

A Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving



St Barbara's Church, Earlsdon

Welcome

The minister welcomes everybody and gives out any notices.

Hymn

Introduction

Minister In the name of Christ,
who died and was raised by the glory of the Father,
We welcome you:

Grace, mercy and peace be with you all

All **And also with you.**

Minister We have come together to remember those whom we
love but see no longer.
We come to give thanks for their lives and to commend
them again to the love of God.
We come also to renew our faith in God's love and to re-
mind ourselves of the victory of Christ, who conquered
death and opened God's kingdom to all believers.

Confession

Please sit or kneel

Minister God has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of his glory
in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and
not to us.

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

All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our fellow
neighbour,
In what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
And repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out of darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.

Minister 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.

All **Amen**

Minister 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.**

The Word

A reading from the Bible

At the end of the reading, the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

The Gospel Reading

Reader Alleluia, alleluia.

“It is the will of him who sent me,” says the Lord,
“that I should lose none of all that he has given me,
but raise them up on the last day.”

All **Alleluia.**

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the reading

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ**

The Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Minister Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death.

Jesus, bread from heaven,
you satisfy the hungry with good things:
grant us a share with all the faithful departed
in the banquet of your kingdom.

All Hear us, risen Jesus,
our resurrection and our life.

Minister Jesus, the light of the world,
you gave the man born blind the gift of sight:
open the eye of faith
and bring us from darkness
to your eternal light and glory.

All Hear us, risen Jesus,
our resurrection and our life.

Minister Jesus, Son of the living God,
you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life:
raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.

All Hear us, risen Jesus,
our resurrection and our life.

Minister Jesus, crucified Saviour,
in your dying you entrusted each to the other,
Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple;
sustain and comfort all who mourn.

All Hear us, risen Jesus,
our resurrection and our life.

Minister Jesus, our way and truth and life,
you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith:
reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.

All Hear us, risen Jesus,
our resurrection and our life.

Minister May God in his infinite love and mercy
bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,

to a joyful resurrection
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.

All **Amen**

All **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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Hymn

The Commemoration

Minister You Christ are the King of glory,
All **the eternal Son of the Father**

Minister You overcame the sting of death
All **and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers**

Minister You are seated at God's right hand in glory
All **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;
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

Minister Father of all,
by whose mercy and grace
your saints remain in everlasting light and peace:
we remember with thanksgiving
those whom we love but see no longer;
and we pray that in them
your perfect will may be fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The list of names of those who have died is read. After each group of names, the following prayer is said.

Minister Rest eternal grant to them O Lord
All **and let light perpetual shine upon them**

Once all the names are read out, we invite you to come forward as the music plays, and light a candle in memory of your loved one.

Once everyone who wishes to has come and lit a candle and returned to their seats, we pray:

All **Hear us, O merciful Father,**
as we remember in love
those we have placed in your hands.
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.

Offertory Hymn

The Dismissal

Minister May God give you
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Thanks be to God.**