always and ever may God rest in us. Amen.

Blessing

Cemetery Updates: Michael Mavis

Refreshments

The Twenty Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
And leads me beside still waters,
He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways
for his name sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff they comfort me
You have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.

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Our Hearts Remember

*On earth, they live forever in our memories,
In heaven they live forever in the love of God.*

*I am convinced that neither death, nor life...
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus.*

