# Order of Service

#### **Introduction and Opening Prayers**

**All:** **Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**  **Amen**

**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 through 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.

**The Scriptural Reading:** Revelation 21. 1-7

**The Tribute** including Eulogy by James’ cousin Helen and

Poem *The moment you passed...*

**Hymn:****Amazing grace**,

How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found,

Was blind, but now can 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 and snares,

I have already come.

'Tis grace hath 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.

**The Prayers and Lord’s Prayer:**

## Each section concludes:

Lord, in your mercy

***All: hear our prayer.***

## After the final section:

All: God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**Commendation, Closing Prayers and Blessing**