

**All: Lighten our darkness,
Lord we pray,
And in your great mercy
Defend us from all perils
and dangers of this night;
For the love your only Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

And when I think that God,
His Son not sparing,
Sent him to die – I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly
bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Refrain

Russian Hymn
tr. Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)
Common Praise 262

Blessing

**Choir: God be with you till we
meet again: W.G. Tomer**

Organ Voluntary

*Please stay for refreshments. served
in the North Aisle and a chat.*

*If you wish to talk to someone from the
Pastoral Team, or have a visit, please
ask.*

HYMN:

O Lord my God,

When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath
made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty
thunder,
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed;

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art!
How great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!*

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook,
And feel the gentle breeze;
Refrain

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St. George's Church

MEMORIAL AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE

All Souls

*Welcome to this service in which we
remember and give thanks for a loved
one who has died.*

*During the service there will be the
opportunity to light a candle in memory
of those you loved.*

Welcome and Introduction

We meet today to remember those
whom we love who have died, to give
God our thanks for their lives, 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.

HYMN:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils & snares

I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

John Newton 1725-1807
Common Praise 375

Confession

The steadfast love of the Lord never
ceases, his mercies never come to an
end; they are new every morning; great
is his faithfulness.

We have all sinned and fallen short of
God's glory. As we acknowledge our
human frailty, we call to mind our sins
of word, deed, and omission, and
confess them before God our Father.

Silence is kept

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the
sinner: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life. **Amen.**

1st Reading: 1 Peter 1.3 – 9

Jan Struther (1901-1953)
Common Praise 507

HYMN:

Lord of all hopefulness,

Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

2nd Reading: John 6.37 – 40

Address

HYMN:

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 furnishèd
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.

Scottish Psalter 1650
Psalm 23
Common Praise 594

COMMEMORATION AND THANKSGIVING

Let us now come before God to
remember those who have recently
died whom we love and whose
memories are engraved on our hearts.

The Easter candle reminds us that Jesus
rose from the dead to bring us God's
new life – eternal life.

We invite you to light a candle in
memory of your loved ones, looking to
the risen Lord Jesus, the Light of the
World.

*There will now be a list of loved ones
read out who have died.*

*If you would like to light the candle for
the person you are remembering,
please come forward when you hear
the name read out.*



*After all the names have been read out
and the candles have been lit, the choir
will sing.*

Choir: And I Saw a New Heaven: Malcolm Archer

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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.**