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Lord
"Help us to find comfort in the memories of our loved ones and the knowledge that they are in Your loving care.
Fill us with Your peace
and help us to trust in Your perfect plan". Amen

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

The Greeting

We have been called out of darkness into God's marvellous light.
Grace and peace be with you, **All and also with you.**

Let us Pray

Father, As we gather this evening in our own homes yet as one body .
we remember those who are not with us today,
And for those away from us we ask for your blessing to be on them.
We invite Your Holy Spirit to move freely amongst us.
Come dwell in each of our hearts.
Equip us, challenge us, and comfort us,
We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus. **Amen.**

I lift up my eyes to the hills –
from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 121.1-2*

Reader. God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in trouble. *Psalm 46.1*

Reader. What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6.8

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Leader. Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love
with all the saints on earth and in heaven.
Knowing our unworthiness and sin,
let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader. You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all your creation:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader. Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader. Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
All. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

Light a candle to represent Christ the light of the world, and remind us of his presence



May the light from the candle
remind us of God's light on the path ahead
When times are hard,
may the hardness never turn our hearts to stone,
May we always remember
when the shadows fall,
We do not walk alone. Amen

Act of Remembrance for those who have Died

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Leader. We meet this evening to remember those we have known and loved who have died,
to renew our trust and confidence in Christ,
and to pray that together we may be one in him,
through whom we offer our praises to the Father.

Reader . As a father cares for his children:
All **so the Lord cares for those who fear him.**

Reader For he himself knows whereof we are made:
All **he remembers that we are but dust.**

Reader . Our days are like the grass:
All. **we flourish like a flower of the field.**

Reader When the wind goes over it, it is gone,
All. **and its place shall know it no more.**

Leader. Let us pray the (collect)
Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with 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. *All* **Amen.**

Leader. You, Christ, are the King of Glory.
The eternal Son of the Father.

You overcame the sting of death
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory
We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood;
All. and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

Hear us, O merciful Father,
as we remember in love
those whom we have placed in your hands.
The names of those to be remembered read aloud.

+ rest eternal grant upon them
Let light perpetual shine upon them
May they rest in peace
AND RISE IN GLORY

Leader. Acknowledge, we pray,
the sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock,
sinners of your own redeeming.
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

REMEMBERING
Leader.
Ever-living God
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen
Reader .They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.



At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.
All. **We will remember them.**

Time of SILENCE

Leader, Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory. *All* **Amen.**

Leader for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;
May God give peace **All. God give peace**

Leader. for those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;
May God give peace **All. God give peace**.

Reader for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;
May God give peace **All. God give peace**

Reader for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;
May God give peace **All. God give peace**

Reader for all who bear the burden and privilege
of leadership, political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace**.**
May God give peace, **All. God give peace**

The Word of God

Leader Ecclesiastes 3:17-18. A Time for Everything

3 There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,

a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.
This is the word of the Lord. All **Thanks be to God**.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Leader. May the Lord be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts as we hear the words of the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark All. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader. Mark 4, 35- 41 Jesus Calms the Storm



That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."
Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.
A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.
Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.
He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"
This is the Gospel of the Lord. All **Praise to you, O Christ**.

Leader. O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put **our** faith in **your** future;
for **you** are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God of Health and Wholeness, thank you for the miracle of health and wholeness, we give thanks for the miracle of our bodies and minds, may we respect them and offer them to your service, fellowship with you.

And Lord each of us carry a number of people in our hearts who are in need or ill at this time, so in a moment of silence we now bring them before you.
Lord in your mercy**. Hear our prayer**

Lord we bring before you the named sick
Any names given for Prayers on the day

*May Christs healing hand rest upon them, and give to **NamesThem** the peace, light and healing of His loving presence.*

Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, whether recently, or as they mark an anniversary. Give to them the strong comfort which no one else can give, and let them know the comforting power of the resurrection of Jesus.

Father, we rejoice all our prayers in fellowship with St Matthew, all the saints, with those of our Blessed Mother.
Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Risen Saviour „„„Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Leader. God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you. *All.* **and also with you.**

Take a moment-

Prayer for Spiritual Unity

L. The Lord be with you **all. and also with you.**

Reader The Lord is here. **all. His Spirit is with us**.
Reader. Lift up your hearts. **all. We lift them to the Lord.**

L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
all. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Reader. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord.

Leader. Believing the promises 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 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,
Forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus said, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

.Leader. My Jesus,
We believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
We love You above all things,
and desire to receive You into our souls.
Since we cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into our hearts**.**
all. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Leader. Come, Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God,**

Moment of silent reflection.

Leader We Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of our soul
As we say,
Soul of Christ**,…….. sanctify me.**
Body of Christ**, …….save me.**
Blood of Christ, **……inebriate me.**
Water from the side of Christ**….. wash me.**
Passion of Christ, **……strengthen me.**
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from you.
all. From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you.

Leader And that with St Matthew, and all your Saints
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day Amen.

Almighty God, through Your Blessed Sacrament, keep us united with all our brothers and sisters here at St Matthews and throughout the church.

Bind us together in Word, Sacrament and Love, until we are reunited again in Your church**. Amen.**

Goodbyes

Reader . In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Leader. Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

Reader . As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

Leader. Prayer for God's Blessing

The God of all grace, who with St Matthew, and all the saints, called us to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle us in the faith;
and we pray **That the blessing of God almighty,**
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
will be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

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

Leader. Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
Loud Response by All. I come to Christ.

Let us bless the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

And t**he grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**