All Souls' Day – 2026
Remembering those who have died

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The Preparation

The peace of God our heavenly Father,
and of Jesus Christ, the source of peace,
and of the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
be with you.
And also with you.

The priest introduces the liturgy, and then says

On this day, we remember with thanksgiving those who died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone. On this day, we proclaim a sure and certain hope. As Jesus said,

I am the resurrection and the life;
even in death, anyone who believes in me, will live. *(John 11:25)*

Set your troubled hearts at rest.
Trust in God always; trust also in me. *(John 14:1)*

God is with us,
God's love unites us,
God's purpose steadies us,
God's Spirit comforts us.
Blessed be God forever.

We sit or kneel.

We pray together

Compassionate God,
we remember before you
those who have shared our lives on earth
and who have now died.
We bring to you our grief
and ask for courage to bear it.
We bring you our thanks
for all you give us in those we love;
and we bring you our prayers for peace of heart
in the knowledge of your mercy and love,
in Christ Jesus. Amen.

In a time of quiet,
we remember our need for forgiveness and healing.

Silence

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God forgives you.
Forgive others.
Forgive yourself.

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach your God in peace.

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from Wisdom (3:1-4,9)

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 a disaster
and their going from us to be their destruction,
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

We may stand to sing

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in deaths dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff my comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

We sit

A reading from Revelation (21:1-7)

Then I 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 and be their God;
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.
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The Address

The Commemoration of those who have died

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: by whose great mercy we have been born anew, born to a living hope: by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *Peter 1:3)*

We remember before God those who have died.

The names of those being remembered are read out.

Members of the congregation may then add other names.

You are invited to come forward
to light a candle in remembrance of those who have died.

There is nothing in death or life,
in the world as it is, or the world as it shall be,
nothing in all creation,
that can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord. *(Romans 8: 38,39)*

Gracious God,
from whom neither life nor death
can separate those who trust in your love,
and whose love holds in its embrace
your children in this world and the next;
so unite us to yourself, that in our fellowship with you
we may always be united to our loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

In our sorrow, in the pain of grief,
may we, and all who mourn,
know the comfort and strength of your loving care.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Give us patience and trust
so that we may come to understand
the wonder of your mercy
and the mystery of your love.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Give us such a vision of your purpose,
and such an assurance of your love and power,
that we may ever hold fast the hope
which is in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

With faith and hope, we pray

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

We may stand to sing

Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days
mortal, we pass through
beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise, Alleluia!

Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who
burned for what is right, Alleluia!

And for our own, our living
and our dead,
thanks for the love by
which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time
or death or dread, Alleluia!

Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness
does its life retain,
in resurrection
to grow green again. Alleluia! *(Words: © Shirley Murray)*

Living God,
we give thanks for those we have remembered.
For the time shared we with them,
the good we saw in them,
and the love we received from them.

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. Amen.

May God enfold you in love,
fill you with peace,
and lead you in hope,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Neither death nor life
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Please feel free to take this order of service with you as a reminder of today.

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