

*I am the Lord your God, and you are mine forever  
In the music of My love.  
The child that your heart is yearning for  
Is peaceful with me now, and resting,  
Oh so sweetly, in my arms.*



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# *Memorial Service*

*for those who  
have lost a child*

Date

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*He shall gather the lambs in His arms  
and hold them close to His heart.*

- Isaiah 40:11

Closing Prayer

priest/preside name

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding. —Prov 3:56

Mysterious Lord of Life,  
A very part of my own life has died  
In the death of my child.  
My soul is weighed down with sorrow  
And I carry the pain of a wounded heart.  
Send to me now your angel of consolation  
To support me in this suffering.  
Come to my aid, Lord of mercy and compassion.  
In my tears of sorrow, see the sign of my  
Great love for my child.  
Support me, my Lord and God,  
And wrap me in your gentle love  
As I carry this bitter cross  
Like Jesus and his mother Mary  
Carried the cross which you gave to them.  
Today, I join with other families  
As we remember and honor our children.  
We entrust them to you, Father Most Holy,  
As part of the web of life.  
Every life is precious to you,  
However long, however brief,  
And essential to Your mysterious plan.  
Hold our children in the embrace of your Divine Love  
Until we are able to hold them again  
In the splendor of Your divine light and life  
For all eternity.  
Amen.

God of all consolation,  
searcher of mind and heart,  
the faith of these parents is known to you.

Comfort them with the knowledge  
that the child for whom they grieve  
is entrusted now to your loving care.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.

Closing Song

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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Candle Lighting Ceremony                      speaker name

The Pascal candle symbolizes the Light of Christ which Jesus brought into the world. For this ceremony, the smaller candles will symbolize our children, taking their light from the Light of Christ and now safely living in the Lord. Let these lights also signify the love and memory of our children always alive in our hearts. At the same time, let them symbolize the renewal we must seek as we continue life without our beloved children for the present moment, trusting that one day we will be together forever.

*At this time, we invite you to come forward to light  
a candle in memory of your child and receive a  
memorial ring (preborn babies and young children)  
or a rose (older or adult children)*

Parents' Prayer                                      speaker name

You are the author and sustainer of our lives, O God.  
    You are our final home.  
    Trusting in Your mercy  
    And in your all-embracing love,  
We pray that You give our children happiness forever.  
    Turn also to us who have suffered this loss.  
    Strengthen the bonds of these families  
        and our community.  
    Confirm us in faith, in hope and in love,  
    So that we may bear Your peace to one another  
    And one day stand together with all the saints  
        Who praise You for Your saving help.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

## *Order of the Service*

Opening Song                                      name

Greeting/Opening Prayer                      name

Welcome                                              name

Reading                                              name

Psalm                                                 name

Reflection                                         name

Candle Lighting Ceremony                      name

Parent's Prayer                                      name

Closing Prayer                                      name

Closing Song                                        name

Opening Song

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* #631

Greeting/Opening Pra priest/presider name

Welcome name

Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7 reader name

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

The Word of the Lord

Psalm

cantor name

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

Response: Shepherd Me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. /R

Gently You raise me and heal my weary soul,  
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
My spirit shall sing the music of Your Name. /R

Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for You are at my side,  
Your rod and Your staff, My comfort and my hope. /R

You have set me a banquet of love  
In the face of hatred,  
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. /R

Surely Your kindness and mercy follow me  
All the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. /R

Reflection

speaker name