

A SERVICE REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Welcome by Revd Diana Garfield

We come today to remember with thankfulness those we have known and loved who have died. We give thanks for all that they have meant to us. We come seeking to learn of God's love and to open our lives to the help and strength that he can give us as we continue on the journey of life without them.

We pray for ourselves and all who mourn that they would be comforted.

Eternal God and Father,
we praise you that you have made people
to share life together
and to reflect your glory in the world.
We thank you now for those whom we come to remember today,
for all that we saw of your goodness and love in their lives
and for all that they have meant to us.
As we too journey towards death
may we do so in the company of Jesus,
who came to share our life
that we might share the life of eternity.
To him be glory with you and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever.

Amen.

A reading from scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 read by our Vicar, Revd Carolyn Tibbott

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

Homily given by Revd Diana Garfield

Let us affirm the good news we have received,
in which we stand,
through which we are saved
and which we hand on to others.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

REMEMBERING with THANKSGIVING

God of grace and glory,
we come to remember especially before you today

The names of those to be remembered will be read aloud and a candle lit in remembrance of each person

The Lords's my Shepherd (Crimond) will be played

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,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me 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 for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Psalm 23

Prayers

We thank you Lord for giving these people to us
to know and to love as companions
in our pilgrimage on earth.
In your boundless compassion
console those who mourn.
Grant us that we may see in death
the gate of everlasting life
and continue our course on earth in faith,
though Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Life and the Resurrection of all
who put their trust in him.

God, our Father,
we thank you that you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to die for us and rise again.
His cross declares your love to be without limit;
his resurrection, that death our last enemy is doomed.
By his victory we are assured of the promise
that you will never leave us or forsake us;
that neither death nor life,
nor things present nor things to come,
can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

We sum up our prayers in the words that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, they 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 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**

The Lord God almighty is our Father: he loves us and tenderly cares for us.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour: he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.
The Lord, the Holy Spirit is among us: he will lead us in God's holy way.
To God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: be praise and glory today and for ever.

And the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you
today and always.

Amen



**The Church of St. Mary with St. Leonard
Worshipping God
And serving the people of Broomfield
yesterday, today and tomorrow**

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